

Joseph Leahy

Wm. Will & Bodice

Peter Claudus Esq.

In the name of God Amen

Joseph Leahy of Baltimore County, in the State of Maryland being in perfect health of body and mind and disposing mind without any and understanding. Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby to be able to provide for my dear wife and children I have this my last will and testament in manners and forms following that is to say. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried and after my debts (should I have any) and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows.

Whereas my daughter Eliza has been living with me and in consideration of the services she may render me I will and bequeath to her and her heirs all my household and kitchen furniture and in further consideration of the services of my said daughter Eliza, I will and bequeath to my Son-in-law Peter Claudus of the City of Baltimore the sum of One thousand dollars, in trust to be placed at interest which interest he shall pay annually to my said daughter Eliza during her natural life but in the event of her marrying and leaving issue at her death I do hereby direct and it is my will that the said issue shall have the said One thousand dollars but should she die leaving no issue then & in that case the said One thousand dollars shall form a part of the residue of my Estate.

Item I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate both Real and Personal to be equally divided among my Sons John Joseph Sarah the Wife of Charles Coats, Catharine the Wife of Charles Gildea and Anna the Wife of Cornelius Sullivan and their heirs in equal portions share and share alike. It is however my will and I do hereby direct that the distributive share that may come to my said daughter Catharine the Wife of Charles Gildea shall be placed in the hands of my Son John in trust to be distributed to my said daughter under his direction as her necessities & those of her children may require.

Item I will and direct that after my decease my Executor hereinafter named shall sell all my real and personal property not otherwise devised either at public or private sale as in his Judgment may be thought best.

Item It is my will and I do hereby direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall have executed Ash Shown force around my Grave with those of my deceased Wife & Children.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son-in-law Peter Claudus to be the Executor of this my last will and testament making & annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and giving effect to the same as if it were my last will and testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this third day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Signed sealed published and declared by Joseph Leahy the above named Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us to be at this request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Joseph Leahy Esq.

Joshua Hight
Patrick Miller
Joshua Miller

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit

On the 7th day of March 1854 before Joshua Short and Joshua Muller two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Last will and Testament of Joseph Beahy late of Frederick County deceased and made both on the holy Evangel of Almighty God. That they did see the testator therein named sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto at the request of the testator and they also did see Patrick Kelly the other subscribing Witness sign his name as Witness to said will at the request of the testator in his presence and all in the presence of each other

Test Geo. Horstman Rog

Commettburgh July 26th 1853

This is my will and will that my daughter Catharine Colday is to help give a note of five hundred and carry the amount of 5 hundred dollars and is to have this money in the hands of my son James and his Brother Joseph as do they for the amount of 5 hundred dollars and my son James is to be to make the best use of this money for the benefit of her and the children and at how death is to be divided among her children. And also my son James when the money come to his hands he will do his best to buy a small house and if not get her so much a year for the support of her and her children
Joseph Beahy

Commettburgh July 30th 1853

This is my will and will do get do my daughter Eliza a note that I M. Glantier of hands also 5 notes of Francis W. Chag of one hundred dollars each making 5 hundred and this note of M. Glantier amount of 6 hundred & 67 dollars
And this note I get over to M. Glantier for Eliza Meaton for her services to me and Eliza Meaton to half the entire of this money by M. Glantier pay off 700.00 and if she have the money and have every cash the money she to have at three cash and if not money and at how death the money she to my cash
Joseph Beahy

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit

On the 7th day of March 1854 before Joshua Short and made both on the holy Evangel of Almighty God. That the former Joseph Beahy and has seen him write on form that knowledge he has no hesitation in stating that the name of Joseph Beahy attached to the codicil annexed to this his last will and testament is in the hand writing of him the said Joseph Beahy

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