

Atlantic County Joseph Emdicote one of the witnesses to the within will being duly sworn according to law did depose and say that he saw the said James Peterson the testator in the above will named, sign and seal the same and heard him publish pronounce, and declare the within writing as his last will and testament and at the doing thereof the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory as far as this deponent knows and as he verily believes and that John A. Clement and Daniel Baker the other subscribing witnesses were present at the same time and signed their names as witnesses to the said will together with this deponent in the presence of the testator

Done & subscribed at Mays Landing this 9th day of May, 1841 before me Jos. Thompson Clerg

Joseph Emdicote

Joseph Thompson Surrogate of the County of Atlantic do certify the foregoing seal record commencing on page 128 to be a true copy of the last will and testament of James Peterson late of the County of Atlantic deceased and of the probate thereof and that James Peterson and Josiah Peterson the Executors therein named proved the same before me and are duly authorized to take upon themselves the administration of the estate of the said testator agreeably to said will

Witness my hand and seal of Office this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one Joseph Thompson Surrogate

Will of John Babcock

In the name of God amen I John Babcock of the Township of Egg Harbour in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey being of sound disposing mind memory and understanding (for which blessing I thank God) do make & publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following That is to say

First It is my will and I do hereby order & direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied by my Executors as soon as conveniently can be after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Abby Babcock in addition to her right of dower at common law the following articles to wit one bed and what bedding she may choose for the same one table one bureau half dozen chairs one rocking chair carpet one looking glass one clock and such other articles as she may want to keep house with and all the money I may have in the house where I now live to reside in at the time of my decease and also the privilege of the back parlor place room next the river in the house where I now live to reside in during the term of her natural life

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Babcock the following described tract of land and meadow land situate in the Township of Meymouth in the County of Atlantic aforesaid between Luckahoe and Middle River

and is bounded as follows viz Beginning at a stake standing at the mouth of Swan Pond Creek where it puts into Middle River thence South fifty five degrees West twenty three chains and fifty links to the first fork of Swan Pond Creek thence the same course three chains and fifty links to a stake standing in James Boring line thence North twenty six degrees West forty seven chains and fifty links to Middle River thence North seventy degrees East still binding by said Middle River thirty two chains to a stake thence South twenty six degrees East still binding by said River thirty one chains to the place of Beginning containing one hundred acres be the same more or less which said tract of meadow I give and bequeath to my said John Babcock his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto son Beasley Babcock all the following described tract of land situate in the Township of Egg Harbour County of Atlantic and State aforesaid and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a white oak tree near the mouth of a small creek on the north side and running thence up the said Creek bounding thereby to Godfroy's line thence binding on said line the several courses thereof until it strikes a pine tree that is broke off about twelve feet up it made for a corner to John Budds land thence by Budds line to a branch where it strikes Dickson's line thence down said line thence down said line and run till it strikes Egg Harbour River thence up said River to the place of Beginning containing about seventy five acres more or less It being the homestead or place whereon I now live to him my said son Beasley Babcock and to his heirs and assigns forever excepting thereout the privilege of the back fire place room next the River herein before bequeathed to my wife Abby during her natural life

Item It is my will and I do order and direct all the residue of my estate both Real and Personal be sold by my Executors hereinafter named as soon as convenient after my decease and the money arising from the sales thereof to be equally divided between my following named children To wit Joseph Babcock John Babcock Sarah A. Smith wife of James Smith Elizabeth English wife of Isaac English Rachel Nicholson wife Michael Nicholson Beasley Babcock and Louisa Blackman wife of Schuniah Blackman share and share alike Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Joseph Babcock and John Babcock Executors of 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 forty nine 1849

signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said John Babcock as his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other have set our hands as witnesses the day and year above mentioned

John Babcock

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