

## MISCELLANEOUS BOEHM/BEAM/BEAHM FAMILY WILL TRANSCRIPTIONS

**NOTE:** The following wills were transcribed by several family researchers and may not accurately represent the original court documents.

### WILL OF JACOB BÖHM (ca. 1693-1781)

Lancaster Co., PA, Will Book D, Vol. 1, pp. 6-7

In THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, Jacob Beam, of Conestoga Township, in the County of Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, growing weak in Body but of Sound & Retaining Memory and understanding -- Blessed be Almighty God for the Same -- do make and publish this, my last will and Testament, in Manner and form following, (viz.) First of all, I commend my Soul to God who gave it & my Body to the Earth from whence it came, to be decently hurried by my Executor. And as for such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to Bless me in this life, I herein Devise and dispose of the same as forthwith, to wit: I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife, Barbara, the full Use and Sole Possession of my Dwelling House wherein I now live, Together with my plant and cabbitsh garden Thereunto belonging. Together, also, with all and Singular and all my moveable goods, Furniture & Effects & Cattle & one horse, with the same House 40/ (pounds) for her own Use & Benefit and Behalf for and During her Natural life & also, yearly, the following Articles for her support, viz. Twenty Bushels of Wheat, Ten Bushels of Rye, Ten Bushels of Indian Corn, thirty Bushels of Oats, Thirty pounds of clean Hackled Hemp or Flax, Six pounds of wool, Two waggon loads of good First Cropp Hay and two Waggon loads of second Cropp Hay off my meadows, one hundredweight of Good Pork, Fifty Pounds of Good Beef, Three barrels of Good Cyder, Twelve Gallons of Apple Liquor already made and Stilled and as much fruit out of my orchard as she shall choose to take for her own use, Sufficient firewood for her use, pasturing and stable room for two cows & one horse creature. All of which articles of support Shall be allowed and Delivered unto my said Wife, yearly and every year During her Natural Life After my Decease, If She, my said Wife, Shall Demand the Same occasionally, which Shall be in full in lieu of her Thirds or part thereof out of the Rest of my Estate. Item I give and Devise unto my son, Martin Beam, all of my Messuage Plantation and Tract of Land on which I now live situated in Conestoga Township & in Lancaster County aforesaid, containing one hundred and eighty Acres of Land with the Allowance Thereunto Belonging and with all the Rights and Appurtenances thereto appertaining, To have and to hold unto him, my said son, Martin Beam, his Heirs and Assigns forEver, yielding, Paying & Allowing unto my said wife Barbara The above mentioned articles of Dowry out of the Same Estate & if they Shall Demand it and subject likewise to the Payment of the Sum of three hundred pounds -- in full -- Money of Pennsylvania for the Use hereinafter mentioned. And I do hereby fully Empower my herein Named Executors, their Survivor or survivors to locate & Deliver unto my son, Martin, or his Heirs or Assigns, a Sufficient Title or Deed of Enforcement for the said Tract of Land by me hereby Devised unto him. ITEM: I give unto my daughter Mary, wife of Henry Strigler and to my Daughter, Anna, Wife of Martin Byer, and to my Daughter Elizabeth, wife of Michael Myer, all, that Sum of three hundred pounds, which my son Martin is to pay out of the Lands Devised unto him as I have said, Together with all the Residue of my personal Estate of Moveables if any Remains after the Decease of my said Wife, to be equally Divided Between them, the said Mary and the said Anna and the said Elizabeth, every

one Share and Share alike. The said sum of three hundred pounds to be paid by my son Martin Out of the Estate devised unto him as aforesaid unto Them, my said named and aforementioned three Daughters in Manner following, to wit: the Sum of fifty pounds lawfull Money aforesaid to be paid out of the income year after the Decease of my Said Wife, If She survives me, and thence fifty pounds yearly and every year untill the said Sum of three hundred pounds is all paid, But if my Said Wife Should Not Survive Me, then the first yearly payment as aforesaid Shall be made in one year after My Decease. And Whereas the Rest of my Children, viz. My sons Jacob Beam, Abraham Beam, & John Beam and my Daughters Barbara (dead), Susannah, Wife of Henry Resh, Magdalena, ye wife of Frederick Shooff and Fronica, ye wife of Jacob Shooff, have been heretofore financed by me and have each of them Received their full Share out of my Estate, I allow and give unto the Each of them the Sum of Five Shillings, Lawfull Money of Pennsylvania, to be paid unto them after my Decease if they Should Claim or Demand It. And lastly, I constitute to Name & Appoint my said Wife, Barbara an Executrix and my Trusty friend & Son in Law, Henry Resh, Executor of this my last Will & Testament, Revising & Dishonoring all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament & In Witness whereof I have hereunto Interchangeably set my Hand and Seal the Eighteenth Day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-Eight.

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared by the said Jacob Beam as his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Set our Names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

JACOB BÖHM (Seal)

[N.B. The words "and one horse" in the eighteenth line of the first page & the words "or his Heirs or Assigns" in the eighteenth line & the words "or part thereof" on the Last Line of said page, and the words, "yearly and every year" in the fourth line of the Third Page being first underlined before signing.]

LANCASTER COUNTY, The Twelfth Day of July, Anno Domini 1781, before me, the Subscriber, personally appeared Everard Gruber and Christian Echantracht, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will. The said Everard Gruber on his Solemn Affirmation and the said Christian Echantracht on his Corporate oath according to Law, did so verify and hereby declare and acclaim that they were present and Saw & heard Jacob Beam, the Testator in the Said Will named, Sign, Seal, Publish, Pronounce and Declare the same as for his Last Will and Testament & that at the time thereof he was of sound mind and well disposing in Mind, Memory & Understanding to the best of their Knowledge, Information and Belief.

(signed) JOHN HUBLEY, Regr.

Be it remembered That on the twelfth Day of July Anno Domini 1781, The Last Will and Testament of Jacob Beam, late of Conestogae Township, Yeoman, Deceased, was proved in due form of Law and Letters Testamentary thereon were granted to Henry Resh, the Surviving Executor in the said Will named, he being first duly qualified well and truly to Administer the Estate of the said deceased and to exhibit a true and perfect inventory thereof unto the Register's Office at Lancaster on or before the twelfth day of July next and to render a just account of his administration of the said Estate when thereto lawfully required.

Given Under the Seal of said office

(signed) JOHN HUBLEY, Regr.

## WILL OF ABRAHAM BEAM (bef. 1720-1799)

In the name of God, Amen, I, Abraham Beam, of the Township of Willoughby, in the County of Lincoln and Home District of the Province of Upper Canada, Farmer, being sickly and weak of Body but of perfect Mind & Memory, Thanks be unto God, calling to mind the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is -- principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the disposition of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty Power of God, and as touches such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give demise and disperse of the same in the manner following:

First I give and bequeath to Barbara my dearly beloved wife for her maintenance during her natural life, the room in my dwelling house with her Bedding and Furniture and part of the use of my stove and equal half of the old garden to be kept in good fence and if not kept in repair, she shall have one half of the new garden, likewise to have for her further support to be raised from the profits arising from the farm, the quantity of fifteen bushels of good wheat and five bushels of Rye and five bushels peas and five bushels buckwheat and twenty bushels of potatoes and thirty pounds of clean Nitchela flax and three pounds of N.Y.C. in money and one hundred pounds of Pork, also the milk cow which she shall raise out of the flock every spring, all which shall be given and performed yearly and every year during her natural life. Also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Martin all my goods and chattels, likewise the use of my Farm and House until his son Abraham comes of age of twenty-one years, he paying or causing to be paid or performed the articles before specified to the maintenance of his mother. Also I give to my beloved grandson Abraham Beam that part of my farm where my dwelling house now stands coitaining two hundred acres which shall take the part upon the river, also I give to my well-beloved grandson John Beam two hundred acres next adjoining, which shall bound upon Black Creek where a small creek comes in where there is a bridge. Lastly I give to my well beloved granddaughter, Susannah, two hundred acres of land which shall bound on the western bounds of my land.

Likewise I do hereby constitute make and ordain my trusty friends Henry ???Climennagus and Christian Vineker of the county, aforesaid to be Executors of this my last will and testament and know all men by these present that I, Abraham Beam, of Upper Canada, County of Lincoln and Township of Willoboy, am held and firmly bound unto Jacob Morningstar of the Province, County, and Township afore mentioned, in the just and full sum of Eight hundred pounds Hallifax Curancy, to be paid part unto the said Jacob Morningstar or to his certain Attorneys, his heirs, Executors, administrators, as assigned to which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my heirs, Executors, Administrators, or every one of them firmly by these presents, Sealed with my seal and Dated the sixteenth day of March in the years of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six (1796).

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas in consideration I, the above bonnden Abraham Beam, have sold, released, confirmed and forequitted claim, and by these presents do for myself, my heirs, Executors and administrators, sell, release, confirm and forever quit claim

unto the above said Jacob Morningstar, his heirs, Executors, administrations, or assigns forever to have and to hold Two certain Lots of land situated, laying and being in the above mentioned Province, County, and Township at the mouth of Black Crick and the Niagara River, Number Eighteen and Number Nine in the first concession being Twenty chains by Fifty chains each lot, besides the broken turns at the river, and being one hundred acres each lot and also the broken turn, and to make, prescribe and deliver a Lawfull Deed for the Said Lots of Land, whereon said Morningstar now liveth upon, the said Jacob Morningstar or to his heirs or assigns, as soon as the said Abraham Beam or his partys Esueth or obtain a patent from the government for the same lots, then the above obligation to be void or else to stand and remain in full force and virtue in law.

Abraham X Beam

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of us.

Witnesses present

James Brown

Benjamin Beheyn

[N.B. It is interesting to note that Abraham Beam wrote his petition for land in its entirety in his own hand and it is a well written and legible document, but he signed his will with a mark, which would indicate that illness might have prevented him from signing his name.]

I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disanul all and every other former Testaments, will, legacies and bequests and Executors by me before named and Bequeathed, satisfying 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 eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand and seven hundred and ninety nine.

ABRAHAM BEAM

Signed, Sealed Published Pronounced and declared by the said Abraham Beam as his last will and Testament in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto fixed our names.

Edward Camey

Christian Vinecker

[N.B. This codicil, apparently added to the will three years, two months, and two days later, was signed in his own hand. Original document on file, Surrogate Office, Town of Newark, Home District of Upper Canada----Ralfe Clench, Register.]

Personally appeared before me, Robert Kerr, Esq., this 2nd December, 1799, Edward Camey and being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists Depose this to be the will of Abraham Beam and that he was at the signing and sealing of the same.

(signed) Edward Camey

Sworn before me.

Robert Kerr, J.P.

UPPER CANADA

Home District

Upper Canada

Letters of Administration

Whereas Henry Climennagus and Edward Camey, both of the Province aforesaid -- by a Petition to me directed hath set forth that Abraham Beam of the County and District aforesaid, Departed

his Life, on the 10th July, 1799, the said Henry Clymengagus and Christopher Vinecker being appointed Executors to the said Will and Testament of the said Abraham Beam, Deceased, Pray that letters of administration may be granted to settle the Estate of the said Abraham Beam deceased.

Administration therefore of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Abraham Beam at the time of his Decease, is hereby granted unto the said Christopher Veneker and Henry Clymengagus, they having given Bond with security in my office, faithfully to administer the same according to Law and to render a just and true account of their administrations upon oath, When they shall be thereto lawfully required.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 20th Day of December, 1799, at Newark, in the Home District of the Province aforesaid.

ROBERT KERR Surrogate

Home District

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Office

Ralfe Church

Register

#### WARRANT OF APPRAISEMENT

Upper Canada

These are in his Majesty's name to authorize and require you Edward Camey, Michael Gonder, and Christian Hershly, or any two of you, according to the best of your judgment and conscience, to appraise and value the goods and chattels of Abraham Beam, deceased, according to the Inventory that shall be exhibited to you by Christopher Vineker and Henry Climengagus, administrators, of all and singular the goods and chattels, the rights and credits of the said Abraham Beam, deceased. The value whereof is to be made in my office with all convenient speed, which appraisement you are to make justly and truly so that you may swear thereto if lawfully required and in so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal::of office this 28th Day of December, 1799, at Newark in the Home District of the Province aforesaid.

Robert Kerr Surrogate

Home District

Ralfe Church

Register

#### **WILL OF MARTIN BEAM (1725-1812)**

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, Martin Beam, of the Township of Conestoga, in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being far advanced in years, but in Health and of sound and disposing Mind, Memory, and Understanding, Do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following, to wit. I commend my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth to be decently interred as my Executors shall direct, in humble Hope of a glorious Resurrection and a happy Admission into the Regions of Immortal Bliss and Glory in and through the Merits of my Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And as to such worldly

Estate wherewith God hath blessed me I do give and dispose of the same in Manner following, to wit:

Imprimis, it is my will and I do order and direct that my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be done after my Decease.

Item: I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Eve, such of my Books as she may choose to take, to and for her proper use, and all the Residue or Remainder of my Books I do give and bequeath unto my four children, John Beam, Jacob Beam, Henry Beam, and Barbara, the wife of Abraham Keagy, to be equally divided between them, Share and Share Alike.

Item: As to all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my goods and chattels, monies, Rights and Credits, Effects and Estate whatsoever of which I shall die possessed or may be in any manner entitled unto at the Time of my Decease, I do give and bequeath the same unto my said wife, Eve, to and for her proper use and Benefit during the Term of her Natural Life and after her Decease I do give and bequeath the same or as much thereof as shall then remain or be left and which shall not be appropriated by my said wife for her own use and Benefit in Manner following, to wit: The sum of Four Hundred Dollars Part thereof unto my said son, Henry Beam or his legal Representatives and the Residue or Remainder thereof unto my said son Henry Beam and my said daughter Barbara, the wife of Abraham Keagy, to be equally divided between them, or their respective legal Representatives, that is to say the one equal half-part thereof unto my said son Henry or his legal Representative and the other half-part thereof unto my said Daughter Barbara or her legal Representatives.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said son Henry Beam and my said Son-in-Law, Abraham Keagy and the Survivor of them. Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking all former and other Will and Wills Testament and Testaments by me made and declaring this and no other to be and contain my Last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Fifth Day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and five.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the Testator Martin Beam as and for his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and at his request have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Martin Böhm (Seal)

William Bausman, affmd.

Adam Litzeberger, dec'd.

Philip Gleninger, affmd.

Wm. Bausman and Philip Gleninger, two of the witnesses (the 3rd being deceased) appeared before me this 7th day of April, 1812.

LANCASTER COUNTY

On the 7th day of April A.D. 1812, personally appeared before the subscriber William Bausman, Esq. & Philip Gleninger, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will who being solemnly affirmed according to law doth declare & say they were personally present and did see and hear Martin Beam, the Testator therein named, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within writing as and for his last will and Testament and at the doing thereof he was of sound and well disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of their knowledge, belief and further they say not.

(signed) George Hollis

D. Reqr.

Be it remembered that on the 7th day of April, A.D. 1812, the last will and testament of Martin Beam, late of Conestoga Township, dec'd, was proved in due form of law and Letters Testamentary thereon was granted to Henry Beam and Abraham Keagy the Executors therein named, they having first been duly Affirmed well and truly to administer the estate of the dec'd especially to exhibit a true & perfect Inventory thereof unto the Register's office at Lancaster in one month from the date hereof and to render a true and just account of their Executorship in One Year from the time or when thereunto lawfully required. Given under the seal of said office.

Geo. Hollis,  
Deputy Register