

Isaac Cramer's Will - 12th day July 1839

[transcribed by Peter H. Stemmer from the recorded copy on microfilm in the N.J. State Archives]

In the name of God Amen. I Isaac Cramer of the Township of Little Egg Harbor in the County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey, being weak in body but sound of mind and memory and understanding, do make and publish this last will and testament in maner [sic] and form folling [sic], that is to say, 1st - It is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as can be conviently [sic] be done after my decease. 2nd - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Dorcas forever that plantation and farm where I now dwell, and all there unto belonging, such as is necessary for carrying on the farm business and all the household goods should she require them, together with my two horse wagon and her choice of as many cows as she may want. Also I bequeath unto her forever the salt meadow on the West side of the Throughfare [sic] except what I have disposed of and which I purchased of Hartshorn, and all the cash which I may have on hand together with all the money due me either on bonds or notes of hand at my decease after all my debts are satisfied, 3rd - I give and bequeath unto my son George Cramer forever the two lots of land and all thereunto belonging on which he now dwells, one of fifty acres which I purchased of my Uncle Isaac Cramer, and one of thirty six acres which I purchased of William Grant, and I also give him two lots of salt meadow lying on the East side of the Bass River, one lot containing twenty five acres and the other ten acres. 4th - I give and bequeath my son Charles Cramer, and to his heirs together the plantation and farm I purchased from my Father, and which is known by the Cavileer place, and I also give him all my land lying to the westward of a survey of twenty six acres which I took up in my own name and also the land I purchased of Samuel Sikes, bounded by land of William Allen Esq. I also give and bequeath unto him the following lots of salt meadow - one which I purchased of John (Melanafy?) of eleven acres and one of Jacob Barnhart of thirty acres and one lot of Robert Loveland of twelve acres. 5th - I give and bequeath my son Uriah Cramer and his heirs forever the plantation and Premises where he now dwells which I purchased of Maja Mathis containing eighty acres more or less. And I also give him all the upland on the Hartshorn place up to (William Pancoasts) line, then 1st east ten chains 2nd north fourteen chains along the line of the place where I now reside, then 3rd East eighteen chains, 4th - Northerly along the line of the place John Cramer purchased of Eli Mathis, to a green corner of the land I purchased of Samuel Sikes then, 5th - Five chains to a st - one cornder to the survey I purchased of same Sikes, 6th then Southeasterly along a line that was settled between me and Maja Mathis, about thirty chains to a corner standing in a swamp, 7th - then East eight chains to a cedar standing in the swamp, 8th - Southwesterly to a white oak corner to 4th lot, 9th - from said corner along John Sherman's line until it comes to aforesaid Hartshorn Survey. I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs all the salt meadows on the East side of Lovelands Throughfare [sic] which I purchased of my Father & Samuel and others. 6th - I bequeath to my Daughter Lusy [sic] Johnson and to her heirs forever the place and premises where she and her Husband now dwell, and I also give her and her heirs forever six acres of cedar swamp which I purchased of James Willetts, Which James sold for John Ridgeway and others, and I give her and her heirs forever eight acres more or less of salt meadows on Ditch point of Wading River, 7th - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Bethia Sooy the sum of six hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executors hereafter to be named, which six hundred dollars to be made out of my real and personal property, not by thereto disposed of. 8th - It is my wish and I do order my executors to sell all my real and personal property as soon as can be conviently done after my decease. And out of the money arising therefrom to pay the legacies and other charges against my estate, and should there be a balance [sic] on hand after paying all demands against my estate, it is my will that my executors pay it to my wife. 9th - and lastly, I hereby appoint my worthy friends, Jesse Evans and Charles Adams my executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 12th day of July 1839.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the same Isaac Cramer to be his testament and last will in presence of us. Edward Alloway, Nicholas Wentlings, John Forman., Charles Harker – surrogate.

Codical [sic] added to Isaac Cramer's will. July 27, 1839

I Isaac Cramer, of the Township of Little Egg Harbor in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do this 27th day of July AD 1839, make and publish this Codical [sic] to my last will and testament in the manner following. That is to say whereas since making my last will and testament 12th of July 1839, I thought it proper to give and bequeath to my grandson Marmaduke, son of my daughter Hope, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all my house and lot of land thereunto belonging, now in the possession of Derias Cramer which is commonly called the Carlisle house. And I do hereby and request my executors to pay my daughter Bethiah Sooy five hundred dollars instead of six hundred dollars as it said in my last will and testament. – In witness I have set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Witnessed by
Edward Alloways,
Book of Wills E
Mt. Holly N.J.

His
Isaac Cramer
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(note the X as he must have been too
sick to write his name, his signature was
on the first will.)

Nicholas Wentlings, John Forman.
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Inventory of the goods or chattle weights and credits in part of Isaac Cramer

Dec. 9, 1839 by Jesse Evans and Charles Adams, Executors & William Allen, Esq. & Micajah Mathis, two disinterested Freeholders Dec. 9, 1839

Purse	\$125.46	
Cash in hand Jesse Evans		500.00
Bedding & Bedsteds [sic]		70.00
One chest	2.00	
One mahogany sideboard		15.00
One cherry Breakfast table		5.00
One Windsor chair	8.00	
One Yanky [sic] clock	9.00	
Two looking glasses & Old chest		6.50
One set of Crockery etc.	7.00	
Indian corn in crib	450.00	
Hay in Mows	250.00	
15 head of cattle	165.00	
2 scows one nearly new	15.00	

Notes

Maja Mathis for	49.17
Eli Mathis for	41.18
Charles Loveland for	18.00 (Doubtful)
Edward Johnson for	13.03
Job Weeks for	59.53
Marshall Mathis for	110.00
Samuel Loveland for	7.05 (Doubtful)
William W. Cramer for	36.25
<u>William G. Leek for</u>	<u>17.83</u>

Total of everything	\$2,492.87
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