

Will, DE, Kent, Leah Laws 1811

In the name of God Amen.

I, **LEAH [STURGIS] LAWS**, Widow of the **BELITHA LAWS** Kent County, State Delaware, sick of body but of sound disposing mind and memory and understanding, praise be to God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in Manor informed following.

ITEM I give and devise all my wearing apparel of every nature whatsoever to my daughter **ESTHER [LAWS] DAVIS** wife of **WILLIAM DAVIS**.

ITEM I give and devise to my grandson **ALEXANDER P. LAWS** the following, providing he complies with request hereafter mentioned in my will, which is one bed and furniture, one desk, one large looking glass, one set of winder shear's, all the cupboard furniture except one dozen plates that I hereafter mention and as well all the remainder of my estate that is not hereafter mentioned.

ITEM I give and devise to my granddaughter **JULIAN LAWS** one dozen plates that were her mother's.

ITEM I give devise to my granddaughter **ANN BELL** one bed and furniture that at this [time is] in the possession of her mother.

ITEM I give and devised to my granddaughter **AMINTA LAWS** one trunk also request that my grandson **ALEXANDER P. LAWS** shall purchase for my granddaughter **AMINTA LAWS**, when she arrives at the age of 12 years old, one Mahogany Bureau to the value of \$25 to be born direct out of the legacies heretofore left to my said grandson. And also my will and desire is that I said grandson **ALEXANDER P. LAWS** shall take the trouble of burying me in a decent manner at his own expense, claim of any charge.

I nominate constitute and appoint my grandson **ALEXANDER P. LAWS** to be my executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disannulling all and every other will by me made heretofore and declare this and this only to be my last will and testament.

Witness whereof I, **LEAH LAWS**, have hereunto interchangeably set my hand and affixed my seal this day of September and the year of Our Lord 1811.

LEAH LAWS {seal, her + mark}

N. B. The words in the second ??? that interlined was wrought before signed in the following words:

“And as well all the remainder of my estate that is heretofore mentioned.”

Signed, Sealed, Delivered, published, pronounced and declared by the above named **LEAH LAWS** the testator as and for her last will and testament, the above interlineation “and as well as a remainder of my estate this is here after mentioned” being first made in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence has subscribed our names as Witnesses,

MANLOVE HAYES
JAMES SYKES

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Kent County

Personally came manlove Hayes and **JAMES SYKES** before me **JAMES HARPER**, register of Kent County, for the probate of wills and granting letters of administration and made oath on the holy evangels of almighty God that they saw **LEAH LAWS** sign and seal and hereafter publish, pronounce, and ordained the within and foregoing instrument of writing as and for her last will and testament that at the time of her so doing and saying she was, as they believe, of sound mind sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding and that they subscribed the shame and witness at her request and in her presence.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand 11th day of February 1812.

JAMES HARPER, register

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of February 1812 the last will and testament of **LEAH LAWS** was proved and letters testamentary thereon were in due form of law granted unto **ALEXANDER P. LAWS** who being sworn gave bond with **ZADOCK TOWNSEND** and the bond of sum of \$2,000 lawful money of the United States ??? as per bond filed.

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