

Dorcas Cramer will- 1849

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In the name of God Amen. I Dorcas Cramer of the township of Little Egg Harbor County of Burlington and State of New Jersey being of sound mind memory and understanding (for which blessing I thank God) do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First- It is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

Second Item- I give and bequeath unto my three sons George . . . Charles and Uriah Cramer Five Dallars each to be paid to them by my executors hereinafter named out of my Estate.

Third Item- I give and bequeath to my Two daughters Bertha Sooy and Lucy Johnson five Dollars each to be paid to them by my Executors out of my Estate.

Fourth Item - I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Marmaduke Cramer five hundred Dollars to be paid to him by my Executor out of my Estate and I also give & bequesth to him one Bedstead Bed and Bedding with a Sett of bed curtains to the same and one coverlid one Mersilles Quilt Three other quilts (from _____ quilt) two pair of Sheets one pair blankets of other Same. I also give and bequesth unto him the said Marmaduke Cramer my Mahogany Side board & Settee and the large arm Chair _____ and if the said Marmaduke Cramer should not live to arrive to the age of twenty one years then it is my will and I do order and direct that all I have bequeathed to him shall go to my Grand Daughter Hannah French Daughter of William French.

Fifth Item I give I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Hannah French aforesaid one Bedstead Bed and Bedding and one set of Bed curtains- My Mantle Clock half Dozen Windsor Chairs, one Rocking Chair one breakfast Table one Mahogany Bureau one Trunk and I also give to her five hundred Dollars to be paid to her by my Executors out of my Estate.

Sixth Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah Sooy (late Robbins) one Bedstead Bed and bedding One set of Bed Curtains a half Dozen Chairs one Arm Chair and I also give and bequeath unto her Three hundred Dollars to be paid to out out of my Estate by my Executors after my decease.

Seventh Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Margaret Basaw (late Robbins) One hundred Dollars to be paid to her by my Executors out of my Estate

Eight Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Robbins One hundred Dollars to be paid to her by me Executors out of my Estate

Ninth I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Robbins One hundred Dollars to be to him by me Executors as aforesaid

Tenth Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Darby Three hundred Dollars to be paid to her by my Executors out of my Estate as aforesaid.

Eleventh Item I give and devise to my Grandson Lorenzo D. Robbins Five hundred Dollars to be paid to him by my Executors out of my Estate after my decease.

Twelfth Item I give and Bequeath unto my Grand Son Isaac F. Cramer Seven hundred Dollars to be paid to him by my Executor after my Decease out of my Estate as aforesaid.

13th Item It is my will and I do hereby order & direct (that after my decease) My Executor to Sell all of my Personal property not herein bequesthed together with all my Real Estate Including the plantation on which I now live together with all of the Meadows Swamps or other real Estate that I may _____ seized of at the time of my Decease and after paying over the Specific Legacies herein devised if a Ballance of money should remain from said Sales of perssonal & real Estate then I do order and direct my Executor to pay over the Ballance to my Eight Grand Children herein named Share and Share alike - Lastly I hereby appoint my faithful and trusty friend Samuel S. Downs of the Township County and State aforesaid Executor to this my last Will and testament as Witness my hand and seal this twelvth Day of January In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six.

Signed Sealed published and
Declared by the Said Dorcas
Cramer to be her last will and
testament in the presence of us
this 12th day of Jany AD 1846

Dorcas Cramer

Charles F. Cramer
Thomas C. Sooy
Enoch Adams