

Francis French Will & Inventory- 1819

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I Francis French of the Township of Little Egg harbour in the County of Burlington & State of New Jersey being indespos in body but of a sound mind and perfect in Memory but considering the uncertainty of this mortal Life do make and Publish this my Testament and Last Will in manner and form following that is to say principally and first of all I will that my just Debts and financial Charges be paid by my two Executors herein after named. Then I authorize and give full power to my two Executors to sell one hundred acres of Meadows made in five surveys about Cape horn & Willits thoroughfare also any part of my other property that they think best in any way they choose to sell it and convey the same as fully and Lawfully as I could have done it in my lifetime so much as will Raise money to pay my Debts Except such parts as I have given to my wife and my son Thomas French. Then I give and bequesth unto my son Thomas French and to his heirs and assigns forever all that plantation that I purchased of Able Gale it Lyes in three Lotts and according to the Resurvey that I made they contain one hundred and twenty five acres. also one equal half of my share of that tract of meadows that I purchased of Caleb Cramer called the Schofield meadow. Likewise a tract of pine & oak Land that I purchased of Sykes survey for forty Eight acres, but under this _____ that is he shall not sell the tract of forty Eight acres of pine and oak Land nor any timber off of it under six years and During the said six years My other sons Jacob & William French shall have Equal Right with my son Thomas to cut timber for their own building on their place or places but Jacob & William shall have no more Right after the six years is Expired. Then I give unto my well beloved wife Phebe one half of my sawmill and Gristmill and all my household and Kitchen Furniture (Except the Clock) in perticular the Bureau and two best tables all of these I give unto her During her widow hood and also my two sons Jacob & William shall find and keep a good milk cow for my wife and provide plenty of fire wood to make her fires. Then I give and bequeath unto my son William French and to his heirs & assigns forever all my full share and Right in that meadow that I and my son Jacob French purchased of John Cramer Howel and his Mother. Then I give and bequeath unto my sons Jacob & William French and to their heirs and assigns forever all the Residue and Remainder of my Lands seder swamp & meadows with b oth the mills (Except their mother Right) and all the privilidges and profits thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining as part or parcel thereof, and all the Remainder of my moveable property (Except what I have given to my wife and them also at the Death or marriage of my said wife) to be equally Divided between these their heirs or assigns such as Cattle horses, sheep & hogs with all my former utencils and all and every thing not heretofore given away. Then I Nominate Constitute and appoint my son Jacob French & Eli Mathis my Executors to this my Testament & Last will Revoking & Disallowing all former will by me made or intended to be made Ratifying and Confirming this only to be my Testament & last will in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty sixth Day of the tenth month October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & nineteen 1819.

Signed, Sealed, Published
and Declared by the said
Francis French to be his Testament
and Last Will, in the presence of Francis French- his mark X
each other who have set our names
as Witnesses and in the presents of
the Testator.

Thomas Taylor
Joseph Oustin(?)
Peter Johnson- his mark X

An Inventory of the goods and Chattels of Francis French made the sixth Day of the Eleventh month November 1819:

Cups and apperal	20	
Book Debts, Maja Mathis \$13..32 1/2 Charles Loveland Sen. Ten \$ 6..0	19	32 1/2
George Leek \$10..58 Samuel Loveland \$5..72	16	30
Charles Loveland Junr \$5..72 William Leek \$6..16	12	8
John Cramer Howel \$1..88 Asa Mathis	3	11
Large gun \$5 Clock \$45 Stillyards \$1..00 five hives of bees \$5	55	
Hogshead & Melosses \$10 Casks in the Sellar \$3..00	13	
Log Chain & Drag Chain \$4..00 Saddle half Bushel & Iron Rods \$4..50	8	50
Fish sein <u>worss(?)</u> & Battan \$50..00 Scow & <u>Shelvans(?)</u> \$40..00	90	
Slabs at the miss \$3..00 Covered wagon two horses & harnes \$140..0	143	
Large wagon \$5 two horse wagon & Shelvans \$20..00 Bricks \$10..00	35	
two plows & one harrow \$12..00 Blacksmith tools \$15..00	27	
Lumber in the shop \$4..0 grindstone \$1..00 ox yoke Boon & Irons \$1	6	
Crosscut saw \$3..00 Iron wedge & old Iron \$1..00	4	
one cow \$12..00 Rie in the Sheaf \$12..00	24	
4 shovels & Dungfork & 3 pitch forks \$4..00 hay in the Barn \$20.0	24	
wire <u>Riddle(?)</u> \$1..50 hay in the field \$42..00 hay in the meadows \$8..00	51	50
4 sheep \$6..00 forty Cord of pine wood in the woods \$40..00	46	
Corn in the fields \$20..00 three <u>faling(?)</u> hogs \$24..00 five Store hogs \$20..00	64	
2 weeding hoes one grub hoe & one floating hoe \$3..00 one water _____	3	50
Casks in the <u>Leanture(?)</u> \$3..00 Dunghill fowls \$1..50	4	50
2 pine tables & Doughtroff \$3..00 8 chairs 4..00 Shovel, tongs hand irons & trowels \$3..00	10	
Iron pots & kettles \$6..00 gridiron & tin horn 50 cents	6	50
one old Chest 50 cents three feather beds & furniture \$90..00	90	50
Earthern & crockery ware \$3..00 one Churn, tin kettle & tin laddle \$1	4	

Appraised by us whose Names are hereunto subscribed

Thomas Taylor
Charles Adams