

William Fischer of Heidelberg Township in Berks County
in Pennsylvania am at present weak and sick in Body, yet, God be
thanked in good Understanding and Memory I have considered
the mortality of Men and I make herewith my Last Will
and Testament in the following Manner

First I commend my immortal Soul into the Hands of the great and
merciful God which gave me the same, and my Body to the Earth
~~to be buried~~, whence it was taken, to be buried in a Christian-like
Manner - And that all my just Debts shall be paid
out of my personal Estate by my Executors herein after
named

30ly I give and bequeath, or to say I Give Devise and Bequeath
to my Son Peter Fischer, as the eldest of my Sons, four several
Pieces of Land ^{are contiguous} which ~~are together and bounded by~~ ~~lie in Heidelberg~~
~~County of Berks~~ ~~and are bounded by~~ ~~the following~~
~~at present dwelling adjoining~~ Michael Schneck and George
Hahn's Land and is distinguished in a general Draught or Plan
which I have caused to be made for this Purpose and signed with
my own Hand the fifteenth Day of January in the Year
of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, in
which Draught or Plan the said four Pieces of Land are distin-
guished with the Letter A. I say I give and bequeath the same
Land to him to have and to hold to him my Son Peter
Fischer and his Heirs and Assigns for ever for which he
shall pay to my Executors hereafter mentioned or the Survivor
of them the Sum of two hundred and seventy Pounds current
Money of Pennsylvania within the Time of twelve
Months after my Decease

31ly I give and bequeath to my Son ~~to my Son~~ Philip Fischer
three several Pieces ^{of Land} which are contiguous lying in Heidelberg
apreced

aforsaid, whereon he at present dwells and all these Pieces of Land
are distinguished in my general Plan with the Letter B. I say
I give and bequeath the same Lands to my Son Philip
Fischer to have and to hold to him and his Heirs and
Assigns for ever Upon Condition that he and his Heirs
and Assigns shall from Time to Time and at all
Times Spring and Summer suffer the Water to pass in the
Run or Creek two Days and two Nights successively in every
Week for ever for the use and Benefit of his Brother's Land
which joins him. And shall pay to my Executors
the Sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds current Money of
Pennsylvania within twelve Months after my Decease

A. S. H. L. Y. I give and bequeath to my Son John Fischer ^{three} several Pieces
of Land in the Township of Heidelberg aforsaid which are
distinguished in my general Plan with the Letter C. I say I
~~give and bequeath to my Son John Fischer to have and to hold to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever~~
Upon Condition that he his Heirs and Assigns shall not
divest or convey the Run or Creek, and shall not ^{erect or stop} trust the
Dam and Watercourse which is made and digged on the said
Land and is in Use, but my Son Michael Fischer and his
Heirs and Assigns for ever shall have full Privilege of
the said Run Dam Watercourse or Drain to his and their
own Use and Benefit for the Watering of his and their
adjoining Meadow therewith and as and where they shall
find beneficial And shall have full Liberty at all Times to repair
and cleanse the said Dam Watercourse and Drain and to pass &
repass up and down thereby with Carriages and ~~Horses~~ ^{Horses} and Men
without Hindrance as often as they shall find beneficial according to
the true Intent and Meaning hereof] And my Son John
Fischer shall pay to my Executors for the same the Sum of two
hundred and ninety Pounds current Money of Pennsylvania
within twelve Months after my Decease

5^{thly}

I give and bequeath to my Son Henry Fischer a Piece of Land in Heidelberg aforesaid where he at present dwells adjoining Henry Käfers Land and is distinguished in my general Plan or Draught with the Letter D I say I give and bequeath the same Land to my Son Henry Fischer to have and to hold to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever for which he shall pay to my Executors the Sum of two hundred and eighty Pounds current Money of Pennsylvania within twelve Months after my Death

6^{thly}

I give and bequeath to my Son Michael Fischer three several Pieces of Land which are distinguished in my said Plan with the Letter E it is ~~his~~ my present Dwelling Place and adjoins to Christian Käfers Land with all the Buildings I give and bequeath to my Son Michael Fischer, ^{to have and to hold to him} and his Heirs and Assigns for ever Upon Condition that my Son Peter Fischer and his Heirs and Assigns for ever shall have the privilege to lead the Water, dammed up with a Dam ~~not~~ very far from my Dwelling House, along a Watercourse or Drain to water his Meadow lying down the said Stream yet ~~that it shall be done~~ ~~with regularity~~ ~~and~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~care~~ ~~and~~ ~~attention~~ ~~as~~ ~~is~~ ~~usual~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~place~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~seen~~ ~~at~~ ~~present~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~place~~ ~~where~~ ~~the~~ ~~said~~ ~~dam~~ ~~is~~ ~~now~~ ~~standing~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~bound~~ ~~to~~ ~~maintain~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~the~~ ~~said~~ ~~dam~~ ~~and~~ ~~Watercourse~~ ~~or~~ ~~Race~~ ~~from~~ ~~Time~~ ~~to~~ ~~Time~~ ~~so~~ ~~often~~ ~~as~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~necessary~~ And my Son Michael Fischer shall pay to my Executors the Sum of six hundred Pounds current Money of Pennsylvania within twelve Months Time after my Decease

7^{thly}

And it is my Will and Order that my Executors as soon as possibly may be after my Decease shall sell all my personal Estate by public Vendue and shall divide all the Money thence arising with all such Sums of Money as my Sons shall pay for their Land into eleven equal Shares among my Children, to wit, one eleventh part to my Son Peter and so forth to Philip, John, Henry, Michael, Francis, Luideich and George Fischer and to my Daughters Elisabeth, Susannah and Rosina or to their Heirs in Case one of my Children shall then be deceased And as much as each Child hath received from me in my Life Time so much they shall receive left in the Distribution - My eldest Daughters shall have their Shares first All such Sums they will find regularly set down in a Memorandum Book

8^{thly}

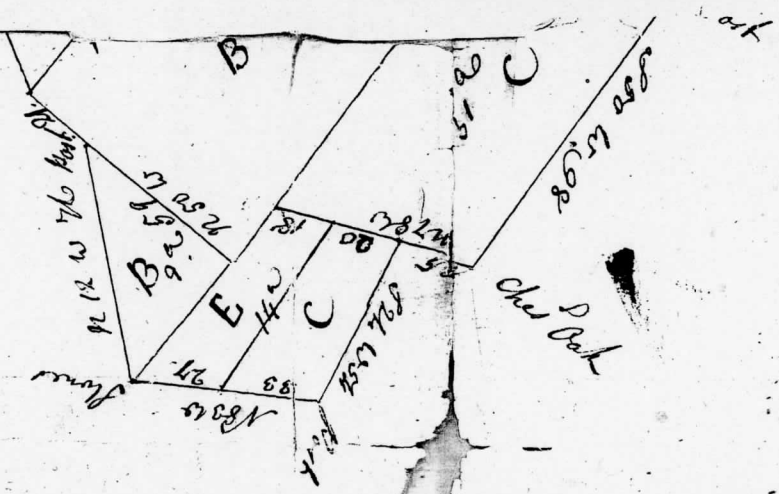
I hereby give full Strength Power and Authority to my Executors

after named or to the Survivors and Survivor of them to sign seal and acknowledge to each of my above named Sons to whom I have bequeathed Land, as soon as they have paid the full Sum for their Land, according as they pay, a good Deed for their bequeathed Land according to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever agreeable to such Plan or Draught as is annexed to this Testament, if the same shall be necessary And if at any Time it shall be found that the Surveyor has committed an Error in ~~now~~ describing the Lines, Courses or ~~or~~ Marks in my general Plan, yet the Deed shall be made according to the ~~Lines~~ Lines and ~~Marks~~ Marks that were surveyed to each of my Sons and as they have the same in Possession according to the true Intent and Meaning hereof

Lastly I ordain nominate and appoint my Son Peter Tischer and by Son in Law John Heckerst of Heidelberg to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament And I ~~make~~ herewith make null and void all and singular Will and Testament by me heretofore made and ratify this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the second Day of November 1768.

Signed sealed and by William
acknowledged in our presence
at his Request as Witnesses hereunto
Subscribed.

Michael Schmöhl
Peter Ruth
Friedrich Weitzel.



Be it remembered and I do hereby order that all the Pieces of Land in the above Draught marked with the Letter A I bequeath unto my Son Peter and to his Heirs forever. likewise the Letter B to my Son Philip. likewise the Letter C to my Son John, likewise the Letter D unto my Son Henry. and the Letter E unto my Son Michael for each and every of them & their Heirs or Representatives to hold forever according to the above Plan, Witness my Hand the 15th Day of January 1763.

Signed in Presence of us.

William Pitt

Michael Smith
 George Smith
 Michael Smith
 George Smith

