

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

I, Joseph Pratt of the Township of Edgmont in the County of Chester in Pennsylvania being in a weak state of Body but of sound disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of my time here do make this my last will and testament, in the manner following.

Imprimis my will and mind is that all my just death and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate by my executor hereafter named so soon as conveniently may be after my deceas.

Item I give to my beloved wife Sarah Pratt the sum of ten pounds to be paid to her in one year after my deceas. I also give her my best bed and furniture thereto belonging and a chaff bed and furniture thereof. Six pewter plates and one pewter dish. A tea kettle and a set of other tea ware at her choice. Six knives & forks, one iron pott at her choice, seven of my best chairs, my best case of drawers, a pair of hand irons, a fire shovel and tongs with brass knobs; a milch cow at her choice and liberty to procure keeping for her winter and summer from the plantation where I now live at a reasonable price while she remains my widow. I also give my said wife the privilege of the lower room at the east end of my house with the seller under it and the front room over it upstairs and the garrett, with privileges to bake in the oven and get water from the spring or elsewhere with free egress & regress to and from the whole while she remains my widow. Moreover I give her the sum of twelve pounds a year to be paid to her every year by my executors till my son Lewis attains to twenty one years of age if she remains my widow and not otherwise and then if there should not be sufficient arising from my personal estate to afford her twelve pounds a year I will and order my two sons Joseph and Lewis to be at equal expense each of them in making up what may be wanting toward the sum of twelve pounds a year to their mother while she remain my widow, but if she should chuse to go and live elsewhere during her widowhood aforesaid I dont give her any right to put any other person in possession of her privilege in the house and premisses aforesaid—all the foregoing bequests and privileges to my loving wife I leave her as her dower or in lieu thereof—

Item I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements which was bequeathed to me by my father containing two hundred and nine acres be it more or less to my two sons Joseph and Lewis to be divided by the following line viz: beginning at a cornerstone in the line of William Russells Land about fifteen perches Eastward from Ridley Creek thence north twenty eight degrees west sixty perches to a post thence north sixty seven degrees & a quarter east twenty four perches to a post then north twenty eight degrees west forty three perches and three tenths to a post thence north fifty nine degrees east twenty four perches and eight tenths to a walnut thence north sixty four and a half degrees east twenty perches to a post thence north forty four degrees west twenty four perches to a post thence south sixty five and a half degrees west thirty three perches to a post thence north twenty eight and a half degrees west fifty four perches to a white oak thence north fifty degrees and three quarters west nineteen and a half perches to a rock thence north twenty one degrees and three quarters west thirteen perches and three tenths to the line joyning Richard Passmores land thence north sixty degrees and a quarter east seven perches to a Spanish oak

stump being a corner of said Passmores Land to my son Joseph. I devise and bequeath all that messuages and plantation with the appurtenances thereunto belonging lying and being to the westward of the aforesaid line butted and bounded thereon to the eastward being the part whereon I now live I give to my said son Joseph his heirs and assigns forever when he attains to twenty one years of age on his or their paying the sum of fifty pounds to my son Davis when he attains to twenty one years of age and the like sum of fifty pounds in three years after and also paying his proportion to my said wife if necessary as before directed while she remains my widow.

Item I give devise and bequeath to my son Lewis to his heirs and assigns forever all that messuage and plantation lying and being to the Eastward of the aforesaid boundary line butted and bounded thereon being the remains of my said plantation with the appurtenances thereunto belonging which he my said son Lewis is to occupy and enjoy when he arrives to the age of twenty one years on paying to my son Davis the sum of seventy five pounds in the following manner viz. to pay the sum of fifteen pounds when Davis arrives to twenty one years of age and the like sum of fifteen pounds in two years after and the remainder in three equal yearly payments and also paying his proportion to my said wife if necessary before directed while she remains my widow, reserving also a road or cart way from the meadow dam into Providence Road for the use of my son Joseph and I do will and order that my son Joseph shall have the use of the water in each of the ditches as they now run four days in every week and my son Lewis to have the use of the water in the same ditches on his meadow the other three days in every week and each of them to be at equal expence in keeping the dam in suitable repair, and Joseph to have free privilege to pass and regress into Lewis' meadow to clear open and repair the lower ditches to take the water into his own meadow as often as occasions may require.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Davis the sum of fifty pounds to be put out to use for him in nine years after my deceas by my executor hereafter named and to be paid to him when he attains to Twenty one years of age. I also give to my son Davis the further sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds to be paid to him by my sons Joseph and Lewis as herein aforedirected. Item if my sons Joseph or Lewis should depart this life before they attain to Twenty one years of age without lawfull issue then I do will and order my son Davis to have and enjoy the decesd brothers share on his refunding and relinquishing to the surviving brother all the money he may have received or had a right to by virtue of this will in case the death of neither brother had happened. If my son Davis should dye before he attain to twenty one years of age without lawfull issue I do will and order his share of the Estate to be Equally divided between his two said Brothers or the legal representations or the survivors of them.

Item I give my Executor hereafter named full power to see all my stock, household goods and all other moveable articles not bequeathed except such as may be hereafter excepted, and the money arising therefrom together with the clear profits and rents of the land and tenements, after discharging the debts and legacies aforementioned I do order for the use of my wife as before directed and for the bringing up and schooling my said children till they arrive to suitable ages to go to trades at which time I desire they may be bound to such trades as they may choose and the

remainder of my Personal Estate together with the rents that may accrue from the land till my son Joseph and Lewis arrive to twenty one years of age, I do will and order to be divided equally between my three sons or their survivors of them or their legal representatives at the deceas of my said wife or at her intermarriage whichever may first happin.

Item if my Father in Law Amos Davis should incline to live where he now lives I give my Executor full power to rent him the House and priveledges he hath here to fore had at such a reasonable rent as my Executor may think proper.

Item I give my wearing apparel to my three children or the survivors of them to be applied to their use as it may suite them at the discretion of their mother and my Executor.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother David Pratt Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and disanuling all wills...declaring this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of the Eleventh month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

*Joseph Pratt*

Signed Sealed published and pronounced by the said Joseph Pratt to be his last will and testament in the presence of--

*William Russell, affirmed*

*Isaac Malin, affirmed*

*Abraham Farr, affirmed*