

In the name of God

I John Henry Schneck of Richland County Ohio, being of good health, but remembering that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and that it is uncertain when the will of our creator will call us from this world, I do therefore hereby make and declare this as my last will and testament, while I am yet of sound mind and possess the power of judgement (sic) for which heartily thank my God

Ist I resign my immortal soul into the hands of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and to his everlasting mercy, and my body to the earth in which my beloved and then bereaved consort and our children will in a christian manner cause it to be buried.

As to what concerns my temporal affairs, or the property I may die seized of viz: my seventy acres of land lying in Jackson Township Richland County Ohio. I make the following disposition thereof,

I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Eberhartena Elizabeth the upper part thereof which adjoins Fenicle(?) being forty seven acres 107 rods with house and barns, and to my daughter Fredericka I give and bequeath the remaining twenty three acres with the house and appurtenances thereon to belonging; however the whole tract of land shall belong to my beloved wife during her lifetime, and the one half of the proceeds cultivated on said farm shall be given to her, except the hay, the whole of which, the person who cultivates the farm shall be allowed to retain, provided he removes or sells no hay or straw from the farm.

The person who cultivates the land shall give to my beloved wife one pound of butter each week and as much milk as she may need.

After she also is dead and buried so shall my daughter Elizabeth have the forty seven acres and 107 rods as above provided, and my daughter Catharine Wilhelmina shall have for her portion the sum of seven hundred dollars to be paid to her by my daughter Elizabeth which shall be her entire legacy.

My daughter Christina Fredericka shall have the twenty three acres with the house thereon during her lifetime, and after her death it shall belong to her oldest sister, and to her heirs, because she has had the most trouble with her.

Here I would remark that in no field shall clover or timothy be allowed to grow for a longer period than three years, but when it has stood three years it shall again be cultivated. And I will further remark that after my death no sale of my property shall be made, for the reason that it all belongs to my wife so long as she lives; and after her death, my daughter Christina shall have one half of the money put out on interest for her, of which she shall purchase her clothes as she may see fit, and shall also have the best bed and the bureau.

The other half of the money shall belong to Elizabeth Shearer, or to her heirs.

This is my earnest, and my last will and testament written by me this 21st day of May 1859.

It was my will that M Michael Barber shall be the Executor of this my last will

Henry Schneck

*Eberhartena Elizabeth  
Catharine Wilhelmina  
Christina Fredericka*

*Richland County Ohio. I make the  
following disposition of it*