

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN BECK, SR.

In the name of God Amen:

I John Beck Sr. of the county of Stokes and in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but calling to mind and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the descretion of my executors hereafter named not doubting but at the General resurrection I shall, receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as to my worldly estate I give and devise as hereafter directed.

FIRST: I give my grand daughter Elizabeth Beck one feather bed and one spinning wheel. I give and to my well beloved wife Catherina my house, land and all my moveable estate bonds, notes, book accounts and money she is to have the above property as long as she lives or is a widow. After her death or marriage I give and bequeath to my son Abraham Beck my house and land to him and his heirs forever, after my wives decease all my moveable property is to be sold and the money equally divided amongst my children and grand daughter Elizabeth (viz) William, Frederick, Garry, Solomon, Cleary, Solome, Henry and Abraham and Elizabeth I likewise constitute make and ordain my son William Beck and John Null the sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disannull and revoke all former Testaments, wills, legacies and executors, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th. day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

His
John Beck, Sr. (SEAL)
Signed and sealed in the presence
of us:
Mark

Traverse Barber
Henry Null

Stokes County September Term 1819:

The execution of the last will and testament of John Beck Sr. of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proven in open court by Traverse Barber and ordered to be recorded.

M. R. Moore, C.C.

BY: C. S. Banner, D.C.

A TRUE COPY

Note written on a slip of paper in the records at the Moravian Archives, Winston Salem, North Carolina. Date "1824" at bottom of paper. Paper contained in an envelope marked "John Martin Beck", kept in a file cabinet.

John Martin Beck born in Westervald in Germany in the month of Aug. 1740 came over to North America with his parents when about 12 years old, married in the year 1763 his present widow Maria Cathrina Giblinger. His last sickness a very troublesome dropsy, confined him to his bed for ten weeks & at last he departed this life, as we trust, happily in the Lord, yesterday afternoon at about 2 o'clock, aged 79 years and a few days. This marriage was blessed with 11 children, 7 of whom are yet alive, and between 40 and 50 Grandchildren & a number of great Grandchildren.

He dep. this life Sept. 12, 1819 & buried Sept. 13.

Mrs. Maria Cath. Beck born Giblinger was born in Germany Dec. 25, 1742, came over with her parents to N. America when quite young, married in the year 1763 her late husband John Martin Beck.

Last Tuesday she was much troubled with arthritic complaints, as she had for _____ before. At last yesterday morning about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock she departed almost unexpectedly & without any great pain, as we trust happily in the Lord, aged 82 years, less one day

This marriage was blessed with _____ [ends]

1824

* On the written note this "7" begins a new line. To the left of it in the margin a "6" has been written.

Copied by Roger B. Beck

Handwritten on ten sheets of lettersize paper bound together by a pink ribbon thru two slots cut into the paper, yellowed with age, is the following story, dictated by my Grandfather Josiah Uzal Beck:

Solomon Beck was born in W. C. Jan, 18, 1806, moved to Ind. when a small boy with his parents. He was married to Mary H. LaFollett in 1830. They first located in Putnam Co. Ind. where they remained about 15 years, then moved to Boone Co., lived there about 20 years, after which they moved to Edgar Co. Ill where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Mary T. Beck died Apr. 9th, 1876.

Solomon Beck died Aug. 25th, 1881.

They reared the following family- James L., Nancy H., John T.,

William N., Josiah U., Mary E., and George S. G.

James L., the oldest son was married twice, his second wife surviving him (America Beck) lives at Chrisman, Ill.

He died in Feb. 1893. (16th)

From his first marriage 7 children were born, 5 of which are living, 2 sons being dead.

Mary L. the eldest daughter married F. P. Moffett. They live in Westfield Ill., where he is interested in the Westfield Bank, they have one son, Charles, and one daughter, Inez, both married.

The second daughter Helen has been twice married, has one living child, Ona Costlet. Her second husband is Mat Patchett, they occupy their farm of 240 acres, 3 miles East of Brocton.

George S. is a widower, his wife died in Feb. 1900. He lives in Webster Co. Mo., and has 4 children.

William T. married Lucy Fall, they reside in Brocton, Ill. to them were born 6 children of which only 2 are living, Icy and Forrest. He is cashier of the Brocton Bank.

Sadie, the youngest, is single. Clerks in a store at Newman, Ill.

By his second wife one child was born who lives with her widowed mother in Chrisman, Ill. She is a telephone operator.

Nancy H. the eldest daughter of Solomon Beck married Samuel Fall, first located in Ind., moved to Minn., then back to Ind., then to Ill. where they resided several years then moved to Pettis Co. Mo., where Nancy H. died in the Fall of 1892. To them were born 4 daughters and 2 sons of which only one daughter and the two sons are living. They live in or near Sedalia, Mo.

John T. is single. He moved to Ill. with his parents. After their death lived several years with his brother James. Two years ago he sold his farm in Ill. and bought a farm 4 miles S.W. of Lebanon, Ind. where he lives at present.

William N. Beck married Lydia E. Stephenson. He first located near Lebanon, Ind., after living there 5 or 6 years moved to Logan Co. Ill. where he resided about 18 years. He then sold his farm and moved to Champaign Co. Ill. He now lives in Champaign, Ill. He owns a fine farm of 320 acres.

His wife died in the Fall of 1898. He has 4 daughters and one son, all of which are living.

Mary, his eldest daughter married Reuben Guy, they live on their 160 acre farm near Tuscola, Ill, they have 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Nannie, the second daughter, is a widow, resides with her father. She owns a good farm west of Champaign, Ill.

Lillie is single, lives at home with her father.

Ella, the youngest daughter, married John Lough, live on a farm near Bondville, Ill.

Charles Beck is married, lives on one of his father's farms near Bondville, Ill.

Josiah U., the writer, married Gery Henry Aug. 13th, 1868. To this union was born 6 children, of which 4 are living, 2 died while young.

H. Lee the eldest is single, lives with his parents in Brocton, Ill.

Frank P. married Viola Bandy, they have attended medical College at Keokuk, Ia. the past two years, will complete the course in Chicago.

Jim, the eldest daughter married T. T. Boyer, a Christian Minister, they have two daughters, reside in Hutsonville, Ill.

Susie, the youngest, married A. N. Clodfelter ~~agent~~ Station agent of the I.D. and W. R.R., Brocton, Ill. They have one daughter 4 months old.

Mary E. the youngest daughter of Solomon and Mary Beck married J. D. Lewler. They have 4 sons and 7 daughters living and one daughter dead.

Hickman, the eldest son, married Maggie Waltz, live in Brocton, Ill., is a barber by trade, doing a good business.

John, the second son, married Lulu Cox, lives at Clarksville, Ind., also a barber. They have 2 children.

Lydia I. married C. Sargent, have one child, reside in Brocton.

Mary married John Duncan, have two children, live on a farm $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. E. of Brocton, Ill. The remainder of the children reside with their parents in Paris, Ill.

George S. U. the youngest son of Solomon Beck, married Annie Ross.

They lived in or near Newman, Ill. until two years ago, when they moved to a farm near Lebanon, Ind. where they live at present. They have 4 sons and one daughter living and 3 dead. All of the children are at home with their parents except the eldest son, who is married and in Oklahoma.

(This must have been written in the summer of 1901, for the daughter of Susie Beck Clodfelter was born in April of 1901)

Last Will and Testament of Johann Frederick Beck, 5 January 1800

I Frederick Beck of County of Granville and state of North Carolina being in Sound mind and memory do make and Ordain this to be ^{my}Last will and testament that is to Say I Give an bequeath to my wife Nancy Beck the third of my moveable property to her use and behoof also the third of my Land whereon I now live Item I Give and bequeath to my Son David the other part of my Land and at my wifes decease my son David or his heirs to have all my Land Item I apoint my Son David my Executor to divide my other property amongst the rest of ^{my}Children as he shall think proper that is to Say John parven Fredericks heirs Michel Cathrine Molly whereunto I have Sett my hand and Seal the day and date above written.

Test

Johann Frederick Beck

Seal

Thomas Williams

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State of N. Carolina

Granville County

May Court A.D. 1800

The foregoing last Will & Testament of Frederick Beck Dec.^d was duly proven in open Court by the Oath of Thomas Williams a Subscribing witness thereto & Ordered to be Recorded, at the same time came David Beck & qualified as Executor to the same

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