

Last Will and Testament of Johann Jacob Löser

Jacob died on or before February 8, 1775. His wife has not been identified, but may have been Mary Margaret Ebli. There is a marriage record for John Jacob Loeser and Mary Marga. Ebli dated 10 November 1747 in MARRIAGE RECORD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH, New Hanover, Montgomery County, PA. 1748-1800. Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Volume 8:

(<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/montgomery/church/pass8-17.txt>)

A handwritten translation of his will from the original German to English made on that date, and a copy was found at the Lehigh County Historical Society in Allentown, PA. The document labels Jacob Lieser as "deceased". The original will was executed on December 15, 1774. The translation follows:

Last Will and Testament of Jacob Liesser

"In the name of God, Amen; I, Jacob Liesser of Lynn Township in the County of Northampton, considering the mortality of man, that he is taken from the Earth & again must return to the same, have thought fit (being of good & sound understanding) to make this my Last Will, Testament how it shall be with my Real & Personal Estate.

"First: I, the above named Jacob Liesser do make over and bequeath unto my son John Liesser all my right and title of in and to all my Estate both Real and Personal; that is to say, to my Improvement whereon I now live containing 100 acres manor Land and to my Improvement over the Blue Mountain in Penn Township in the said County containing about 150 acres; these two pieces of Land above mentioned together with all my Goods, Chattels & household furniture now in my possession and together with my own bed, I do bequeath unto my said son John Liesser, his heirs and assigns for ever. And I do constitute & appoint my said son John Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

"Secondly, I the above named Jacob Liesser, so value the above said two improvements & land together with all my Goods, Chattels and household furniture so as above bequeathed at the sum of One hundred & thirty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, which said sum I do order my said son John to pay unto my other sons, namely Frederick Liesser and Conrad Liesser & to my two daughters, namely Ann Margaret and Catherine in twelve different payments, in manner following; & not otherwise, to wit:

"To my son Frederick Liesser £10-16-8 on the 27th day of November 1775; to my son Conrad Liesser £10-16-8 on the 27th day of November 1776; to my daughter Ann Margaret £10-16-8 on the 27th day of Nov 1777 and to my daughter Catherine £10-16-8 on the 27th day of November 1778.

"And when the said payments are made as aforesaid, then shall my said son John Liesser pay to my said son Frederick Liesser the like sum of £10-16-8 and so to each of my said above named other three children the like sum of £10-16-8. And when the said second payments are made as aforesaid, then my said son John Liesser (shall) pay to my said son Frederick Liesser the like sum of £10-16-8 and so to each of my said above named other children the like sum of £10-16-8. And that the same be paid to my said four above named children, my two Sons and two Daughters in twelve years time as aforesaid.

"And it is my Will that my said son John Liesser shall have no share of the said Sum of £130. But that each of my said four other children above named shall receive thirty two pounds 10 shillings lawful money aforesaid. And the last payment which will be to my youngest Daughter Catherine is to be on the 27th day of Nov 1786. And it is also my will that my son Frederick Liesser shall have no more than one child's Share of my estate as aforesaid. And it is my further will that my son John Liesser shall pay all the debts justly due by me at the time of my death out of his own proper monies. So that my said two Sons and two Daughters shall receive from my said Son John the said full sum of £130 in the space of twelve years as aforesaid without any deduction or abatement.

"And to conclude, I the said Jacob Liesser do commit my Soul into the hand of God. Amen.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 15th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven and seventy four."

/Jacob Liesser / (seal)

Witnesses: Jacob Friess

George Kistler