

No 5415 Equity

In the name of God Amew. I Henry Koester, being feeble in health but of sound and disposing mind memory, and understanding, knowing the certainty of death and --- desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament. And first I commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried by my Testatrix hereinafter named. First, I give and bequeath to my Wife Christiana Koester, all my property, of which I am possessed, at this time, or to which I may be entitled, and which is not now in possession that is to say, the proceeds of all Bonds, Bills, and Book Accounts.

Exhibit Nos.

All my Real Estate consisting of the House in which I reside, the House and Lot in the occupancy of William Whaley, also the House and Lot occupied by Mrs Smeltz, together with all my household effects consisting of Beds, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Stoves, Carpets &c &c, of all and every kind, as well as all other property of which I am possessed of - all and every kind Real, personal, & mixed whatsoever, and this I give to my said Wife Christiana Koester so long as she shall continue in my name, but should it please her to change her state, and name, then all the above Property I hereby bequeath to my children share and share alike; to be divided to them by my said Wife Christiana Koester, before the consummation of Marriage by her with any one - And lastly I enjoin on my Executors to pay out of my Property all my Just debts and I hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid wife Christiana Koester my only and Sole Executor, and declare this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me -

Witness my hand and seal this 8th day, of February, 1864.

Witnesses -

Lewis M Nixdorff

Charles L Smith.

Thomas J McGill

March 30th 1864. Signed in presence of each other, and of the Testator.

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to-wit:-

On the 29th day of February 1864, came Christiana Koester and made oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that the foregoing instrument of Writing is the true whole Will and Testament of Henry Koester, late of Frederick County, deceased, that has come to her hands and possession, that she received the same from the Testator for safe keeping, and that she does not know of any other, of a later date.

Test:- J L McLean, Regr.

State of Maryland, Frederick County - to-wit:-

On the 29th day of February 1864, came Lewis M. Nixdorff Charles L Smith & Thomas J. McGill, subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Last Will and Testament, of Henry Koester, late of Frederick County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, that they did see Henry Koester the testator therein named sign and seal this Will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory

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