

Will of Christian Beer

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Christian Beer	Of Berne; makes his last will & testmant	Jan. 26, 1903
Anna Beer	Wife; inherits 600.00, 20.00 worth of household goods	
Anna Beer	Wife; may occupy present home rent free for one year	
Japhet Beer	Son (feeble-minded and incompetent); inherits 1000.00	
Isaac Beer	Son; appointed trustee for brother Japhet Beer	
Robert Schwartz	Appointed trustee for Japhet Beer	
Mary Wittwer	Daughter; inherits 500.00	
Mary Wittwer's children	Unnamed; shall inherit mother's portion if she should be deceased	
Abraham Beer	Son; inherits 500.00	
Isaac Beer	Son; inherits 500.00	
Jonas Beer	Son; inherits 758.00	
Christian C. Beer	Son; inherits 500.00	
Lydia Fox	Daughter; inherits 500.00	
Eli Beer	Son; inherits 500.00	
Isaac Beer	Son; appointed executor of will of Christian Beer	
Robert Schwartz	Appointed executor of will of Christian Beer	
J. F. Lehman	Witnessed Christian Beer making his last will	
James T. Merryman	Witnessed Christian Beer making his last will	
Christian Beer	Adds codicil to last will & testament	Jan. 25, 1908
Isaac Beer	To be sole executor of last will of Christian Beer	
Wm. Miller	Witnessed codicil of Christian Beer	
J. F. Lehman	Witnessed codicil of Christian Beer	
Christian Beer	Died	March 26, 1911
Jeff F. Lehman	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will & codicil	June 8, 1911
James P. Haifling	Clerk	
James P. Haifling	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	

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 Last Will and Testament of Christian Beer
 In the name of the Ever-living Father of all. I, the undersigned
 Christian Beer residing in the town of Bern in Adams County
 in the State of Indiana being of sound mind and in good health
 do now hereby make public and declare the following as my
 Last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and all other
 Wills by me heretofore made to wit: -

Item 1st
 It is my will and I direct that all my just debts and
 funeral expenses be paid by my Executor as soon as
 convenient after my death, out of my portion of my
 estate that I may leave at my death, not specifically
 otherwise disposed of herein.

Item 2nd
 It is my will and I do hereby give devise and bequeath
 to my beloved wife Anna Beer in her own and in stead of
 the \$500, or the law-mould widow and give her as my lawful
 widow, the full sum of six hundred Dollars (\$600) also
 household and kitchen furniture to the amount of Twenty
 Dollars, to be so taken by her at the appraised value
 thereof; Also she shall have the right to use and
 occupy free grant for one year after my death the
 dwelling house and ground on which same is situated
 as now occupied by me. It being my intention by the
 will now here expressed that said six hundred dollars,
 said, said twenty dollars worth of household & kitchen
 furniture and the right to use and occupy said
 dwelling for one year, shall be so taken and received by
 my said wife in her own and in stead of all the law
 would give her of my estate as my lawful widow and
 all she is to have or receive from my estate.

Item 3rd

It is my further will and I do hereby will devise,
 give and bequeath to my son Japhet Beer the sum of
 One Thousand (\$1,000,00) Dollars; and whereas my said
 son is feeble minded and wholly incompetent to manage
 his own estate or taking care of any property. I hereby
 appoint my son Isaac Beer and one Robert Schwartz
 trustees for my said son, and they shall take and receive
 said sum of \$1,000 ~~00~~ from my Executor herein after named

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etc the settlement of my estate and each Trustee shall loan and invest the same in a safe manner and in the same with the income thereof for the support of my said son Japhet Beer and which sum of \$1000.00 as my said son Japhet Beer and which sum of \$1000.00 as my said son Japhet Beer shall be his full share and all he shall receive from my estate.

Item 4.

I hereby will devise and give to my daughter Mary Wittors the sum of Five hundred Dollars the same to be paid to her at the settlement of my estate - my my Executors and in case she should die prior to my death then said sum shall go to and be paid to the Children of said Mary Wittors.

Item 5.

Whereas I have heretofore advanced to certain of my children hereinafter named in this item \$500.00 of this will a part and portion of his or her share or interest in my estate which several amounts so advanced and said children so receiving the same are named as follows:

Abraham Beer Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00

Isaac Beer Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00

Jonas Beer Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00

Christian Beer Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00

Lydia Fox Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00 and

Eli Beer Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00

And it is my will and I do hereby direct that in the settlement and distribution of my estate that all said several advancements shall be taken into account and charged against the Child so having received the same respectively so that each and all my children except my son Japhet shall have and receive an equal like portion of my estate.

Item 6.

It is my further will and I direct that my said Executors hereinafter named shall sell and dispose of all my real estate and personal property except said \$20.00 of household goods to my said wife and convert the same into money and after paying my said wife the Six Hundred Dollars bequeathed her herein. And after paying to the Trustees of my said

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son Japhet aforesaid said One thousand Dollars so bequeathed herein and after paying to my wife Wittors the sum of all my just debts, funeral expenses and expenses of settling my estate if any then my said Executors shall pay out and distribute the entire surplus of my estate so remaining to my following named Children viz: - Abraham Beer, Isaac Beer, Jonas Beer, Mary Wittors, - Abraham Beer, Isaac Beer, Lydia Fox, - share and share alike. provided always that said advancements herein before mentioned shall be equalized and taken into account in each distribution so that my said last above named children shall have and receive a like equal portion of my estate when so paid to her - as bequeathed to said daughter Mary Wittors her and portion of her share in my estate. I do hereby direct and give to her in item 4 of this will to make her share even with my said other children who had received \$500.00 as herein before mentioned and set out.

Item 7.

I hereby name and appoint Isaac Beer and Robert Schwarty as Executors of this my Last will and Testament and direct that they execute and carry out the same according to the terms and provisions thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26th day of January A.D. 1903

Christian Beer (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the above named Christian Beer Testator in our presence and signed by each of us in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other as attesting witnesses thereto on this January 26th 1903

J. F. Lehman
James F. Merryman

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I Christian Beer being of sound mind and
 disposing memory do hereby make and publish and
 declare the following as a Codicil to my last will
 and Testament which will was executed by me on the
 26 day of January 1883.

I have one, I hereby revoke them several (7) good
 will, and it is now my will and I do hereby nominate
 and appoint Isaac Beer as executor of said will.

Due testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
 my name and affixed my seal this 25th day of January 1883.

Christian Beer Dead

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the above
 named Christian Beer in our presence and signed by
 each of us in his presence at his request and in the
 presence of each other as attesting witnesses thereto on
 this 25th day of January 1883.

Wm Miller
 J. F. Lehman

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State of Indiana, Adams County, 1881.
 Be it known, That Jeff. F. Lehman one of the subscribing
 witnesses of the last will and Testament and Codicil of Christian
 Beer late of Adams County, deceased, personally appeared before
 me, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams
 County, being of lawful age, and being by me duly sworn,
 deposed as follows:

That said Christian Beer deceased, on the 26 day of March
 1881 that he left the foregoing as his last will and Testament
 and Codicil thereto that the undersigned was present and
 saw the said testator sign his name to the same, and he
 also published and declared that the same was his last
 will and Testament and Codicil thereto that he was of sound
 mind and memory, fully competent to devise his property,
 and was under no restraint or coercion whatsoever; That
 James F. Merryman and this affiant each signed their
 names to the same as subscribing witnesses thereto will
 and testament in his presence and at his request and in
 the presence of each other, and that William Miller and this
 affiant each signed their names to the same as subscribing
 witnesses to the Codicil thereto last will and testament in
 his presence and at his request and in the presence of each
 other.

Jeff. F. Lehman,
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of June 1881.

James D. Haefling Clerk
 State of Indiana, Adams County, 1881.

I James D. Haefling Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court,
 of Adams County, Indiana, Certify that the above and
 foregoing will and Codicil thereto of Christian Beer late
 of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted
 to probate; that their due execution was this day proven by
 Jeff. F. Lehman whose proof, together with said will
 and Codicil thereto have been duly recorded on pages 197-
 180-181-182-183-Record "E" of wills, in this office.

Witness my hand and seal said Court, this 8th day
 of June, 1881

(Seal)

James D. Haefling Clerk