

# Special Sittings.

Fourth Circuit William & Miller & Ross Richard Purcell  
Esquires Attorneys —

The Last Will & Testament of James  
Lucas deceased is brought before the Court & proved by the oaths of  
Joseph Morris & Providence Morris, the subscribing witnesses thereto  
& the examination of said subscribing witnesses, is reduced to writing  
& sealed in Court hands: And it appears unto the satisfaction of the  
Court that the said James Lucas, at the time of executing said Will was  
of full age of sound mind & memory & not under any restraint: It is or-  
dered that said Will & the proofs so reduced to writing be recorded.

And thereupon on motion of Mr. Stoke, & Daniel Evans the executors  
named in said Will the Court grant them letters testamentary  
therew & the said executors thereupon file in, Court here their  
hand in the peculiarity of thirty six thousand dollars conditioned  
at the law direct, with Benjamin Hathaway, Abraham Mar-  
ritt, John Henry, Charles Evans, George Blin, Benjamin A.  
Stokes, Adams P. Morris, & William McElroy, their security which  
hand & security are affirmed of by the Court: And it is ordered  
that John New & Mulligan, John & Anthony & Providence  
Morris appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

The Will of said deceased is in the words  
of James Lucas of the County

of Warren and State of Ohio, being weak in body but of sound mind  
& memory & not knowing the day of my death, & for the settlement and  
of my estate do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and  
form following:

1<sup>st</sup> My Will is that the expenses attending my last sickness & funeral  
expenses be paid.

2<sup>nd</sup> My Will is that my debts due to individuals be paid as speedily  
as possible as possible in the way & manner hereinbefore mentioned.

3<sup>rd</sup> I Will & bequeath to my wife Christine, the one third of my estate  
after my debts are all paid.

4<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to the heirs of Sarah McElroy late Sarah Lucas  
deceased one equal share of my estate after deducting the following sum:  
1<sup>st</sup> Five hundred Dollars for taking care & providing for said  
Chidren for Six years — 2<sup>nd</sup> Five hundred dollars for a lot of  
land in the State of Indiana LaPort County the said lot of land  
may be known by a reference to a claim I gave to the said Sarah  
& Sarah McElroy during their natural lives & that they deceased this  
field to be vested in said Sarah heirs to be divided between equal.  
5<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son Dan Lucas one equal share of  
my estate after deducting the following sum: 1<sup>st</sup> One thousand  
dollar for his lot of land in the LaPort County & a which I credit  
to him: Also the sum of three hundred Dollars which I gave

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him & took no note for the same.

6<sup>th</sup> I Will and bequeath to my son Aaron Lucas one equal share of my estate & allow allow him the said Aaron a reasonable sum for making improvement on two lots of land in the County of St Joseph State of Indiana.

7<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son Francis Lucas the sum of thirty or thirty five dollars the am't of a note I hold at this time against him. I bought the land whereon he lies by first lying out the settlers, & putting him the said Francis in possession the said Francis then proved his claim & before got out thereof the said Francis borrowed the money, made a purchase & took the deed in his name, & when I got there I gave him the money to pay where he had borrowed.

8<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Allards late Rhoda Lucas one full share after deducting the following sum: 1<sup>st</sup> Three hundred dollar which I gave them in money and less hundred & fifty dollars for two lots of land which they now occupy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Two hundred & ten dollars by a claim I gave them during their lives to occupy & then the title to be in the children of the said Rhoda Allards & to be equally divided between them.

9<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Mary Warren late Mary Lucas the sum of five dollars.

10<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son George Lucas one equal share of my estate together with five hundred dollars for extra service, during his minority & when he arrived at full age.

11<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Christine Lucas late Christine Lucas one full share part or portion.

12<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth fifty Dollars.

13<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my son Samuel Lucas one full share of my estate.

14<sup>th</sup> My Will is that my executors shall & they are hereby empowered to sell lands in the State of Indiana of mine or so much as is required to pay my debts & legacies contained in this my last Will and Testament & if all my lands in said State be insufficient to pay my debts, as aforesaid then my executors to sell lands of mine in Warren County Ohio to make up the balance of money to pay debts as above.

15<sup>th</sup> My Will is that the balance of land which shall remain unsold shall be divided as follows: my wife to receive the one third & the balance to be divided among my heirs as within mentioned the lands to be appraised & set off to each heir agreeable to the amount of their claims as within mentioned & the said heir, to remain in possession of said lands, & divided to them & for their use during their natural lives, & at their death the title to be in their respective heirs, shares & shares alike. — My personal property to be disposed of by my executors & the balance left.

# Special Sessions.

Execution to this my last Will & Testament: I do witness, whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand, and seal'd this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1842  
Signed sealed & declared in presence of his  
Senes of who at the request of said Francis & Lucas <sup>Decd</sup> Lucas signed the same as witnesses thereto <sup>mark</sup>

Notary Publics  
Endorsed Mounts  
Joseph Mounts

Proof-

"Mar. Com. pleas, Special Session May 22 1843.  
Probate of the Will of Francis Lucas decd."

Be it remembered that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May  
in the year 1843, came into open Court in their own presence, Edmund Mount, & Joseph Mount, who, are being duly sworn according to law deposed & say that they are two of the subscribers witness to the last Will & Testament of Francis Lucas decd. on this day produced in open Court, that they saw said Testator sufficiently sound & by making his mark thereto, that they subscribed the same as witness, in the presence & at the request of said Testator & that said Testator, at the time of the execution of said last Will & Testament in manner & form as aforesaid, was of full age of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding, and acted freely & voluntarily & not under any restraint as they truly believe further say not.

Finally comes to & subscribed in open Court Edmund Mount  
the day of year aforesaid AM Stokes, Clerk Joseph Mount

At a Special Session of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Warren & State of Ohio, convened at the Court House in said County on the third day of June A.D. 1843 now present William J. Nickle, Daniel Orms & Richard Parcell Esquires, Associate Judges.

The Last Will & Testament of Frederick Cline deceased is produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Anthony H. Dunlap & Robert G. Conn the subscribing witnesses thereto whose examination is reduced to writing & filed in Court house: And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Frederick Cline at the time of the execution of said Will was of full age of sound mind & memory & not under any restraint: It is ordered that said Will & the same be reduced to writing to record — And it appearing to the Court that Michael Cline one of the executors named in said Will deceased, the execution thereof: On motion of Anthony H. Dunlap the other executor named in said Will the Court grant him letters