

Last Will and Testament of Joseph Pratt II [transcribed from original]

I, Joseph Pratt of the Township of Edgmont in the County of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania, do make this my last will and Testament in the Manner following, that is to say

First My Will is that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

Item I give and devise to my son Abraham Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever, all that messuage Plantation and tract of land that I purchased of Jonathan Ashbridge situate in the township of Goshen, containing about two hundred and seventeen acres of lands he paying to my daughter Jane Hoopes the sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania within one year after my decease, and to my daughter Mary Pratt the sum of fifty pounds of like money, within two years after my decease.

Item I give and devise to my son Joseph Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever all my messuages Plantations and tracts of land where I now dwell situate in Edgmont aforesaid containing about two hundred and nine acres of land, he paying to my daughter Mary Pratt the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania within four years of my decease.

Item I give and devise to my son David Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever all that messuage Plantation and tract of land situate in the Township of Marple, which I bought of the Sheriff of this county at Publick Vendue, late the Estate of Joshua Pennell the younger (Excepting such part thereof as is herein after given to my Son Thomas Pratt) containing by estimation about one hundred and seventy two acres of land, he paying to my daughter Priscilla Pratt the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania within six years after my decease.

Item I give and devise to my son Thomas Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever, all that messuage Plantation and tract of land that I purchased of Nathan Yarnall situate in the township of Marple containing about one hundred and thirteen acres of land, and such part of the land that I bought of the Sheriff as before mentioned as lies adjoining to the same, that is to say beginning at a corner of said land near the wall of old Saw-Mill Dam, on Crum Creek thence down the several courses of the said creek sixty three perches to a post, thence north fifty one degrees east sixty perches to a post thence north thirty seven degrees west twenty six perches to a post thence north forty degrees east fifty four perches to a post, thence north sixty nine degrees east thirty eight perches and a half to a hickory, thence south eighty seven degrees and a quarter east eleven perches to a black oak, thence north twelve degrees east nine perches and a half to a Spanish oak, then north thirteen degrees and a half west sixteen perches to a white oak, thence north seven degrees west nineteen perches to a Hickory, thence north twenty nine degrees west forty one perches to a black oak, thence south sixty seven degrees west nine perches to a post, thence north seventeen degrees west sixty three perches to Newtown line—thence south fifty four degrees west

along said line forty two perches, to the line of the land that I bought of Nathan Yarnall as aforesaid thence along the said lines 25 perches to the place of beginning containing about seventy nine acres of lands__excepting always the use and priviledges of a certain large run of water running through the said two parcels of land and the water courses or ditch that conveys the same to the meadows of the land before given to my son David, three days in every week forever. And if it shall be necessary to make another ditch instead thereof to take the said water higher, will all necessary priviledges to pass regress clear mend and attend the same and also to make mend and attend another ditch through the said land lower down to convey such water of the said run as will not go along the upper ditch into the said land before given to my son David__which priviledges I give and devise to my son David Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughters Jane Hoopes, Mary Pratt and Priscilla Pratt, the several sums of money herein before made payable by their brothers to them, and to my daughter Priscilla the further sum of fifty pounds of like money to be paid to her within four years after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Pratt the sum of fifty pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to be paid to her when she attains to the age of Eighteen years and the further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds of like money when she shall attain to the age of twenty one years. Items I give to my son Joseph the horses he commonly rides and to my son David a young mare. And my will is that the land herein given to my son Thomas shall be cleared by my Executors from all encumbrance or rent charge payable to Joshua Pennell__And all the rest and residue of my estate after the maintenance and education of my younger children is paid for shall be equally divided among all my children or their representatives. And notwithstanding the before-mentioned gifts and devises, my will is that if any of my sons shall happen too die without lawful issue, the Plantation tract or tracts of land which I have given to him or them shall be equally divided and possessed by my surviving sons or son, their heirs and assigns, forever. And my will is that my sons Joseph and David shall have the use of the land given to my son Thomas until he shall attain to the age of twenty one years; they paying therefore the yearly rent of twenty pounds yearly during the said term without making any waste of timber, or otherwise on the same. And my will is that my sons Abraham, Joseph and David shall equally provide for the maintenance and support of my negro man named York when he cannot support himself and that my son Thomas shall joyn with them in the Expence after he becomes to age and that the said York shall not be sold to any person whatsoever. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Abraham Pratt and Joseph Pratt Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty sixth day of the seventh month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five. Signed Sealed published and declared by Joseph Pratt to be his last will and testament in the presence of us---

George Miller

William Russell

Joseph Pratt

Joseph Pratt's Codicils to his Last Will and Testament, proved 7th September 1775

Whereas I Joseph Pratt of the Township of Edgmont in the county of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania have made my last will and Testament in writing dated the twenty sixth day of the seventh month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and having duly considered the gifts and devises in my said will, do think it proper to make and publish this codicil to my said last will and Testament to be annexed thereto and made a part thereof__that is to say__Whereas in my said last will I have given to my son Thomas Pratt and to his heirs and assigns seventy nine acres of the land that I bought of the Sheriff of this county at Publick Vendue late the Estate of Joshua Pennell the younger situate in the township of Marple bounded as is therein described now I do hereby order and declare that my said son Thomas shall have only sixty four acres of the said Seventy nine acres of land and the remainder thereof I give and devise to my son David Pratt and to his heirs and assigns forever to be taken of the said Seventy nine acres of land next and joyning to the land given to him in my said will in such place or places as my Executors or the survivors of them shall think proper. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of the eighth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

Signed sealed published and declared by Joseph Pratt as his codicil to his last will and Testament in the presence of us—

George Miller

William McAfee

Joseph Pratt