

## Estate of Christian Beery

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Christian Beery	Of Mercer County, Ohio; Made his last will & testament	June 9, 1857
G. W. Randabaugh	Witness to Christian Beery's will	
Henry L. Johnson	Witness of Chritian Beery's will	
Christian Beery	Late of Mercer County, OH; Last will & testament was produced in court	Feb. 18, 1858
George M. Raudabaugh	Witness to Christian Beery making last will & testament	
Henry L. Johnson	Witness to Christian Beery making last will & testament	
Elizabeth Beery	Executrix of Christian Beery's will	
Elizabeth Beery	Accepted provisions of will in lieu of dower	
Daniel Booker	Son in law of Christian Beery;	
Unnamed Daughter	Wife of Daniel Booker	
Benjamin Beery	Son; should execute will if wife Elizabeth declines or cannot	
Joseph L. Beery	Son; should execute will if wife Elizabeth declines or cannot	
Francis Fickle	Grandchild of Christian Beery; Dau of Mary (Beery) Bright, deceased	
Christian B. Bright	Grandchild of Christian Beery; Son of Mary (Beery) Bright, deceased	
Mahala Bright	Grandchild of Christian Beery; Dau of Mary (Beery) Bright, deceased	
Mary Bright	Daughter of Christian Beery, now deceased	
G. W. Randabaugh	Oath of witnessing last will of Christian Beery	Feb. 18, 1858
Henry L. Johnson	Oath of witnessing last will of Christian Beery	
Wm. L. Blocher	Probate Judge of Mercer County, Ohio	
Wm. L. Blocher	Oath of true last will & testament of Christian Beery	Feb. 20, 1858

Mercer County, Ohio Probate Court  
 Be it Remembered that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
 February in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight  
 (1858) the last will and testament  
 of Christian Beery late of Mercer  
 County, Ohio deced was produced in  
 open Court and George ~~M~~ Randabough  
 and Henry L. Johnson the subscribing  
 witnesses to said will appeared and  
 in open Court on oath testified to the  
 due Execution of said will which testi-  
 mony was reduced to writing and by  
 them respectively subscribed and filed  
 with said will and it appearing  
 to the Court by said testimony that  
 said will was duly attested and  
 executed & that the said testator  
 at the time of executing the same  
 was of full age and of sound mind  
 and memory and not under any  
 restraints. It is Ordered by the Court  
 that said will and testimony be  
 Recorded whereupon Elizabeth Beery  
 the Executrix in said will named  
 appeared in Court and signified  
 her acceptance of the trust of Exe-  
 cuting said will It is therefore  
 further ordered that Letters testamentary  
 be granted to said Elizabeth Beery  
 as Executrix of aforesaid without Bond  
 for her trust. Ased after words to



with on the foresaid 18<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1858 personally came the said Elizabeth Beery widow of said Christian Beery deceased and signified her acceptance of the provisions made for her in the will of her said husband in lieu of dower which said will and testamentary in the words and figures following to wit: I Christian Beery of the County of Mercer and State of Ohio being under the mercy of God endeavor to discharge my duties through life and being distressed by the uncertainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereby and desirous of bringing my temporal matters so that I may be better prepared to leave this world make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made

- 1<sup>st</sup> I desire all just debts and charges against me fully paid
- 2<sup>d</sup> I desire to be decently buried and the expenses thereof paid out of the assets of my Estate
- 3<sup>d</sup> Should my wife Elizabeth and myself continue to reside with our son in law Daniel Beery so long as we do live I hereby give to said Daniel Beery and his wife my daughter's whatever articles of house hold

furniture that may be left at the decease of my wife Elizabeth and myself. I hereby give and devise to my said wife Elizabeth all other property held or received by me at the time of my decease both Real and personal in the State of Ohio or elsewhere to be held during her natural life hereby empowering her to dispose of it private sale or otherwise, as she may see proper any part or all of the same to execute deed of conveyance without an order of Court and acting in all things with said property as her own and I also appoint my said wife Elizabeth executrix of this my last will and testament and desire that she should not give bonds for the execution of her trust, but should she decline such appointment or be unable to discharge the duties thereof I nominate and appoint my two sons Benjamin Beery of the State of Indiana <sup>and Joseph Beery of the State of Ohio</sup> to execute this will, conferring upon them the same power to dispose of my property without order of Court as is above conferred upon my wife but in no case shall they dispose of any property without the cooperation and consent of my said wife Elizabeth during her



natural life  
 With the death of my said wife, I desire  
 that I desire (an equal division) of  
 both of my Estate to be made <sup>among</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>sons</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>daughters</sup> <sup>recommending</sup>  
 to them that they make the division  
 thereof themselves, I but shew them  
 any possibility of trouble about a  
 division I further recommend that they  
 refer the same to three disinterested good  
 men and that they all abide that  
 division without murmuring here  
 I earnestly but hope that they will  
 settle the matter among themselves  
 This Expressly to be understood that  
 my grand Children Francis Finkle  
 Christian B Bright and Mahala  
 Bright Children of my daughter  
 Mary Bright now deceased shall  
 inherit a portion in said Estate  
 to be the same as if the said things  
 were still living and so also of the  
 Children of any of my sons or  
 daughters who may die before such  
 divisions may be made That Portion  
 hereby designated for the Children  
 of my daughter Mary to be paid  
 or conveyed to them only as they  
 arrive whether or not they should  
 my Estate be reduced to persons  
 about them I desire their portions  
 to be placed at interests upon

Real Estate security for their use when  
 they become of age  
 And now having disposed of my  
 worldly assets I desire that my  
 children and grand children the  
 great truth that my Experience is  
 that the Christian Religion is the  
 best legacy that can be left to  
 them and that they embrace  
 its principles and practice its  
 teachings and thereby discharge their  
 duties as citizens and their obliga-  
 tion as Christians which will pre-  
 pare them for a better hereafter  
 In testimony whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and  
 seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1851

Christian B Bright  
 Signed by said Christian Bright  
 as his last will and testament in  
 my presence and signed by me  
 in his presence at his request  
 and in the presence of Enoch and  
 G. W. Randabaugh  
 George Johnson

The state of Ohio  
 Mercer County

We G. W. Randabaugh  
 and George Johnson being duly sworn  
 in open court this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb  
 1858 say that we were both present at  
 the Execution of the foregoing last will

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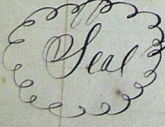
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and testaments of Christian Beery  
there we saw the said testator sign and  
will and heard him publish and  
declare the same to be his last  
will and testaments and that the  
said testator at the time of executing the  
same was of full age, of mind and  
memory, and not under any  
coercion or restraints and that  
we signed said will as witnesses  
at the request of said testator in  
his presence and in the presence  
of each other  
W. L. Johnson  
G. W. Handabough

Sworn to and subscribed in open  
Court Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1858.  
Wm. L. Blocher Probate Judge

The state of Ohio  
Mercer County

I William L. Blocher  
Judge within and for the County aforesaid  
hereby certify the foregoing to be a true  
copy of the last will and testaments  
of Christian Beery late of said County,  
deed and the probate thereon as ap-  
pears by the Record and files in my  
Office Given under my hand and  
official seal at Celina  
Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1858  
Wm. Blocher Probate Judge  
Mercer County, Ohio





The State of Ohio ss.  
 Mercer County ss.

So, all persons whom these presents shall come greeting know ye; That the last will and testament of Christian Beery late of Mercer County, Ohio deceased having been duly proved before the Probate Court of said County, and by said Court allowed and admitted to record the said Court doth hereby grant unto Elizabeth Beery Executrix named in said will, full power and authority, to administer according to law and to the said will all and singular the goods Chattels Moneys Rights & Credits of said deceased and also the proceeds of all the Real Estate of said deceased which she may be authorized to sell for the payment of the debts due to and pay those due from said Estate so far as its means will extend and the law require and to do all other things which may be lawfully done in the premises, to effect the just and speedy settlement of said Estate

*In or by the said deceased collect all the debts*

Copy of  
 seal of Court  
 of Mercer, Co

In testimony whereof the seal of the Probate Court is hereto affixed Witness W. L. Blocker Judge of said Court at Celina this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1858 W. L. Blocker Probate Judge

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The State of Ohio  
Mercer County  
I hereby certify  
that the within is a true  
copy of the letters testamentary  
issued to Elizabeth Beery  
Administration Beery decd.

Given under my hand  
& official seal at  
Celina this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
February A D 1858.

N. L. Mylocker Probate  
Judge Mercer Co. Ohio

Fee \$1.50 to prob. March 11<sup>th</sup> 1858