

rather the whole of my said plantation and all other lands lying on the eastern side of Egg Harbour River but what is before devised with the meadows before excepted to be restricted as aforesaid, I devise to my three sons Samuel Wickman George A. Wickman & Thomas W. Wickman aforesaid all the lands & premises of John Estlin in Weymouth Township bounding on Egg Harbour River on the West side opposite the plantation (where I now dwell to be equally divided between them Samuel to have the lower end George A. to have the middle & Thomas W. Wickman the upper during their lives restricted as aforesaid. Seventy I devise that my ^{three} sons pay my six Daughters as follows to Elizabeth Scull one hundred Dollars in cash and Prudence Hewitt and Lovice Perkins fifty Dollars each and Mary Steetman Gen- inny Steetman and Hannah Dennis two hundred and fifty Dollars each in one year after my decease. Eightly I devise that my three sons aforesaid keep up his individual part of the bank crossing his meadow or his grass to be sold by the party or parties repairing the same in the same order as the law prescribed in like cases, And if any of my children should die before me I devise the same to their children to be divided between ^{them} in the same manner as by law it would have been divided had he been the same in fee simple and died intestate. Ninthly all the Residue of my Personal Estate after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I order that the Residue be equally divided between my three sons share and share alike. Tenthly I do hereby constitute and appoint James English, Samuel Wickman and Thomas W. Wickman, Sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight 1838

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said Thomas Wickman to be his last will and testament in the presence of us -

Thomas Wickman *(Signature)*

Peter Bunch
Joel Dennis
Howard Hewitt

At the December term of the Orphans Court of the County of Atlantic 1840

Present Benjamin Weatherly
Levid M. Walker
Carmena Taylor
Philip Emmid

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Against
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Wickman deceased
and Thomas W. Wickman
Executors -
Respondents

On Application to prove a Will P.

E. B. Caldwell Proctor of Respondents
J. D. O. Olson & A. Brooking Counsel P.
Joseph E. Pitts Proctor of Caveators
J. W. Sloan Counsel C.

Evidence and proceedings in probate of this Will, reduced to writing by the Register of said Orphans Court, in presence of the Council of the Municipal Educator.

Testimony taken in support of the Will -
Peter Bunch, A Witness called on the part of the Will, being duly sworn, saith - I was acquainted with Thomas Wickman of Egg Harbour Township now deceased, I remember Thomas Wickman calling me in to witness the execution of his will, at his dwelling house in the Township of Egg Harbour, it appears that I witnessed the execution of a paper which he called his Will, (being the paper in question, marked Exhibit A on the part of the Will dect.) the signature at the bottom is my hand writing as a witness that is the paper which I was called in to witness, I subscribed my name thereto as a witness, I recollect that Joel Dennis was present as a witness (the Council of the caveator here objected to the Council of the Respondents upon the examination in chief, in the first instance, propounding particular questions as to the mode of executing the will, and testified that the only legal mode, after bringing the witness into the presence of the testator, and to the object of his being there, was to ask him what read said or done by the testator or witness; The Court being of the opinion that the questions already put are legal and proper, they are also of the opinion that the Council of the Respondents, have a right to go on and ask any legal & proper questions, which would go to the establishment of the execution of the Will -) the witness further saith to the following questions -
Question - do you recollect any other person being present at the execution of the Will, but Joel Dennis?

Answer - I recollect James English being present -
Question - do you recollect Howard Hewitt being there?
Answer - I do not -
Question - do you recollect seeing either Joel Dennis or Howard Hewitt subscribe their names to the Will?
Answer - I do not recollect it -
Question - Who called upon you to witness the Will?
Answer - The old Captain himself, Thomas Wickman, he came out into the kitchen and called me in -
Question - Was Thomas Wickman in the room at the time you subscribed your name to the Will?
Answer - He was, he went in with us -
Question - do you recollect seeing Thomas Wickman subscribe his name?
Answer - I do not recollect it -
Question - How long has it been since the will was executed?
Answer - something near two years -
(And being cross examined further saith)
I recollect Joel Dennis was in the kitchen with us, James English was in the room with the testator, I saw the will on the table when I first went into the room, the table stood near the fire