

Peter Pennebecker's will begins on page 75 of Samuel Pennypacker's family history. The will begins at the bottom of this page, which is page 75.

of Pennsylvania", published about that time, in which he accuses Lower of being a Popish emissary and the Germans of being in league with the French.

The family Bible of Peter Pennebecker, a handsome folio of 1103 pages with profuse notes published at Basel in 1736, now belongs to me. Beside the family record, he has made several entries upon its blank leaves. Among them are these:

"In the year of our Lord 1754 on the 24th day of Aprile New Steel Dyed my father Henrery Pennebecker of about a 5 minutes Sickness about 80 years and two weeks old and left seven Elive Childer behinde."

"On the 24 day of March 1765 fell a snow about two foot deep throw out on the Level Ground. wrote as a memorandum for them that come after

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other people write of two foot and a half deep. 2 1/2
and the same winter fell a snow three foot deep which
fell some time in January 1765 "

Peter was the wealthiest and most influential of the sons of Heinrich. According to the inventory made after his death, which occurred June 28 1770, his property was valued at £ 4230 - 18 - 4d.

In those days such a sum was a considerable fortune. He was buried in the Mennonite grave yard on the Skippack. His will was as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen this 26th day of September Anno Domini 1765 I Peter Pennebecker of Port Jervis and Skippack Townships and County of Philadelphia Yeoman being weak and sick in body Butt

in Perfect Mind and Memory. Thanks be given unto God
therefore Calling unto Mind the Mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die
I make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testa-
ment.

I impress it is my will and I Do order that in the
First Place all my just debts and funeral charges be
Paid and Satisfied by my Executors as I shall hereafter
Nominate and appoint.

Item it is my will and I Do order that my beloved
Wife Elizabeth Painebaker shall have the use of my
Plantation where I now live on till my Son Samuel
arrives to the age of Twenty one year and further I Give
and Bequeath unto my Wife Elizabeth aforesaid as much
of my Household goods as Shee hath a mind of for her
own Proper Use and Behooff forever -

Item it is my will and I Do order that my wife Eliza-
beth aforesaid from and after my Son Samuel is arrived
to the age of Twenty one year and that he hath the
plantation on which I now Dwell on and which I
shall hereafter Will and Bequeath to him Shee shall
have the Priviledge and the hole use of the two

Rooms at the East End of my house where I now
live in and half of the Garden Belonging to the
House and at her Choice to choose what half Shee
pleases and one of my Orchards the nearest to the
Branch and use of the Soller under the sayd House
as much as Shee hath Need of and free Priviledges
uninterrupted to Pass and repass in any part of my
Sayed House or Plantation and free egress and regress

to me, Well or Springs of Water, and further I give and Bequeath unto my aforesaid Beloved wife Elizabeth the Sum of Twenty four Pounds Lawfull money of the Province of Pennsylvania to be payd unto her Yearly by my Executors out of my intress money During the Time as Shee Shall Remain my Widow But if my wife Elizabeth Should marry again then and in such Case it is my Will and I do order that instead of the aforesaid Twenty four pounds Shee Shall have But twelve pound and Shall have no Right at all no more on my Premises.

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Samuel Paine buter all my Plantation where I now dwelle on with all the Buildings and Improvements therunto Belonging Lying and Being on the East Side of Pottjomen Creek to him his Heirs and Assigns forever and my sayd Son Samuel Paine buter Shall Keep for my sayd wife Elizabeth one cow with my wife Shall have the Right of choosing out of my flock as he keeps his own During her Natural life but if Shee Should marry then Shee is to take the cow with her, and shee is to have a Horse out of my flock, the choice and to be kept by payd her all one as the cow, and my sayd Son Samuel his Heirs and Assigns is to provide for his sayd Mother after the Plantation is come to his hands fire wood ready cutt to her hands haled to the Dore as much as Shee both need of, and further it is my will and I do order that my sayd Son Samuel Shall live with his Mother and as an obedient and duttiful son serve her till he is arrived to the age of Twenty one year, and he his Heirs and Assigns to per-

form all the artikles and Covenants Willed and Bequeathed
to his Mother Butt if my payd Son Samuel Should De-
cease before he is arived to the age of Twenty one year or
if he should dye without leaving Lawfull Issue then and
in such Case my son William Pennbatter Shall be intituled
to all the Rights and Priviledges which my son Samuel was
intituled to Provided he perform all and every the Covenants
and artikles as his Brother Samuel was Bound to Perform
and to pay all the Legacis which I shall hereafter men-
tion as is to be payd by him

Item - it is my Will and I Do order that my Son Samuel
or his heire or executors or administrators Shall Pay or
Cause to be payd the sum of Thirtie Pound to my Ex-
ecutors when he is arived to the age of twenty two year
and then yearly and every year the sum of thirty pound
till the sum of Three Hundred and fifty Pound be fully
payd -

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son William Penn
batter all the Plantation which my son John had in
his possession Lying on the North side of Portjoven
Creek according to the Boundary thereof with all the
Buildings and Improvements therunto Belonging, to him
his Heirs and assigns forever by Paying the following
Legacis that is to say the sum of Thirtie Pound Lawfull
money of Pennsylvania to be payd by him or his execu-
tors and Administrators to my Executors one year after
he takes possession of the Premises and thirty Pound
every year after till the sum of three hundred
and fifty Pound be fully payd -

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my son

John Pannebaker all the Plantation Situated lying and
being in the County of Berks Containing Two hundred
and forty seven acres with the usual allowance with
all the Buildings and Improvements thereto Belong-
ing to him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Marga-
ret now wife of Courtly Dodder the sum of one Hun-
dred and fifty Pound to be payd unto her after my
decease by my Executors to be taken out of two cer-
tain obligation wherein he is obligated to me, the one
of them is one hundred and ten pound and the other
Eighty Pound

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Cath-
arina now wife of Valentim Hause the sum of one
Hundred and fifty Pound two year after my decease
to be payd to her by my Executors out of which
they are to deduct out of Sixty six Pound which her
Husband Valentim Hause has Received of me

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth
the sum of one hundred and fifty Pound four
years after my decease to be payd unto her by my
Executors deducting therout forty shillings which
she hath Received of me for a Walnut Chest

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my youngest
daughter Barbara the sum of one Hundred and fifty
Pound to be payd to her by my Executors seven
years after my decease

Item - it is my will and I do order and I Give
and Bequeath to my son Henry Pannebaker Nine
years after my decease the sum of one Hundred Pound

to be payd unto him by my Executord but if he should
Dye before that time Expire without leaving Lawfull
Issue his wife is to receive now more

Item - I Give and Bequeath unto my son Jacob Pan
nebatter the Sum of one Hundred Pound to be payd to
him by my Executord nine Years after my decease if he
lives till that time But if he should dye before that
time is Expire then shall be no more payd to his
wife

Further it is my Will and I do order that if it should
happen so and my son Samuel Should decease before he
shall arive to the age of Twenty one year or should dye
without Lawfull Issue and my son William Should
take the Place of my son Samuel then I empower
my Executord to make Sale of that Plantation which
I have now Bequeathed unto my said son William
either by Privid or Publick Sale as they see fit to the
highest Bidder, and I do hereby empower my Execu-
tord to make and execute a Title to the Purchaser as
fullly and as ample as I could have done in my
Life Time, and after all the Legacies mentioned
in this my Last Will and Testament be payd then
my Executord Shall make Equeall Distribution of
what Money is Left among all my Children -

Item - I do order and empower my Executord to sell a
certain Strip of Land adjoining Adam Rotzman, John
Pawlings and Henry Kibbels Land containing about
Seventeen Acres and I do hereby empower my Executord
to make Execute and acknowledge a Title to the Buyer
as full and ample as I could have done in my Lifetime.

Item - it is my will and I do order that whereas I have a certain Tract of Wood Land containing about fifty acres adjoining other Tracts of Land which I willed to my Son William and Henry Kuebler and Adam Protzman, my two Sons Samuel and William shall have after the space of Ten Year after my decease Priviledge of Purchasing of it at the Rate of forty Shillings per Acre jointly But if they should not choose to purchase then my Executors shall sell it to the Highest Bidder and execute a Title as fully as ample as could have done in my Life time -

Item - it is my will and I do order that after my decease and after my Wife hath taken what she hath a Liken to of my moveables and Personall Estate then my Executors shall make Publick Sale of the Remaider Except the Waggon shall be Left for the use of the Plantation between my Son Samuel and his Mother - And I do hereby Constitute appoint and nominate my Beloved wife Elizabeth and my son William to be only and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament disallowing and Revoking all other wills by me heretofore written and Repealed

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal dated the Day and year first above written

Peter Ruebaker

Signed, sealed, Pronounced, Declared and Delivered in the presence of us -

John Ruebaker of Providence, Solomon Grimes, John Koplin