

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE WILL OF MOSES ROSS

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Moses Ross's **In the name of God amen** the eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord
 Will 1766 I Moses Ross of Oxford Township in the County of Chester & Province
 of Pennsylvania Farmer being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
 thanks be given unto God therefor calling unto mind the mortality [*sic*] of my body and
 knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will &
 Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the
 hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a
 Christian like and decent manner at y^e discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at
 the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as
 touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
 devise & dispose of the same in y^e following manner and form Imprimis it is my will & I do
 order that in the first place all my just debts & funeral charges be paid & satisfied Item I
 give & bequeath unto Rosana my dearly beloved Wife the sum of fifty pounds Pennsylvania
 Currency to be paid at the end of one year after the confirmation of this will to be raised &
 levied out of my estate & likesways three pounds yearly dwering [*sic*] her natural life or
 Widdowhood [*sic*] & likeways a young brown mare with one cow & calf with her own
 wearing apperal [*sic*] bed & bedding of chose the third part of the dresser furniture & this I
 give in the full satisfaction & in barr of all dower or third or Right of Dower or third into or
 out of all singular my Estate & I do order that my beloved Wife before mensioned [*sic*] is to
 continue on s^d Plantation duering [*sic*] the term of nine months to have priviledge [*sic*] in y^e
 house y^e she now lives in Item I give to my well beloved daughter Rebecka Wife to John
 Walker two Pounds of John Walker's twenty pounds in each Bond Item I give & bequeath
 to my well beloved daughter Sarah Wife to John Porter the sum of ten pounds to be raised &
 levid [*sic*] out of my estate to be paid at the term of fifteen months after the confirmation of
 this will Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Ann Wife to Samuel Crow
 the sum of one pound with the writings of said Plantation y^e Samuel Crow now lives on to
 be delivered up to my daughter Ann Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter
 Mary wife to Andrew Noble the sum of twenty pounds to be raised & levied out of my
 Estate to be paid at the term of two years after the confirmation of this Will Item I give &
 bequeath to my well beloved daughter Hannah the sum of one hundred pounds to be raised
 and levied out of my Estate y^e one half s^d sum to be paid when she arrives [*sic*] to the age of
 twenty years with one bed & bedding of close with one cow and to be kept two years in
 mate drink washing & lodging with suteable [*sic*] apperal six months of s^d term to be kept at
 school this to be raised and levied out of my Estate Item I give & bequeath to my well
 beloved son Joseph all my Rail [*sic*] and personal Estate payeing [*sic*] the above legettes
 their respective legicees [*sic*] and I do hereby Impower & Authoris [*sic*] my Ex^{rs} to apprise
 [*sic*] and make sale of all my personal estate and likeways that my Ex^{rs} shall have equall
 [*sic*] power to dispose of part of my Rail [*sic*] Estate if need so require & further I order that
 my Ex^{rs} may or shall have power to collect all my respective debts and to defray all my
 creditors And I do order that if my son Joseph should dye without legitimet esue [*sic*] that
 this rail [*sic*] Estate must be sold by my Ex^s & equoly devided [*sic*] among my five childer
 [*sic*] viz Rebecka, Sarah, Ann, Mary and Hannah & it is my will and I do order that my step
 son Hugh Bones shall have all his own wearing apperal [*sic*] bed like and bedding of close
 And funder [*sic*] I do ordain and appoint John Smith Senior and John Ross where I likeways

constitute make and ordain to be my only and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disanul all and every former Wills & Testaments Legicies [*sic*] & Ex^{rs} by me in any wayes before this time named willed and bequeathed ratificing [*sic*] and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above written. Moses C. Ross [his mark] seal Sined [*sic*] sealed & published pronounced and declared in the presence of us. George McCollough Andrew Reed Robert Smith.

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Then personally appeared James McCallough & Robert Smith and on their oaths on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that they were personally present and did see and hear Moses Ross the testator above named sign seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing writing as and for his last Will and Testament & that at the doing thereof he was of a sound & well disposing mind & memory to the best of their understanding.

Be it Remembered that on the twenty second day of May Anno Dom 1766 the last Will and Testament of Moses Ross deceased was proved in due form of Law and Letters Testametary were granted to John Smith Sen^r and John Ross sole Executors therein named they being solemnly sworn well and truly to Administer and bring in an Inventory of the deceased Estate into the Register's Office at Chester on or before the twenty second day of June next and to Render a true and just account of their Administration in a year or when legally required Given under the seal of said Office.

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