

The Petitioner Abraham Heidler citizen and Heir at Law of
Jacob Heidler late of Meesbury Township in the said County, who
died Intestate, was read to the Court setting forth, That the said In-
testate left to survive him a Widow named Elizabeth, and eight
children lawful issue namely Abraham the Petitioner, Jacob, Mary
Isaac, Rebekah, Sarah, Esther and William all minors save the
Petitioner, That he died seized in his demesne as of fee of a certain Plan-
tation and tract of land in said Township, containing in the whole
about two hundred Acres by the same more or less, bounded by lands of
Henry Howard, John Hildebrand, William Heck and Abraham Brillhart
which is held by said Widow and Heirs in Common and undivided and
praying the Court to award an Inquest to make partition of the pre-
mises according to Law among the parties but if the same will not
admit of such partition, then to inquire how many and in what di-
visions the same will accomodate the children, and if the premises
will not admit of partition or Division then to appraise or value the
whole undivided according to Law. Whereupon it is Considered by
the Court and Ordered that the Sheriff of the County of York in
his proper person with twelve good and lawfull men of his Ba-
silicks, in the presence of all the parties who shall chuse to attend
(or)

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or the Guardians of each of them as are minors, They respectively having due and
legal notice thereof) To Hold an Inquest on the said premises and make
partition thereof with the appurtenances, to and amongst the Widow and
children of said Intestate, by metes and bounds and value and appraise
each part separately, if the same will admit of such partition without injur-
ing to or spoiling the whole, but if they find the same cannot be so divided,
then that they well and truly inquire whether the said premises will con-
veniently accomodate more than one of the said children of Intestate,
and if they do find then that they well and truly partition the same into so
many parts as the same will bear or accomodate by metes and bounds and
value and appraise each part. But if the said Inquest shall find that the
premises will not admit of partition or Division at all then that they
well and truly value and appraise the whole together and undivided ac-
cording to Law, And that the said Sheriff do make Return of said In-
quest (annexed to this Order) as well under his own hand and seal
as the hands and seals of the said Inquest, to the next Orphan Court
after the same is held.

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Zachariah Spangler Esq. High Sheriff of the County of York, came into Court and made return of a former Order of this Court, whereby he was commanded to make partition of a certain Plantation and Tract of Land and Premises with the appurtenances, situate in Shrewsbury Township, Containing about two hundred Acres be the same more or less, bounded by lands of Henry Howard, John Hildebrand, William Zech, and Abraham Billhart, late the Real Estate of Jacob Hiedler deceased, who died Intestate, to be amongst the Widow and Children of said Intestate, if the same would admit of such partition without prejudice to or spoiling the whole, otherwise to value and appraise the whole together and undivided, and by the said Sheriff return

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on said Order and an Inquisition thereunto annexed it appears
that the same would admit of partition so as to accommodate two
of the Heirs of said Intestate, without prejudice to or spoiling
the whole, and that the inquest aforesaid have valued and
appraised the tract marked Number One, with the Tavern
Stand thereon erected, at the sum of One Thousand four hundred
and eighty Seven Dollars, and eighteen Cents, lawful money of
the United States, and valued and appraised Number Two,
at the sum of three hundred and eighty two Dollars and twenty
cents lawful money aforesaid, which Valuations the
Court do hereby respectively Confirm. And Whereas all
the Heirs and persons interested in said Estate, by Charles A.
Barnitz Esquire, their Attorney in fact specially constituted,
renounced their respective Rights and refused to take the said
premises at the Return of Valuation, Whereupon the Court
on Motion Decree a Sale of the said premises, and Order and
direct that the Administrators of said Intestate, Do, after
first giving due and legal Notice thereof, Expose to public
Sale or outcry the said premises and sell the same on the
eighth day of December next, for the highest and best price
that can be had for the same, and that the Terms of Sale
shall be as follows, to wit, in half of the purchase in hand on the 1st of April
next, & remainder in two yearly Dails the one third of the whole Purchase
Money to remain a Lien on the premises, in the hands of the
Purchaser, the Interest whereof to be paid to the Widow of
said Intestate annually during her natural life, and after
her death the principal to be paid to the legal Heirs and
representatives of said Intestate in equal proportions, the
Administrators have power to adjourn said Sale if necessary,
and that they make Report of their proceedings to the next
or ensuing Court.

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Henry Carpenter and the Administrators of Jacob Heidler deceased,
to whom an order was directed to sell the Real Estate of said deceased,
made Report to the Court in the words following to wit, To the Honorable
the Judges of the Orphans Court, The Administrators of Jacob Heidler
deceased Report that under the Order of Sale to them directed, ordering
the sale of the Real Estate of the decedent, they did on the day and
at the place and under the terms specified in the Order, after due legal
Notice first given sent unto Robert Wilson the highest and best bidder,
at public sale that part of the Real Estate which was appraised
by the Surveyor awarded as Number One, being the part with the
buildings at the rate of ten Dollars an Acre (allowance excluded)
which sale they pray may be confirmed, the other part of the land
not being sold for want of buyers on said day, and they pray the Order be
continued. (Signed) Henry Carpenter

Whereupon the Court on Motion of the Purchaser confirm the said
Sale, and Direct that the Estate in the premises sold be transferred and
beated in the Purchaser, as fully as the said Jacob Heidler held the same
at his decease, subject to the payment of the purchase money
agreeably to the conditions of sale. —

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On Motion, the Court continue the Order of Sale of that part
of the Real Estate of Jacob Heidler deceased, which is unsold.

The Petition of Philip Gentler, and Anna Mary Pisse
Administrators of the Estate of John Pisse late of Codorus Town-
ship deceased, Whodier Intestate, was read to the Court setting
forth, That said deceased died leaving to survive him a Widow
above named, and one child lawful issue who is under age that
he died seized in his demesne as of fee of a House and fourteen acres
of land in said Township with the buildings and appurtenances
adjoining land of John Remmerling and Christian Etter, that

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Whereupon it is considered by the Court and Ordered that the said sale be and the same is hereby confirmed and Ordered to be entered on Record, and that the Administrators aforesaid, do make and execute a Deed of Conveyance for the premises sold, to the said Purchaser subject to the payment of the purchase Money agreeably to the conditions of sale.

Henry Carpenter, Acting Administrator of Jacob Heidler deceased to whom an Order was directed to sell the Real Estate of said deceased, made Report to the Court in the words following, to wit, To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court of the County of York, the Administrator of Jacob Heidler deceased, by Henry Carpenter Acting Administrator, Report that after due legal Notice first given of the time and place of sale, they did at public sale on the 1st day of March 1821, sell the residue of the lands of said deceased, under an Order of Sale which was continued to said day, under the terms as prescribed by the Court in the continuation of the sale and the lands were sold as follows, viz, a lot N.^o. 1. containing seven Acres sixty six perches was sold to Christian Goodling for seventeen Dollars One Cent an Acre, lot N.^o. 2. was sold to Robert Wilson, containing eight Acres ten perches, for the price of sixteen Dollars fifty Cents an Acre, lot N.^o. 3. containing fourteen Acres and one hundred and ten perches was sold to Adam Goodling for four Dollars an Acre, lot N.^o. 4. containing eight Acres ten perches was sold to Jacob Glatfelder for three Dollars Twenty five Cents an Acre, and lot N.^o. 5. containing thirteen Acres was sold to Jacob Geish for five Dollars an Acre, all which was the highest and best Purchase at the said sale for said lands, and the Administrator therefore pray the Court to confirm said sales the said lots respectively being designated by marks on the ground as

(Signed) Henry Carpenter Actg. Admin.

Whereupon, The Court on Motion of the respective Purchasers confirm the said sales, and Decree that the Estates in the respective premises sold, be transferred and vested in the purchasers aforesaid respectively
(as).

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as fully as that said Jacob Heidler at his decease held the same subject to the payment of the purchase Money agreeably to the conditions of sale.

Valentine Welsh Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Jacob Roller the Elder late of Dover Township deceased produced an account of his Administration as settled with the Register of this County Whereby there appears to be a Balance in his hands of three hundred and sixty seven dollars and twenty one and a half cents (part not yet due) Which account the Court do hereby Confirm.

Henry Carpenter surviving Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Jacob Weidler late of Shrewsbury Township deceased produced an account of his Administration as settled with the register of this County Whereby there appears to be a (Balance)

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Balance in his hands of ten hundred and thirty six dollars and three cents Which account the Court do hereby Confirm

Thomas Jameson, Esquire high Sheriff of the County of York, came into Court and Made Return of a former Order of Court Whereby he was commanded to make partition of a certain Plantation and Tract of land containing two hundred and thirty two acres and one hundred and nineteen perches and allowance Situate part thereof in Paradise Township and a small part thereof in Adams County the premises being divided by the County line, and the principle part of the Land and all the Buildings being in York County the said Plantation adjoining lands of Henry Jacobs, Abraham Timmer, Frederick Beandt, John Brigner, Michael Sheffer, and Samuel Jacobs late the Estate of George Jacobs deceased, who died Intestate and among the Widows and children of said Intestate if the same would admit of such partition without breeding

Original Will located at the Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, PA.

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Will of
Jacob Weidler
Decased
(Proved July 11th)
Exit Letters & Copy
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Since the circumstances effecting the decisions made in wills long ago are not always evident, it may be unfair to be judgmental. In the case of this will by Jacob Weidler, Sr. it is difficult to conjure up any justification for his disinheritance of the fatherless children of his deceased son, Jacob, Jr. The slight was compounded by the fact that the elder Jacob was comparatively wealthy, and the debt he held against the estate of his grandchildren's dead father rather modest. Furthermore the estate of Jacob, Jr. was not adequate to provide for his widow the their eight minor children, the youngest of whom was barely two at the time of his father's death in 1814. The ultimate irony was Jacob, Sr's instruction to his executors to disregard the book debts of his remaining son, John. The Jacob Weidler, Jr. who witnessed this will obviously was not the son of the testator, as that Jacob was already deceased.

Whatever the bitterness Jacob Weidler bore toward his grandchildren by his son Jacob, it was not shared by their grandmother, Anna Weidler, who remembered them equally with her daughters in her will. While her generosity may have had its personal compensations, her estate was so small in comparison to that of her husband that the financial reward was insignificant.

In the name of God Amen, I Jacob Weidler of Hanckin
Township in the County of Lancaster and in the State of
Pennsylvania Yeoman, being of sound disposing mind
Memory and understanding, Do make and declare this my
last will and Testament in manner and form following
that is to say,

Impunitus I commend my Soul to god
and my Body the Earth to be decently interred as my Executors
shall direct in humble hope of a glorious resurrection and
an happy Admission into the Regions of Immortal
Bliss and Glory in and through the merits of my Mediator
and redeemer Christ Jesus. And as to such worldly estate
wherewith God hath Blessed me, I do give devise and dispose
of the same in manner following to wit.

Item it is my will and I do order and direct that my just
Debts and Funeral Expences be paid off and discharged as
soon as conveniently may be done after my decease.—

Item I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Anna
all that and then certain privileges, Articles and allowances
due, and to become due, to be given, allowed and delivered unto
my said beloved Wife Anna and myself, yearly and every
year during our natural Lives or the survivor of us, by my
son John Weidler, by virtue of a Bond of Performance bearing
date the sixteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord One
Thousand Eight Hundred and five, Executed by my said
son John Weidler in part of the consideration of Lands & real
Estate which I and my Wife Anna granted and conveyed unto the
said son John Weidler his Heirs and Heiresses forever on the day
of the date of the said Bond of performance, As by the said Bond
may appear, And further I do give and bequeath unto my
beloved Wife Anna all my Household and Kitchen Furniture which
I shall die possessed of, including my Wearing Apparel all —

"Linenens"