

Jacob Oyler
Last Will and Testament
28 July 1807

“In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Oyler of Menallen Township in the County of Adams and State of Pennsylvania being weak in Body but of sound Mind memory and understanding Blessed be God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this transitory Life Do make and Publish this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit. Principally and first of all I commend my Immortal soul into the Hands of God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I Give and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit: I order and direct that all my Just Debts & Funeral Expences be paid out of my personal Estate by my Executors hereinafter named and the residue and remainder of my Personal Estate I Will order & direct that my Dear and well beloved Wife Barbara Oyler shall have the one third part absolutely [Except the Gray Mare that my son Jacob shall have] and it is my Will and I do order & direct [p. 415] that my well beloved wife shall have the House that my son-in-Law lives in duering her continuance in widowhood and the one third of the Profits arising from the Estate or Estates in Land (hereafter devised to my sons Michael and Jacob Oyler) for Six Years she my said wife keeping the younger Children; Also it is my Will and I order & Direct that after six Years after my Decease that my two sons Michael & Jacob Do keep two Cows & two Sheep Summer and winter for my said wife and son her Half a Bushel of Flax and allow her Garden sufficient, and a sufficient Quantity of Firewood Halled home to her & Cut fit for fire & Stove And also at the Joint Expenses of Both my said sons Michael & Jacob find & provide for my said Wife one Hundred weight of Pork Fifty weight of Beaf five Bushels of Potatoes one Barrel of sider the same shall not exceed the one third of the sider made, and five Bushels of wheat & Seven Bushels of Rye and four Bushels of Corn, and four Bushels of Buckwheat year & every Year, as she shall need or require the same; And further in addition to the one third of my Personal Estate already devised to my beloved Wife, I order & direct that she shall have one Bed Bedstead and furniture her choice also her saddle & Horse creature when and at such Times as she shall go to meeting or other necessary Place; And I have the same to be taken & Considered to be in lieu of her dower and and in full of any thing that she can Claim of me on any pretence whatsoever: But if my said Wife should marry it is my Will that she shall have off my said place and her Yearly privilidge and maintainance shall cease; And it is my will & I order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall sell two Lots that I have in Greefield & make as a Title to the purchaser or Purchers as I could have done in my life time and the Moneys arising therefrom to pay my Debts: and further it is my will and I order & direct that my well beloved wife do receive the Legacy [p. 416] left to her, by her father & appropriate the same to her own use. Imprimis I will devise & Bequeath to my two well beloved sons Michael and Jacob Oyler my Plantation that I now live on and one other Tract of Land in the Mountain adjoining Lands of George Gilbert Valentine Fail the Heirs of Nicholas Bittener & others to the said Michael Oyler and Jacob Oyler their Heirs & Assigns to the only proper use Benefit and Behoof of them the said Michael Oyler & Jacob Oyler their Heirs & Assigns for ever, they said Michael Oyler & Jacob Oyler paying therefor and

thereout the sum of seven hundred pounds in the following manner to wit; Forty Pounds seven Years after my Decease and forty Pounds yearly and every year till the same Hundred pounds be paid And It is my Will that my Son Jacob Oyler shall have my Gray Mare my son Michael Oyler having by my heretofore advanced; And it is my Will and I would have the same to be taken and Considered to be in full of any services he or each of them, the said Michael Oyler & Jacob Oyler have done for me & in full of any thing the Can Claim of me or any pretence whatsoever Imprimis I will order & direct that my Daughter Elizabeth Susan & my son Valentine and my Daughter Elizabeth & my Daughter Sarah & my Daughter Barbara & my son Daniel Oyler do Receive share & share alike of the seven Hundred Pounds derected to be paid by two sons Michael & John Jacob Oyler as the same are directed to be paid share & Share alike to them the said Susanah Valentine Elizabeth Barbara & Daniel Oyler their Heirs & Assigns. Imprimis I will & Devise and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Oyler New Entered married with Daniel Bechdol one other Plantation adjoining Lands of Adam Walter Samuel Young & others (he the said Daniel Bechdol paying thereout and therefor the sum of Two hundred pounds in manner following to wit Eight Pounds auther[?] two years after my decease & Eight Pounds yearly for five Years; and after seven [p. 417] years after my Decease shall pay ten pounds year and Yearly till the aforesaid sum of two Hundred pounds be paid to them the said Daniel Bechdol & Mary his Wife their Heirs & Assigns. To the only proper use benefit & Behoof of them the said Daniel Bechdol & Mary his Wife their Heirs & Assigns for ever. And it is my will that the same be taken and considered to be in full of any thing that they can Claim of me for any services or any Claim on any pretence whatsoever. And it is my will & I order & direct that said Money be paid into the Hands of my Executors for the purpose of discharging a certain Dower of Eight Pounds to my step Mother Duering her life and the residue & Remainder together with the residue & remainder of my personal Estate I Give devise order & direct that it be paid share & Share alike to my Younger Children to wit, Susanah Valentine Elizabeth Sarah Barbara and Daniel Oyler or to the survivor of them in addition to the Payments already directed to be paid to them Ad further it is my Will and I order and direct that the one third of the Grain now in the Ground both Fall & Spring be for the use & Consumption of my wife & Younger Children & the two thirds to the use of my sons Michael and Jacob Share & Share alike except Daniel Bechel shall have twelve Bushels to wit five Bushels of wheat & seven Bushels of Rye of the share allowed to Michael & Jacob & the two Cows & two Sheep already given to my said Wife shall be given her Emideately after my Decease her choice & provision made for keeping them as heretofore directed and further that the benefits of the sawmill shall be considered along with the Land for the six Years aforesaid and so much of the Fruit as shall be Necessary for my said Wifes & Childrens consumption And Lastly I nominate Constitute & approve my trusty friend George Hickenluber and my beloved son Michael Oyler of Menallon Township in the County of Adams [p. 418] aforesaid to be the Executors of this my Last Will; hereby revoking all other Wills Legacies & Bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seven 1807_” signed Jacob Euler. Witnesses: Johannes Reiß, John Neely, Thos. Coshran (Cochran at probate)

Source: Pennsylvania, Adams County Wills [A, pp. 414-9, #274, 28 July 1807]