

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
Of
JOSEPH DE WITT

In the name of God, Amen, I, JOSEPH DE WITT, of Alleghany County, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding condering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say;

First and principally I commit my soul to the Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my wife, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as following: viz:

I give and bequeath unto my Dear Wife Elizabeth my Plantation whereon I now dwell, known and distinguished as Lot No., Forty one hundred and sixteen, 4116, containing Forty-nine Acres more or less, (having sold one acre of said lot to William De Witt) to her the said Elizabeth during her life and after her decease, to our children to be equally divided between them, and where as the property which I now possess hath been chiefly acquired by the joint industry and frugality of my wife and my self, and thinking of some addition to the bequest necessary the better to enable her to live with convenience and comfort, I do, therefore give and bequeath unto my said wife, Item, one mare, Item, nine sheep, Item, two milch cows and all my household and kitchen furniture with my beds and bedding,.

Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my Last Will and Testament, in Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal, . This 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Sixty- five, . (1865).

JOSEPH DE WITT, (SEAL)

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by Joseph De Witt. (Sen).

The above named Testator, as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, .

D. Harrison Friend.

William Browning.

(Recorded Liber C, folio, 58) Archibald Casteel.

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The heirs and devisees of Joseph De Witt, deceased, in 1868 joined in a deed to convey a certain piece of property or land to William Browning. (Liber 28, folio 31), .

Those signing this deed were;

William DeWitt & Sarah DeWitt his wife.

William DeWitt & Ann his wife.

Archibald DeWitt & Hannah his wife.

Richard DeWitt & Elizabeth his wife.

John DeWitt & Mary M. his wife.

Thomas DeWitt & Nancy DeWitt his wife.

Thomas Browning & Susan DeWitt his wife.

Daniel Mauline & Fuldah DeWitt his wife.

The underscored are children of Joseph & Elizabeth De Witt.

Eight out of ten children signed this deed, .