

Will of Abram Kurtz

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ESTATE OF

Abraham Kurtz
(Deceased.)

APPLICATION
FOR
PROBATE
AND
Letters Testamentary

Filed _____ A.D. 190

Register,
Shannon Hoover
Attorney.

Address, *Reading Pa*

In the Name of God Amen. I Abraham Koutz of
the Township of Leemanon, in the County of Berks
and State of Pennsylvania (Yeoman) considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound
mind and memory, (Praise God for the same) do
make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner following, to wit:—

First and principal; I commend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God, who gave it and my
body to the earth, to be decently interred, at the dis-
cretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to
such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust
to my care, I give and dispose of the same in the fol-
lowing manner, Ordaining first that all my just debts
and funeral expences, and all charges touching the
proving of or otherwise concerning this my last Will
shall in the first place be paid by my Executors here-
inafter named, as soon after my death as they conve-
niently can.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Elizabeth Koutz Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.) and
appoint my son and daughter, Abraham S. Koutz and
Sarah S. married to Jacob G. Deiler as Trustees to care
for her and her money, The aforesaid Trustees to have
the money at four per cent interest, and should the inter-
est of the aforesaid Five thousand Dollars (\$5000.) not
be sufficient, then the said Trustees shall use of the prin-
cipal enough to keep her comfortable, and after her death
the remainder (should there be any) shall be divided equal

between his Brothers and sisters, or their heirs, Share and share alike. —

Item - I give and bequeath unto my three sons Abraham S, Isaac S, and Jacob S, Kowitz, each one thousand Dollars (\$1000) —

Item - I will and bequeath unto my son Jacob S, Kowitz the first chance to take the farm where I now live at seven thousand Dollars (\$7000) If he refuses to take it, then my son Abraham S, Kowitz shall have the next chance at the same price, and if he refuses to take it, then my son Isaac S, Kowitz shall have the next chance at the same price, But should they all refuse, then it shall be sold at Public sale to the highest bidder.

Item - And as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever name or nature the same may be; I will and bequeath the same unto my six children namely, Abraham S, Kowitz, Sarah S, Married to Jacob S, Diller, Isaac S, Kowitz, Barbara S, Married to Samuel Peterheim, Jacob S, Kowitz, and Annie S, Married to Bideon Zook, their heirs and representatives in equal shares.

Item - It is my will and I do hereby appoint my Executors hereinafter named to be and act as Trustees for my daughter Annie S, Married to Bideon Zook; to see that she has a home, and invest her money so that she will receive the interest or income, or if they do not wish to do so, to appoint some responsible person to act as

her Trustee for her, and see that her portion is taken care of for her during her lifetime, and at her death to be divided among her children share and share alike.

Item - I also will that should my daughter Barbara be married to Samuel Pitushkin die leaving no children of her own, her share to^{go} back to her brothers and sisters or their children.

Item - I also now order that should my son Isaac S. Kortz wish to take the farm upon which he now resides at five thousand Dollars (\$5000) he can do so, if not, it shall also be sold at Public sale to the highest bidder.

Item - The woodland belonging to the farm upon which I now live is to be sold with the farm, or to go with the farm if it is accepted by either of my sons, All other real estate not herein disposed of, to be sold at Public sale, and the proceeds divided as above.

Item - If any dispute should arise between two or more of my children, they shall refer their dispute to Henry Kutzler and John M. Stolzfus as referees, and their decision shall be final, and nothing of my estate shall be taken into Court,

And lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint my son Abraham S. Kortz of Berks County & Jacob J. Wiles of Lancaster County, to be executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments heretofore at any time made by me, declaring this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In Testimony Whereof I the said Abraham Gortz have
herunto to this my last will and Testament set my hand
and seal and subscribed my name this Thirty-first
day of May A.D. One thousand nine hundred and
five (1905)

Abraham Gortz ~~Test~~

The above written instrument was subscribed by
the said Abraham Gortz in our presence and acknowl-
edged by him to each of us, and he at the same time
declared it to be his last will and Testament, and we
at the Testator's request and in his presence, and in
the presence of each other have signed our names as
witnesses, and affixed opposite our names our respec-
tive places of residence.

Lizzie Weaver, Morgantown Berks Co. Pa.
Lor. D. Yoder ^{Churchtown} Lancaster Co. Pa.

To Nelson M. Dummer, Esq.

Register of Wills and ex-officio Clerk of the Orphan's Court for the County of Berks, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of Abraham Kuntz

PETITION.

Deceased.

The Petition of Abraham S. Kuntz, of Cummans Township Berks County, Pa. and Jacob J. Beiler, of Leacock Twp Berks Co. Pa.

respectfully sheweth that they are the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham Kuntz dated the 31 day of May A.D. 1905

That said Abraham Kuntz was a resident of Berks County, State of Pennsylvania, and departed this life of number Cummans Township in the County of Berks and State of Penn. on Saturday the Eighth day of February A.D. 1908, at four o'clock P.M.

The said testator was possessed of personal property to the value of \$ 1100.00 and of real estate (less encumbrance) to the value of \$ 20000 - as near as can be ascertained, situated as follows: Home farm situated in Cummans Township Berks Co. Pa. in Leacock Twp Leacock

Therefore the said Abraham S. Kuntz & Jacob J. Beiler respectfully apply

for Probate of the said last Will and Testament, and for Letters Testamentary thereon.

Dated Feb 27 A.D. 1908

Abraham S. Kuntz
Jacob J. Beiler

Berks County, ss.

Abraham S. Kuntz & Jacob J. Beiler

named in the above application, being duly according to law and that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing Petition are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and subscribed before me, at Reading, Pa., Feb 27 A.D. 1908
Nelson M. Dummer
Register.

Abraham S. Kuntz
Jacob J. Beiler

Reading Pra. Feb. 27th 1908

Ms. Belle Remington and
Agnes G. Weaver I do say that we
were familiar with rev. D. Goder,
often seen him write his name and
transact other business and we
do believe this to be in his own hand
writing.

Belle Remington
Agnes G. Weaver.

Sworn and Subscribed
before me this 27th Day
of Feb^y 1908
J. Wilson M. Remun.
Register of Wills

State of Pennsylvania, } SS.
BERKS COUNTY,

Register's Office, Feb 27 1908

Then personally appeared

Lizzie Keane, Dow Newsinger
one of Abraham Kutz

the subscribing witness

to the foregoing Will

executed, and in their solemn oaths did say that they were present, and did see and hear

Abraham Kutz deceased, the Testor therein named, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his last will

and testament, and that at the doing thereof he was of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Seen and subscribed before me, the date

Lizzie Newsinger,

Milton M. Deane
County Register

State of Pennsylvania, } SS.
BERKS COUNTY,

Register's Office, Feb 27 1908

We do sever that, to the effect of the foregoing, last Will and Testament of Abraham Kutz deceased, will well and truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, according to law, and that we will diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to Collateral Inheritance.

Seen and subscribed before me the date above, and letters testamentary granted.

Abram. S. Kutz
Jacob Z. Biler

Milton M. Deane
County Register

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No. 61 of 1908

ESTATE OF

Abraham Kurtz
deceased.

PROBATE

-AND-

Affidavit of Executor

Filed Feb 27th A. D. 1908
Proved Feb 27th A. D. 1908
Same day Letter of Adm.
amentary granted to
Abram P. Kurtz
Jacob J. Bieker
Testator died Feb 8. 1918

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State of Pennsylvania, } ss:
 BERKS COUNTY,

Personally came before me one of the Notary Publics

In and for said County John H. Stutzman

and Daniel H. Stutzman

who being duly sworn according to law, depose and say, that by the

request of Abraham S. Kinty & Jacob Z. Dill

they will well and truly, and without prejudice or partiality, value and appraise the goods and chattels

rights and credits, which were of Abraham Kinty

deceased, and in all respects perform their duties

as officers in the best of their skill and judgment.

Sworn and subscribed before me this

eleventh day
 of March A. D. 1919

John H. Stutzman
Daniel H. Stutzman

Martha P. Hovatter
 Notary Public.
 My commission expires Jan 16, 1919.

Inventory and Appraisal of the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of

Abraham Kinty late of Caameroon Township

in the County of Berks, taken and made in conformity with the above depositions.

2 nd floor		
Closet 5 th Bed room 1 st chest 1 st Carpet 1 st		3.75
Chest 2 nd Bed 2 nd Bed room 1 st Bed room 2 nd chest 3 rd Carpet 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		4.60
Bed room 2 nd		.50
Attic		
Chest 2 nd 2 spinning wheels 2 seats 2 nd Buffalo Robe 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		3.55
Commode 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 1 st Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		2.65
Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		3.40
Spinning wheel 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		.15
Kitchen		
Iron 1 st Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		11.65
Chest 1 st Bed room 2 nd		.9
Sitting Room		
Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd Bed room 2 nd		17
Chest 2 nd		.21
		<u>45.45</u>

Front sitting Room		110.00
Wool Box 25	hard stone paper 25	10.75
Chung 200 lbs 100	old stone 100	4.25
Rooster 25	up 100	1.25
Dish Room		
Wool 200 lbs 100	2 chairs 25	3.25
Other		
Chair 25	2 Milk 25	2.40
3 Milk 25	Meat 25	7.
4 Milk 25	2 Eggs 25	1
Coffee 25	25	3.25
2 Milk 25	2 Eggs 25	19.50
2 Milk 25	2 Eggs 25	2.75
Cow 20	2 Eggs 25	24.00
Corn 25	2 Eggs 25	4
Successive Dairy farm		
20 lbs wheat 25	10 lbs wheat 25	269.50
Corn 25	25	25
Jacob's Dairy farm		
90 lbs wheat 25	25	238.50
Maurice's Dairy farm		
150 lbs Corn 25	25	156
Note of Barbara & Samuel Peterson	25	400
Cash 25	25	413
Cash on hand		150.34
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