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John Weiser or Neiser. \$200 gold or silver. My son John  
to be his guardian. Sons Daniel & John & Samuel  
High Ex<sup>rs</sup>. wit by. Wm Reiser & Dand. Bartolet.

Nicholas Arnold - Greenwich.

Jan 8 1781 - Mar 10 1781

Sons Peter & John Nicholas. shall each have 2 shares  
of my Est. & dau. Catharina Magdalena shall each  
have one share. & the fourth dau [not named] shall have  
no share. because she has already rec'd her legacy. Bro  
Philip Arnold Ex<sup>r</sup>. Test signed x. wit by. Casper  
Weston & Benedict Keller - Translation

Martin Rehr. Hereford. B-21

Mar 30 1780 - Apr 6 1781. ~~Not Rec.~~

Provides for wife Anna Marie. To eldest son  
Matthias 5/1 for his birthright - everything to be sold  
& div in equal shares among chil. who are not  
named. Andrew Siefrid & Michael Hoffman Ex<sup>rs</sup>  
wit by. Andreas Siegfried - Henry Gibson.

Jacob Strauss - Bern.

Mar 5 1781 - Apr 11 1781.

To wife Elisabeth all Est. until youngest child is 14.  
when the place shall be appraised & eldest son Albrecht  
shall have the first right to it & maintain the mother.  
other chil not named. wife Elisabeth & John Brecht Ex<sup>rs</sup>  
wit by Henry Schebler. Valentine Rüber - Translation

Maria Elisabetha Youngman. Oley. Apr 7 1786  
Adm to Thomas + Elias Youngman. 2 of the sons

Nicholas Weiment - Reading - Apr 10 1786  
Adm to Clara Weiment - the widow.

Daniel Kieffer. Brecknock.

Apr 17 1786 - Apr 27 1786. Translation  
All Est. Real + Personal to wife Catharina. dur.  
ing widowhood. afterwards to be shared among my  
2 child leaving heirs. none of whom are named ex.  
cept eldest son Peter. Richard Adam + Chris.  
topher Hefft. Ex<sup>rs</sup>. wit by Henry + Schlabach +  
Henry Brendel Sr.

Jacob Siegfried. Robeson.

Mar 4 1786 - May 3 1786 B. 183  
Provides for wife. <sup>Elizabeth</sup> ~~not~~ named. After her dec. my  
2 sons Jacob + George. may take the place at the  
appraisement. To dau Mary <sup>±</sup> 80. Rem equally div.  
Adm to Elizabeth + Jacob Siegfried - wit by  
Henry Treat + Solomon Neidig.

George Henry Weidengrundle. Rockland.

Feb 2 1786 - May 10 1786 B. 187

Martin Kamp. Albany - Aug 12 1790  
Adm to Catharine the widow.

John Adam Fidler - Heidelberg - Aug 12 1790  
Adm to Elisabeth the widow

Nicholas Strasser - Albany - Aug 21 1790  
Adm to John Strasser - eldest son.

Helena Yerger. wid of Geo. Reading - Aug 27 1790  
Adm to John Yerger atty of Adam Brouss. next of kin.

Jacob Gucker. Rockland - Sept 17 1790  
Adm to Hester the widow.

William Kreachbaum. Bethel. Sept 27 1790  
Adm to John Adam eldest son & Peter second son.

Adam Kehle - Alsace - Oct 20 1790  
Adm to Martin Kehle - eldest son.

Adam Kline. Sunbury - Northumberland Co.  
Adm to George Sheily & Peter Gehrhart - sons in law  
Nov 5 1792

Catherine Winger. Tulpehocken. Jan 4 1793  
Adm to Silvester Rein. a creditor.

Lawrence Hamma - soldier in American Army.  
Adm to Daniel Angst - Bro in law - Jan 7 1793

Conrad Rine. Windsor - Jan 7 1793.  
Adm to Christian Weber. son in law - Anastasia  
the widow - renouncing.

Jacob Arnold. soldier in Capt Levergoods Co.  
Adm to Philip Arnold. Father - Mar 25 1793.

Margaret Gilbert. Colebrookdale - Feb 4 1793.  
Adm to George & Henry Gilbert. Sons.

Adam Gehrert. Soldier in Col Miles' Regt  
Adm to John Gehrert. eldest Bro - Feb 6 1793

George Marx. Berks Co.

Apr 15 178 - Feby 4 1796 B. 448

All Est to wife Elizabeth - wife & son George Ex<sup>ts</sup> - wit by  
Martin Withington & Paul Lebo.

Conrad Arnold. Windsor.

Jan 29 1796 - Mar 9 1796 Translation

Provides for wife Maria. To dau Catharine - all that  
I have. to wit the land & rem. Est. when she is 18. Mentions  
that there are \$50 due from a legacy from her Father to my first  
wife Susanna. this dau Catharine shall also have. Henry  
Keller Ex. wit by Jacob Kummerer - Philip Mower.

Jeremiah Ziemer. Brecknock.

Nov 20 1793 - Mar 14 1796 Translation

Mentions 20 Bonds of \$20 each. given by son Henry & now  
Assigned by me to Andrew Borgert. Gives \$<sup>the 5</sup> of said Bonds  
to said Borgert. 5. to Chil of deed dau Christine - & 5 to  
son Henry. Rem to son Henry. son in law Andrew Bor-  
gert & chil of deed dau Christine. son Henry Ex - Test  
signed & wit by John Bear. George Gebhard.

Wolfgang Haga. Reading.

Dec 23 1791 - Mar 15 1796 B. 432

Provides for wife Dorothea. To only dau Susanna  
wife of Peter <sup>Ganter</sup> Conder of Lancaster. All rem of Est. wife  
Dorothea Ex. Letters to son in law Peter Ganter. wid being  
deed. Test signed & wit by William Fosig & Christian Madeira

Rudolph Detweiler - Tulpehocken.

Apr 17 1794 - Nov 8 1797. B-478

To eldest son Christian  $\frac{1}{5}$ . Est to be sold & the proceeds & the Bonds against Joseph Seifert. div. Among all Chil in equal shares. Refers to Hoons & Idaus. but does not name them. Son Jacob Es. Test signed R.D. with by Philip Lash & Dan Ludwig. 29.

Ludwig Sermann. Bern.

Oct 2 1797. Nov 10 1797 Translation

To wife Catherine my Plantation in Bern. as long as she lives Plantation whereon I yet dwell to be sold. Mentions that "my children by both wives shall inherit one like the other" - but none are named except Eberhard & John Es. with by Michael Shook & Henry Götzel.

Philip Arnold - Greenwich

Apr 27 1790. Nov 16 1797. Translation

Provides for wife Anna Elizabeth. To sons Philip & George my Plantation in Greenwich. Cont 88 acres. Son Jacob. has had his inheritance. To son Franz  $\frac{1}{3}$ . in full. To dau Elizabeth  $\frac{1}{5}$ . & no more. To dau Catharine  $\frac{1}{5}$ . & no more. To dau Susanna  $\frac{1}{20}$  & no more. wife to hold land until sons are 21. Friend Henry Kohler Es. with by Philip Opp. Michael Bolick

Craft Heiner - Reading.

June 22 1797. Nov 15 1797.

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George Sebastian Krauser. Alsace.

Jan'y 21 1797 - Feb'y 11 1799. Translation  
 Provides for wife Juliana Elisabeth. & the Rem. to son  
 Balsen. - he paying to my son Adam 5/1. & to my daug  
 Maria Fischer. Dorothea Suttler & Magdalena Davis  
 \$100 each in the Bonds which I have recd from my son  
 Balsen in their names. Sons Adam & Balsen Exrs. with by  
 Johannes Siegel. Benj<sup>n</sup> Spyer Jr.

Conrad Strasser - Windsor

No date - Feb'y 12 1799. Translation  
 Provides for wife Christina. directs that the 3 youngest  
 boys shall learn trades when 16 years old. & Est div in  
 equal parts among heirs. who are not named. Letters  
 to Conrad. eldest son. & Andrew Smith. a friend. with by  
 Jacob Shappel & Johann Georg Voigt.

Martin Clever. Hereford.

June 12 1797. Feb'y 28 1799. 18 559  
 Provides for wife Magdalene. after her dec. my messuge  
 & 9 acres of land & 26 acres of woodland. shall be sold. &  
 all Est div into 2 shares. To eldest dau Catherine & her  
 husband Nicholas Mertz. & To the Chil. of youngest dau  
 Mary wife of Martin Eisenhouer. Friends Jacob Geary &  
 Casper Geaikel Exrs. with by Henry Schlicher &  
 Jacob Geary.

Jacob Richard - Reading - Oct 24 1799  
 Adm to Elizabeth - the wid & Frederick Weitzel

George Hauck - Windsor - Oct 28 1799  
 Adm to George Adam - son. Elizabeth - the wid - renoun<sup>cing</sup>

Henry Beates - Reading - Nov 1 1799  
 Adm to Peggy - the wid. & Daniel Rose Esq.

John Reitmeyer - Reading - Nov 8 1799  
 Adm to Anna - the widow.

Ludwig Hueyerl - Cumru - Nov 13 1799  
 Adm to John Beaver of Massatawmy & Dewalt Beaver  
 of Ches Co. Bro in law. & Jacob Hueyerl. a Bro - <sup>wid. renounced</sup>

Paul Ege - Reading - Nov 19 1799  
 Adm to Margaret - the wid & George Shoemaker.

Michael Frankhousen - Brecknock. Dec 2 1799  
 Adm to Michael - only son -

John Brosious - Pinegrove - Nov 21 1799  
 Adm to Maria - the wid. & Leonard Emrieh.

Catharine Link - widow - Berks Co. Nov 30 1799  
 Adm to Henry Heiser - stepson.

To Solomon Williams 2 sheep. To Lewis Williams a cow  
 Son in law Wm Williams Esq. Test signed & witt by  
 Daniel Spencer. John Keller.

John McKnight. Union. Apr 4 1808  
 Adm to David a son.

James Grinding. Reading. Apr 6 1808  
 Adm to George Heim a friend.

Archibald McAllister. Berks Co. Apr 8 1808  
 Adm to Daniel Moyer a friend.

Nicholas Strauser. Windsor. Apr 14 1808  
 Adm to John Strauser a Bro.

John Adam Brett. Windsor. May 7 1808  
 Adm to Mary the widow

Philip Heck. Maiden Creek. May 9 1808  
 Adm to Maria the widow

Casper Skill. Windsor. May 10 1808  
 Adm to John Moyer a friend.

John Deturk. Exeter. May 12 1808  
 Adm to Elizabeth the wid. & Abraham a son.

Mengel - Magdalena Kehn. & the step. Bros & sisters of my wife. viz John Adam Ruth. Susanna Fisher. Molly Kehn Anna Maria Kehn & Daniel Ruth. Broos & sisters chil- to have equal shares. & the 5 stepbro & sisters to have as much as 2 of my Broos & sisters chil. To George Bro Henryson & Marg. 13<sup>th</sup> Frantz dau. \$50. over above. William Adams [son of John] & John Ruth. Bro Frantz son Ex - wibby Polly Decker - John Spayd

Daniel Wentzel - Oley.

May 23 1811 - Dec 22 1812. Translation

To son Daniel. the place in Oley "where the old Father Daniel Wentzel lives" - To son John. the place in Alsace of which he has bought 1/2 from his Father for \$600 - To dau Charina or her husband Matthias 1/2atter \$500. Provides for wife Margretha. Nicholas Bayer Ex. Letters to son Daniel. Ex named renouncing. Test signed & - wibby Nicholas Bayer. Alexander Schlottman.

Anna Elizabeth Arnold. wid. Greenwich.

June 24 1811. Dec 26 1812. <sup>of Philip</sup> Translation

To son John Haas - \$10. To the 2 chil of dau Susanna. viz. Solomon & Elizabeth Schlauch \$12. To step son Francis Arnold \$4. To Esther dau of son Philip Arnold \$5. in advance of the Rem. 1/2 to Chil. of Philip Arnold & the other 1/2 to son John George Arnold who is also Ex. Test signed & - wibby. Jacob Giff - Nicholas Fisher

BERKS COUNTY, PA.  
Frederick Möhrs - Reading

Mar 22 1816 - Apr 23 1816 D. 172

Provides for wife Maria. inc House & lot in Reading during  
life - Est to 4 chil: viz. Daniel. John. Peter & Rebecca in equal  
shares. wife & son Daniel Ex<sup>rs</sup>. wit by George Machamer.  
Henry Betz. Letters. C. J. A. To John Möhrs. Dec 5 1836. Ex<sup>rs</sup> being <sup>decd</sup>

Eleanor Mower. Amity.

Aug 28 1816 - - Sept 7 1816 - D. 167.

All Est div. between my oldest sister Mary wife of Joshua  
Folmer & the 2 chil of sister Hannah decd wife of Henry  
Roths - Jacob A. Beyer Ex<sup>r</sup>. Test signed & wit by John  
Zeller. Henry Herner.

Frederick Rieth - Tulpehocken. Jan 4 1816  
Adm to Peter Rieth. Bro.

Frederick Dies. Reading. Jan 8 1816  
Adm to George Snell. friend. wid. renouncing

Henry Keiser. Kutztown. Jan 23 1816  
Adm to Daniel. son & Elizabeth. dau.

John Gosler. Reading. Jan 31 1816  
Adm to Elizabeth. the wid. Jacob. son

John Reber - Heidelberg - Sept 28 1821  
Adm to John & Nicholas - sons.

Christopher Heffly - Windsor. Oct 1 1821  
Adm to Jacob - son & Abraham Heffner friend - John the  
eldest son renouncing.

Ebenzer Schofield - Kutztown. Oct 3 1821  
Adm to George U. Odinneimer. friend. wid. renouncing.

John Phillipy. Reading - Oct 6 1821  
Adm to John - a son & Christopher Sherer - Bro in law

John Bartolet. Wey - Oct 6 1821  
Adm to John & Daniel - sons. the wid. renouncing.

Jacob Unspach. Sulphocken - Oct 10 1821  
Adm to Adam a son - wid renouncing

Michael Sausser - Sulphocken - Oct 16 1821  
Adm to Catharine - the widow

William Arnold. Heidelberg - Oct 20 1821  
Adm to John & Jacob - sons - the wid. renouncing.

Christina Klausser - Alsace - Oct 20 1821  
Adm to John Dauterich Jr. son in law

Sons of dau Mary. the Plantation I now live on in Richmond  
 Cont about 250 acres. when 21 Subject to wifes interest  
 + payment of \$450<sup>each</sup> to their sister Catharine Kaufman.  
 Exrs. wife Catharina. Saml Kaufman & Peter Dunkle  
 Witnesses. Jacob Graff Jr. Benj Parks

Gideon Grim. Manatawney.

Mar 18 1823 - Apr 18 1823 D. 378.

To son Nathan \$25. having recd his share. To son David  
 my Plantation in Manatawney Cont. 256 acres 20 per. [except  
 70 acres] for \$1500. also stock. &c. To son Gideon \$1100  
 To son Benjamin. The mill House & 50 acres of land in Weis-  
 sentberg Twp. Lehigh Co. for \$1000. To son Joshua: 70 acres of  
 land to be surveyed from the Plantation devised to son David  
 also the tanyard & 14 acres of land in Weiscentberg Twp. aforesaid  
 To my 2 daus Hammah & Dinah Grim \$700 each. Provides  
 for wife Elizabeth. To chil. David. Gideon. Benjamin.  
 Joshua. Hammah & Dinah. a Tract of land Cont 300 acres  
 in each Penn Twp. Northampton Co. Exrs. sons David & Benjamin  
 Witnesses - Henry Grim. James Donagan.

Christian Grim.

Nov 21 1823 - Dec 8 1823 D: 380.

All Real & Personal Est to remain in the hands of my friend  
 Conrad Spatz. if I should die at his house. To friend  
 Jacob Becker. my large Bible. Exrs. Conrad Spatz & Martin  
 Esleman. Test signed &. Witnesses. Henry Flickinger  
 Johannes Spatz