

## Will of Absalom Higbee

In the name of God Amen I Absalom Higbee of the Township of Halloway in the County of Atlantic and state of New Jersey Being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say:

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Enoch Higbee all the Land lying on the South side of the road leading from Leeds Point to Smithville together with all the Buildings and improvements thereon but not to include any of the Timber thereon which I order to be cut off and sold and the proceeds of such sale to be equally divided between my son Enoch Higbee and my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain share and share alike (except the timber in front of the Barn is to be Enochs) And unto my beloved daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain I give and bequeath the two front fields of improved land lying on the North side of the road leading from Leeds Point to Smithville together with all the improvements thereon, I also give unto my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain the lower field of improved land next toward the meadow and unto my grand son Daniel Edward Higbee I give and bequeath the piece of wood land by Joseph Bells that I purchased of Paul Sooy and Edmund Corder, I also give and bequeath unto my two grand daughters Lovina and Anna Laura Higbee the property known by the name of Newberry Property to be equally divided between them share and share alike, And the balance of all my Real Estate not herein mentioned to be equally divided between my son Enoch Higbee and my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain share and share alike, And unto my beloved wife Submitte Higbee I give and bequeath the one third part of all my Real Estate herein mentioned during the term of her natural life together with the dwelling house in which I now live with all the furniture therein as it now stands to use occupy & enjoy the same during the term of her natural life, and at her death the furniture to be equally divided between my son Enoch Higbee and my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain, I also give ~~and bequeath~~ unto my beloved wife the equal one half part of all the moneys that I now have on hand to be put out at interest and the interest to be for her own use, and if the interest is not sufficient afford her a comfortable living, then she is to use the principal, and if any of the principal should still remain at interest at the time of her death

the same to be divided between my son Enoch Higbee & my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain share and share alike and the remaining one half of all my money on hand to be divided equal between my son Enoch Higbee and my daughter Rachel Ann Chamberlain and I also give unto my grand son Daniel Edward Higbee and to my grand daughters Lovina and Anna Laura Higbee the County order that I now hold likewise the note that I hold against Enoch Johnson with the interest due thereon to be equally divided among them third and third alike, each ones share to be paid to them when they arrive at the age of twenty one years I likewise order all the balance of my personal property not herein specified to be sold and out of the money received by such sale first to pay all my funeral expenses and doctors bills and then to my wife Submitte Higbee I give one hundred dollars in cash and ten dollars toward repairing the Friends Burying ground and twenty five dollars to buy a set of tomb stones to be put to my son James Higbees grave the balance of said money to be equally divided between my son Enoch Higbee Rachel Ann Chamberlain and to my grand son Daniel Edward Higbee I give the three year old heifer that he commonly calls his own, Likewise I make constitute and appoint my said son Enoch Higbee to be sole executor of this my last will and testament,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine. (1869)

Absalom Higbee

The above written Instrument was subscribed by the said Absalom Higbee in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above Instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence. The interlineations & erasures

were made before signing  
Lewis W. Scull Leeds Point N. J.  
Zephaniah Scull Leeds Point N. J.  
Gideon C. Strickland Leeds Point N. J.

Atlantic County ss. Lewis W. Scull one of the witnesses to the within will being duly sworn on his oath saith that he saw Absalom Higbee the testator within named sign the within will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within writing to be his last will and testament and at