

Atlantic County ss. { Joseph E West one of the executors within named being duly sworn on his oath saith that this writing contains the true last will and testament of Hannah Stilingsworth the testatrix therein named so far as he knows and as he verily believes that he will well and truly perform the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in the said testament so far as the goods chattles and credits of the said deceased can thereunto extend and that he will make and exhibit into the prerogative office at Trenton a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattles and credits of the deceased that have or shall come to his knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for his use and render a just & true account where thereunto lawfully required  
Sworn & subscribed before me  
Feb. 20th. 1856 Jos. Thompson Surgt. } J. E. West

I Joseph Thompson Surrogate of the County of Atlantic do certify the foregoing record to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Hannah Stilingsworth late of the County of Atlantic deceased and of the probate thereof and that Joseph E West the executor therein named proved the same before me and is duly authorized to administer the same agreeably to said Will Witness my hand and seal of office this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six

Jos Thompson  
Surrogate

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### Will of William Bird

In the name of God Amen I William Bird of the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey being of sound mind memory and understanding for which blessing I thank God do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First it is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid as soon as conveniently can be after my decease I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Abigail Bird the place where I now live her life time or while she remains my widow and then to be divided among my three Daughters and two Sons viz. Margaret Bird Charlotte Bird & Hannah E Bird Elisha B Bird & Zebedee Bird - my personal property consisting of five Horses & three heavy wagons & carage two cows & kefer & farming utensils house hold goods &c. &c.

I give to my beloved wife Abigail Bird - excepting three of the Horses & two heavy wagons to be sold and the money to be applied in payment of my just debts be. my three oldest sons viz. Gilbert Bird Thomas Bird & John Bird I give one dollar each to be paid to them in money

Lastly I appoint my friends Charles Ridgway & Benjamin B Doughty to be the executors of this my last will and testament

Signed Sealed & published and  
Declared by the said William Bird  
to be his testament and last Will  
in the presence of us this 30th day of January 1856

John Carr  
Elizabeth Baird  
Elizabeth A. J. Babington

William Bird Seal

Atlantic County ss. { Elizabeth A. J. Babington being duly sworn on her oath saith that she saw William Bird the testator in the within testament named sign and seal the same and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within writing to be his testament and last will and at the doing thereof the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as far as this deponent knows and as she verily believes and that John Carr and Elizabeth Baird the other subscribing witnesses were present at the same time and signed their names as witnesses to the said will together with deponent in the presence of the testator

Sworn & subscribed at Mays  
Landing Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1856 before me  
Jos Thompson Surgt. }

Elizabeth A. J. Babington

Atlantic County ss. { Charles Ridgway and Benjamin B Doughty the executors in the within testament named being duly sworn on their respective oaths say that the within testament contains the true last will and testament of William Bird the testator therein named so far as they know and as they and each of them verily believes that they will well and truly perform the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in the said testament specified so far as the goods chattles & credits of the said deceased can thereunto extend and that they will make and exhibit into the Perogative office at Trenton a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattles & credits of the said deceased that have or shall come to his knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for his use and render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required

Sworn & subscribed at Mays  
Landing Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1856 before me  
Jos Thompson Surgt. }

Charles Ridgway  
Benj. B. Doughty

I Joseph Thompson Surrogate of the County of Atlantic do certify the foregoing record to be a true copy of the last will and testament of William Bird late of the County of Atlantic deceased and of the probate thereof and that Charles Ridgway and Benjamin B Doughty the executors therein named proved the same before me and are duly authorized to administer the same agreeably to said will Witness my hand and seal of office this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six

Jos Thompson  
Surrogate