

**Morris County, New Jersey**

**Will of Reuben Winget**

(1718 – 1755)

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

Robert Goble, executor  
Gideon Riggs, executor  
Ezekiel Cheever, executor  
Samuel Ollover, witness  
Stephen Wiggins, witness  
Stephen Munson, witness

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Last Will and Testament  
Reuben Winget  
Of Morris  
Proved 2 Octo<sup>r</sup>: 1755  
Recorded in Book F of Wills page 284

In the name of God Amen, this Thirteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1755. I Reuben Wingett of Morristown in the County of Morris and Province of New Jersey Merchant, being Weak of Body but of Sound Mind and Memory, blessed be God, do make, ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimus I Will and Order that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be first paid out of my Estate, by my Executors.

Item I will and Order that all my Estate Real, Personal and Mixt be sold by my Ex<sup>r</sup>, or so much, and such Parts thereof as they shall think Necessary for that purpose.

Item I Will and Order that the surplussage or Remainder of all my Estate, after my Debts are first paid out of the same (if any there shall be) be disposed of, and distributed to my Wife and Children in such manner and form, by my Executors, as they in their Prudence shall think most proper. Also I will and order that all my Children, or such of them as my Ex<sup>r</sup> shall think most proper by placed forth Apprentices by my s<sup>d</sup> Ex<sup>r</sup> according to their judgment and discretion after my Decease and in all to act jointly & severally.

Item I Constitute make and ordain my Trusty friends Robert Goble Esq Gideon Riggs, and Ezekiel Cheever, the sole Executors of this my last

Will and Testament, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the s<sup>d</sup> Reuben Winget have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the s<sup>d</sup> Reuben Winget as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers

[Signed] Reuben Winget

[Signed] Samuel Ollover  
Stephen Wiggins  
Stephen Munson

Be it Remembered that on the second day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty five. Before me Thomas Barrow duly authorised to prove Wills personally came Samuel Ollover and Stephen Munson two of the within Witnesses and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists do Depose that they were present and saw Reuben Winget the Testator written named Sign and Seal the within written Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge & as they verily believe and that at the same time Stephen Wiggins was present and Signed as a witness as did they also sign as witnesses in the Testators presence.

[signed] Tho<sup>s</sup> Barrow

Be it also Remembered that at the same time Robert Goble, Gideon Riggs and Ezekiel Cheever came before me and were Sworn to the due Execution of the within Will in the usual form.

[signed] Tho<sup>s</sup> Barrow