

Will of Thomas Potts, Tanner

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In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Potts of the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania, Tanner, Being aged and weak in Body but of sound and perfect Memory (praise be given to God for the same) and knowing the uncertainty of this Life on earth, and being desirous to settle things in order, Do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following,- that is to say,

First and principally, I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly Believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins & be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my Blessed Savior & redeemer Christ Jesus, And my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in such Decent & Christian Manner as my executor hereafter named shall be thought Meet & Convenient. And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in his Mercy hath Lent me, my will & meaning is, the same shall be Employed & Bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Exprest

First I will that all my Just Debts & funeral Charges be fully paid and discharged.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and well beloved wife, Alice the sum of forty shillings Current money of Pennsylvania afores to be paid in one month next after my Decease. And I also Give and Bequeath unto my said Wife the sum of Twelve pounds Money afores Yearly Income to be paid unto her by even and Equal Quarterly payments every Year During her Natural Life, I do Likewise give her my best feather Bed with all its appurtenances and the furniture of one Room or Chamber, all which s Legacies & Bequeaths I do give to my said wife in Lieu for a full recompense & Satisfaction of her Dower & Title of Dower or thirds of all my Estate both real & personal.

Item I give and Bequeathe unto my grandson Thomas Potts, all that my Land & Lott of Ground Lying In Gilberts Alley formerly belonging to Arthur Wells Containing In front to the sd Alley fifteen foott, Together with Buildings tenements hereditements and appurtenances whatsoever thereon standing being belonging or in any wise appertaining To hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever also I give to my s Grandson my Coate plate buttons & a small silver Breaker.

Item I Give to each of the other Children of my son Thomas Potts the Just sum of five pounds a piece Money afores to be paid to each of them when they attain their respective age of eighteen Years or marry which shall first happen.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Good Friend Thomas Griffith Minister of the Gospel amongs the Baptist the Sum of Twenty Shillings money afores to Be paid to him in Six Months next after my Deceas.

Item I give to Judith Morgan Daughter of Thomas Griffith & Late wife of Abel Morgan the Just Sum of twenty Shillings of Like Money to be paid to her also within Six Months after my Decease.

And all the rest and residue of my Estate Messauges Land & Premises with the appurtenances Both real & Personal whatsoever & wheresoever the Same may & shall be found and of what kind Nature or Species the Same may be I Give and Bequeath the Same to my Son Thomas Potts to Hold to him his heirs and assigns for ever And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Potts Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, Hereby Revoking Disallowing & making void all former and other will or wills by me heretofore made and Declared, Either by word or wrighting, Declaring this to be My Last will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of February In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty four-five 1724-5

Sealed Signed Published and Declared to be his last will and Testament in the Sight and presence of us




Andrew Edge George Sharswood Alexander Legg



Philad Novr 18 1726. Then personally appeared Andrew Edge George Sharswood two of the witnesses to the foregoing will and upon their Oaths did Declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge

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Be it remembered that on the 18th day of Novr, 1726, the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Potts, deceased, was proved in due form of Law and Probate and Letters Testamentary were Granted unto Thomas Potts sole Executor therein named being first sworn well and truly to administer the said deceased's Estate and bring an Inventory thereof into the Register General's Office at Philadelphia at or before the 18th day of Decr next And also to render an acc t when thereunto Lawfully required. Given under the Seal of the said Office

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