

### Phoebe French Will - 1827

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In the Name of God Amen I Phebe French widow of the Township of Little Eggharbour in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey Being Weake in body but of A Sound Mind and of A perfect understanding Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is apointed for all men once to die I Therefore do make and ordain this my Last will Testament That is Say . . Viz. Item 1<sup>st</sup> of all my Will is that my funeral charges and just Debts be paid by my Executors hereafter Named \_\_\_\_\_ I Dispose of my estate in the following manner and form to wit(?) . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my Son Jacob French the Sum of ten Dollars to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate as soon as may be convenient after my Deces . . . 3<sup>rd</sup> I Give and bequeath to my Son William French the Sum of Ten Dollars to be paid to him by my executor out of my estate as Soon as Convenient after my Deceas . . . 4<sup>th</sup> I Will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Abigal French the Daughter of Jacob French one Equal quarter part of All my Land that I have or ought to have A Right to in the Township of Little Eggharbour or else Where to her and to her heirs forever and farther my Will is that the Rents and Intrusts Arising there from to be under the Cear [care] and Direction of my executor untill my Grand Daughter Abigal French comes to Lawful Age but to be perticularly Applied to the use and Suport of My Son Jacob French as long as he Lives then at his \_\_\_\_\_ the Above bequeathed property With all to profits to be \_\_\_\_\_ Abagail Frenches and her heirs for ever but if the Said Abagail French Shall Die befor She has any Children then her shear [share] and(?) Shear and Portion of Land as bequeathed to go to the Children of William French but Not untill the Decease of Jacob French as my Son Jacob French must have the benefit of it While he Lives. 4<sup>th</sup> I Further Will and bequesth to my Grand Daughter Mary Manda French Daughter of William French the house Where I now Live With Three Equal quarter parts of All my Lands in the Township of Little Eggharbour or else Where that I have A right to her and her Heirs for ever Likewise I give to Mary Manda French all my house hold goods and Kitchen furniture Consisting of Beds one Beaurough Tables kettles pots Chears etc and farther my Will that my Son William French live in my house While he Lives and have all the Rents and profits Arising therefrom to bring up his family on and to keep my Goods and furniture together for the use and benefit of Mary Manda French When She Comes to Lawful Age or Married and my Son William French is to have all the use and profits Arising from the Above bequeathed Land and premises as Long as he lives – then after his Deceas Mary Manda is to have all the Above Land and the house and household Goods but the Above said property to Remain under the Cear [care] and Direction of my executor until Mary Manda Comes to Law age or married but and iff Mary Manda French Shall Deceas befor She Comes to Lawfull age or befor She has any Child then my Will is that the Above bequeathed Lands and premission to Go to my Grand Daughter Abigal French and William Frenches Children but not untill after The Deceas of my Son William French as he must have the use thereof as long as he lives to Suport his family in . . Now let it be Remembered that my Will is that all the Afordaid bequesthed Lands and premises Which I have Given to my Grand Daughters as they are here in Discribed I Give to them and those respectiff heirs forever . . . . Now I do apoint Constitute and ordain Maja Mathis Sole Executor of this my Last Will and testament and hereby utterly Disallow revoke and Disavail all and every other former will and testament legal bequeaths and Executors by me in any Wise befor made Willed or bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Let my name and Seal this twenty fourth Day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty Seven 1827

Signed, Sealed, Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Phebe French as her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us Who in his preasents and in the preasents of each other Who have hereunto Subcribed our names

Phebe French- her mark X

Edward Alloway  
Derius Cramer  
Thada Riley