

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 14th day of Aprile New Steil dyed my father Henry Pennebecker of about a 5 minute Sickness about 80 years and two weeks old and left seven Elive Childer behind."

On the 24 day of March 1765 fell a snow about two foot deep throw out on the level ground. wrote as a merandum for them that come after

Peter Pennebecker

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 - 4 d.

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

"In the Name of God Amen this 26th day of Sepber Anno Domini 1765 I Peter Pennebecker of Port Jervis and Skippack townships and County of Philadelphia Yeoman being weak and Sick in body But

in Perfect Mind and Memory. Thanks be given unto God therefore Calling unto Meind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye I make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

I mprinis it is my will and I Do order that in the first Place all my just debts and funerall 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 Pannemaker 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 aforesayd as much of my Household goods as Shee hath a Mind of for her own Proper Use and Behoff forever -

Item it is my will and I Do order that my Wife Elizabeth aforesayd 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 Roomes at the East End of my house where I now live in and half of the Gardin Belonging to the House and at her Choise to Choise what half Shee Pleases and one of my Orchits 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 Sayd House or Plantation and free egress and regress

to me, Well or Springs of Watter / and further I give and Be-
queath unto my aforesayd 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 aforesayd 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 Pame-
baker all my Plantation where I now dwell on with
all the Buildings and Improvements therunto Belonging
Lying and Being on the East Side of Portjomen Creek to
him his Heirs and Assigns forever and my sayd Son
Samuel Pamebaker shall Keep for my sayd wife
Elizabeth one cow which my wife shall have the Pri-
viledg 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
Keep by sayd son all one as the Cow / and my sayd
Son Samuell his Heirs and Assigns is to provide for his
sayd Mother after the Plantation is come to his hands
Five wood ready cutt to her hands hewed to the bore
as much as Shee hath 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
duttyful son serve her till he is arrived to the age
of Twenty one year / and he his Heirs and Assigns to pay

from all the articles and Covenants Willed and Requested to his Mother But if my sayd Son Samuel Should Decease afore he is arrived to the age of Twenty one year or if he Should dye Without Leaving Lawfull Issue then and in such Case my son William Bumbaker Shall be intiteld to all the Rights and Priviledges wick my son Samuel was intiteld to Provided he perform all and every the Covenants and articles as his Brother Samuel was Bound to Perform and to pay all the Legacies wick I shall hereafter mention as is to be payd by him.

Item - it is my Will and I do order that my son Samuel or his heirs or executors or administrators Shall Pay or Cause to be payd the sum of Thirty Pound to my Executors when he is arrived 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 Pounds be fully payd -

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son William Bumbaker all the Plantation wick my son John had in his possession Lying on the North side of Portjones Creek according to the Boundary thereof with all the Buildings and Improvements thereunto Belonging to him his Heirs and assigns forever by Paying the following Legacies that is to say the sum of Thirty Pound Lawfull money of Pensilvania to be payd by him or his executors 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 Pannemaker all the Plantation Situated Lying and
being in the County of Berks Containing Two hundred
and forty seven acres with the usuall allowance with
all the Buildings and Improvements thereunto Belong-
ing to him his Heirs and assigns forever.

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Marga-
ret now wife of Courant 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 Valentin 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 Volentin Hause has Received of me -

Item - I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Eliz-
abeth the sum of one hundred and fifty Pound four
years after my Decease to be payd unto her by my
Executors deducting thereout 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 Pannemaker Nine
years after my Decease the sum of one Hundred Pound

to be payd unto him by my Executors but if he should dye before that time Expired without leaving Lawfull Issue his wife is to receive now more -

Item - I Give and Bequeath unto my son Jacob Pan nebaker the Sum of one Hundred Pound to be payd to him by my Executors nine Yeas after my decease if he lived till that time But if he should dye before that time is Expired 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 arrive 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 that then I empower my Executors to make Sale of that Plantation with I have now Bequeathed unto my sayd son William Either by Privet or Publike Sale as they see fitt to the highest Bider, and I do hereby empower my Executors to make and execute a Title to the Purchaser as fully and as ample as I could have don in my Life Time, and after all the Legacies mentioned in this my Last Will and Testament be payd then my Executors shall make Equall Distribution of what Money is Left among all my Children -

Item - I do order and empower my Executors to sell a certain Strip of Land adjoining Adam Protzman's, John Paulings and Henry Kihl's Land containing about Seventeen Acres and I do hereby empower my Executors to make Execute and acknowledge a Title to the Buyer as full and ample as I could have don in my Life Time.

I tem - it is my will and I do order that whereas I have a certain Tract of Wood Land containing about fifty acres adjoining the Tract of Land which I willed to my son William and Henry Kihler and Adam Polzman, my two sons Samuel and William shall have after the space of Ten Year after my Decease Privilege 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 been in my Life time -

I tem - it is my will and I do order that after my Decease and after my Wife hath taken what she hath a Lien to of my moveables and Personal Estate then my Executors shall make Public Sale of the Remainder 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 Willed and Bequeathed

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 Kopslin