

S. Rhoads
Will

In the Name of God Amen, & Solomon Rhoads being
of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament
as follows— I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Rachel during her life or childhood the tract of land
whereon & now live together with all my stock of every
description, my household and kitchen furniture, with
my farming utensils of every kind. My desire is that
my son Absalom & Rhoads reside with his mother and
take charge of the land & other property which I devise
to her & me the same for her benefit, and at her death
in consideration of the said Absalom remaining with his
Mother or with me & managing the plantation for
us, my will is that he have the said tract of land whereon
I now live, and I devise it to him forever— I also de-
vise to my beloved wife during her life or childhood all
my slaves—

After the death of my beloved wife, my
desire is that my estate which I may then have, or which
may remain exclusive of my slaves, be divided in to
Eleven shares, one share of which I devise to each of
my children who may then be living, and one share to the
children of such of my children as are now dead, or may
be dead when this will takes effect— Having had two
wives, and the slaves which have, coming by my first wife
I have deemed it just to divide them among my children
which I have had by her— It is therefore my will, and
I do hereby devise that at the death of my wife Rachel
my slaves be equally divided amongst my children which
I have had by her— The children of such as may be dead
to come in for the share to which their parents would
have been entitled if they had been living, and the
children of my daughters who are now dead shall be
come in for one share. I desire to my son Nathan
and his heirs forever that tract of land whereon he lives

The balance of my land undisposed of, I divide
equally amongst all my children that may be living,
and the children of such as may be dead, each set
of children to come in for one share. When the
division of my estate takes place amongst the children
which I have had by my wife Rachel, each of my
children who has received land shall be charged in
the settlement with the land at one dollar & fifty cents
an acre, except Nathan who is not to be charged on
account of his land, the boundary of which I will here-
after ascertain by Survey— And Absalom is only

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To have the land where I now live upon condition that he remain with his mother or myself during our lives, in which case he is not to be charged with the land. But if he fails to remain with us, then the land devised to him shall be equally divided amongst my children by my wife Rachel in the manner set forth as to the slaves. I make this my last will revoking all others heretofore made ~~as~~
Witness my hand & seal this 26th day of September 1845.

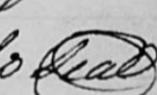
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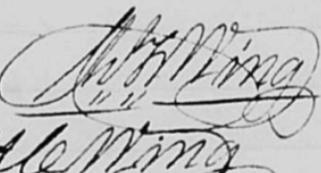
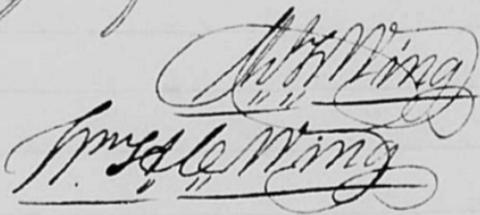
John Falloon
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Solomon Rhoads 

Whereas I did on the 26th day of September 1845, make my last will and Testament which will appear in the hand writing of the hand of John Falloon and being more anxious to add a Codicil thereto do make the following addition to my will. In my said will I have given to my son Absalom a tract of land therein specified and in addition to which tract of land I now add about Forty acres lying within the following bounds Beginning at a Hickory & two Elms in my line, running thence North 70 West Seventy eight poles to a Maple, thence S 28 W West Seventy seven poles to a white Hickory & Black Oak, thence South 70 East Seventy seven poles to a Stake in my line, thence to the Beginning. But this bequest to my said son Absalom Rhoads to make under the same restrictions, conditions & limitations as contained in my will herein referred to, to him the said Absalom Rhoads & his heirs forever. In the devise in my said will to my son Nathan, the quantity of land is not specified, but I believe there are about One Hundred & Seventy acres, being the balance of what is called the band. Survey

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of May 1848

Solomon Rhoads 

Washington County, Pa

November County Court 1849

The foregoing last will and Testament of Solomon Rhoads deceased, together with the Codicil thereto annexed was exhibited into Court and proved to be the act and deed of the said Rhoads, by the oaths of Charles Firing & William Firing the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

In witness that the same has been duly record
& have hereunto set my hand ~~as~~ cleat off the said
County Court —

W. H. Firing Q.M.