

Henry Crew's Will (1856)

I, Henry Crew of Richmond Jefferson County and State of Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say,

First, It is my will that all my just debts be fully satisfied and paid.

Second. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Crew my dwelling house in which I now reside, the two lots and garden attached thereto all my household and kitchen furniture, my library and collection of shells. Also one half of my farm called Locust Hill, my carriage horses, my carriages, sleigh & harness, two cows and all my share of Hogs on said Locust Hill Farm. And all the provisions provided for the use of the family. Also an out lot bought of D. Marsh, and a lot in town, on which is erected a granary stabling and carriage house. Also two thousand dollars in Bank Stock in the Jefferson Branch of the State Bank of Ohio, and also eleven shares of stock in the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, all of which I give to her during her natural life.

Third. I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Crew one half of my farm called Oakland, the two lots and houses in Richmond purchased of William Dunlap, One Thousand dollars Bank Stock in the Jefferson branch of the State Bank of Ohio. Ten Shares of stock in the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad. One half of all my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep on my Oakland Farm, all of which I give to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Henry Crew, one half of my Oakland farm. One thousand dollars Bank Stock in the Jefferson Branch of the State Bank of Ohio, Ten Shares of Stock in the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. One half of my stock of cattle, Hogs & sheep on my Oakland farm, all of which I give to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Benjamin L Crew one half of my Locust Hill farm, One Thousand dollars Bank Stock in the Jefferson Branch of the State Bank of Ohio, Ten Shares of Stock in the Steubenville & Richmond Plank Road. All my Stock of Sheep on my Locust Hill farm, all of which I give to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to Labina Brisbin one hundred dollars to her & her heirs forever.

Seventh. It is my wish that my Bank Stock, Railroad and Plank Road Stock remain in my name for one or two years, until my Executors, with the dividends arising there from, and my outstanding debts, will be able to pay all that I owe.

Eighth. It is my desire, that my Executors hereinafter named, dispose of my crops of grains, gralte that may be growing or severed, from the land such as are considered assets in the hand of Executors, which they are at liberty to sell privately, or publicly as they may think best.

Ninth. It is my will that during the lifetime of my wife, that my son William H. & Benjamin L. have the use of my storehouse, warehouse, woolhouse & porkhouse & that my wife have the disposal of my wearing apparel keeping my watch for her own use. And at her death I further bequeath to my son Benjamin L. Crew, the one half of Locust Hill farm given to my said wife, during her life. He the said Benjamin L. Crew paying to William H. Crew, Anna Crew daughter of James Crew One thousand dollars each, to be paid within two years. And all the balance of real estate, household and kitchen furniture, given to my said wife during her natural life, I wish to be divided between my sons William H. and Benjamin L. Crew, and the balance of her personal property willed to her during life to be divided equally among my three sons.

Tenth. And Lastly, I nominate and appoint my three beloved sons namely James Crew, William Henry Crew, & Benjamin Ladd Crew Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of fifth month, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Henry Crew SEAL

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Henry Crew as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of Testator.

Hugh McNiece

Elizabeth A. Wood