

## Gloucester County, New Jersey

### Will of John Rowand

(1723 - 1760)

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Names listed with relationship or function as indicated in the document (surnames in parentheses are married names of females):

S Blackwood, surrogate  
John Hillman, executor & uncle  
Mary Matlack, witness  
John Maxwell, witness  
Abigail Rowand, daughter  
Alexander Rowand, son  
Jacob Rowand, son  
James Rowand, son & executor  
John Rowand, son  
Joseph Rowand, son  
Mary Rowand, daughter  
Sarah (Rowand), wife  
[unborn] Rowand  
George Weed, witness

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John Rowand

Record<sup>d</sup> in Lib 9 folio 400

Gloucester County 1760

?? Sealed

In the Name of God Amen this 23 Day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty I John Rowand of Waterford in the County of Glouster & province of west New Jersey calling to mind the Mortality of my Body which being weak and in ?? but of perfect mind and memory Do Constitute this my Last will and testament In form and manner following first of all I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving wife Sarah Rowand a Case of walnut High ?? a Round walnut table and a walnut tea table a Great ?? Chair half a dozen of Black Chairs all the peuter she shall see fit to keep the Best

Fether Bed & Bed stead with all ?? furniture Her mare and sadle all the ?? & Glass ware such as plates & drinking glasses ?? ?? Large looking glass and twenty pounds in Cash the best hand irons fire shovel and tongs half a dozen of silver tea spoons & all the tea ?? the best tea kettle.

Secondly I Give and Bequeath unto my Sons and Daughters viz Jacob Rowand John Rowand Joseph Rowand Alexander Rowand Abigail Rowand & Mary Rowand (and the one my wife is now pregnant with if it should live to be born) all my ?? and Real Estate after my just debts are paid to be Equally Divided amongst them to be paid to them by their Executors hereafter mentioned when the Boys shall arive at the age of twenty one years and the Girls at ?teen years of age and it is my will that the Boys should be put out ?? Lern trades assoon as they are Capable to such trades as they shall ?????? and order my loving son James Rowand and my unkle John Hillman to be Executors to this my last will and testament and further more I do impower and authorize them to sell all my Real Estate as ?? and lands with all my moveables Except what I have Given to my wife as ?? and all the money to be put out to Interest after my Just Debts are paid and the Interest to be paid to my wife Sarah Rowand so long as she shall continue a widow and no longer But then to be kept for sd Children. and this I acknowledge to be my Last will and testament revoking & ?sanuling all other former wills and testaments whatsoever and in writing where of I have unto set my hand and seal the Day and year above writen.  
Signed sealed & declared to be his Last will and testament in the presence of us.

[signed] John Maxell

[signed] Mary Matlack

[signed] George Weed

[signed] John Rowand

John Maxwell and Mary Matlack two of the witnesses ?? within Will being of the People Called quakers on this solemn affirmation which they took according to Law did declare and affirm that they were present and saw John Rowand the Testator within named sign and seal the same and heard him publish Pronounce and declare the within instrument of writing to be his Last Will and Testament and that ?? the doing thereof the said Testator was of Sound and Disposing Mind and Mermory and understanding so far as they know and as they ?? Believe and that George Weed and the other subscribing ?? was present at the same time and signed his name as a witness to the same together with these affirmants in the Presence of the said Testator

Affirmed at Burlington  
21: February AD: 1760  
before

[signed]

John Maxell  
Mary Matlack

[signed] S Blackwood  
Surrogate

James Rowand and John Hillman the Executors within Named being of the people called quakers on their Solemn affirmation which they took according to Law did declare and affirm that the within Instrument of writing Contains the true Last Will & Testatment of John Rowand the Testator therein Named deceased as farr as they know and as they verily believe and that they will ?? and truly perform the Same by

paying first the Debts of the said deceased and then ?? Credits of the said deceased and therewith extend and that they ?? make and Exhibit into the ????? at Burlington True and perfect Inventory of all & singular goods chattles and credits of the said Deceased which have or shall have to their knowledge Possession or to the Possession of any other Person or persons for ?????? a just and true account when ?? Lawfully Required

Affirmed the day and year abovesaid  
before  
[signed] S Blackwood Surrogate

[signed] James Rowand  
John Hillman