

	Jacob Bender	
Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Jacob Bender	Makes his last will & testament	Jan. 25, 1896
Fredrica Bender	Wife; inherits entire estate	
Unnamed children	To share estate after death of Fredrica Bender	
Iva Roebuck	Granddaughter; her share to be shared among heirs at her death	
German Missionary Church	Of Stuttgart Germany; to receive \$50.00	
Frederick Bender	Son; appointed executor of will of Jacob Bender	
Robert S. Peterson	Witnessed Jacob Bender making his last will	
John H. Heller	Witnessed Jacob Bender making his last will	
Jacob Bender	Adds codicil to will dated Jan. 25, 1896	Feb. 8, 1896
German Missionary Church	Now receives only \$25.00	
Evangelical Church of Decatur	To receive \$25.00	
Israel Bender	Son; now to be appointed executor of will of Jacob Bender	
Robert S. Peterson	Witnessed Jacob Bender adding codicil to his last will	
John H. Heller	Witnessed Jacob Bender adding codicil to his last will	
Jacob Bender	Died	Feb. 18, 1903
John H. Heller	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will and codicil	Feb. 20, 1903
Elmer Johnson	Clerk	
James P. Haefling	Deputy	
Elmer Johnson	Clerk; will and codicil has been admitted to probate	Feb. 20, 1903
James P. Haefling	Deputy	

Will of Jacob Benders.

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Last will and testament of Jacob Benders.

In the name of the Reverend Father to all:
I Jacob Benders do make and publish this my
last will and testament:

Item One: It is my will that all of my just debts and
funeral expenses be by my executor paid out of the first
funds of my estate as soon after my death as the same
can reasonably be done.

Item Two: It is my will that in the event my beloved
wife Rebecca Benders should survive me that she have
absolute possession and control of all of my estate real
and personal of which I may die seized so long as she
may live.

Item Third: It is my will and I give devise and
bequeath all of my estate both real and personal to my
children share and share alike, and should any of my
children be prior to my decease leaving a child or
children surviving him or her then each child or
children is to have the parents share that would go to
such parent under this will if he or she survive me.

Item Fourth: It is my will that the share that my grand-
child Dr. Robert takes by virtue of item three of this will
shall at his death go to my children share and share alike.

Item Fifth: I hereby revoke all former wills by me
made.
Item Sixth: I give devise and bequeath to the trustees of
the German Missionary Church of Stuttgart-Bismarck
the sum of fifty dollars to be by them used as a
missionary fund the same to be paid by my
executor of the first available fund that may come
into his hands of my estate.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son
Frederick Benders executor of this my last will and
testament.

In testimony hereof I have hereto set my hand
and seal this 25th day of January in the year 1846.

Jacob Benders *(initials)*
Signed sealed and acknowledged and published by the
said Jacob Benders as his last will and testament in
our presence and by us signed in his presence and in
the presence of each other

Robert B Peterson
John H. Keller
John B. Peterson

Will of Jacob Benders (continued)

Whereas I Jacob Benders on the 25th day of January 1846
made my last will and testament of that day I do hereby
declare the following to be a codicil to the same.

I do hereby make ten sixth of my said will and in the
thing I give devise and bequeath to the German Missionary
Church of Stuttgart leaving the sum of twenty five
dollars to be held by the trustees of said church and the
profits therefrom to be used for missionary purposes
I give and devise to the Evangelical Church of Trustees
in Indiana the sum of twenty five dollars.

I hereby nominate my son David Benders executor
of my last will to take the place of my son Frederick
Benders nominated in my last will aforesaid.

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand
and seal this 2nd day of February 1846.

Jacob Benders *(initials)*
Signed and acknowledged by the said Jacob Benders
as a codicil to his last will in our presence and by us
signed in his presence as witnesses thereto and signed
in the presence of each other.

Robert B Peterson
John H. Keller

Copy of Probate see next page.

Will of Jacob P. Bender. (Post-1880).

State of Indiana, Adams County, ss:

Be it known that John H. Hiller one of the undersubscribing witnesses of the last will and testament and a codicil thereto of Jacob P. Bender late of Adams County, deceased, personally appeared before the undersigned clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, being of lawful age and being by me duly sworn deposed as follows: That Jacob P. Bender late of Adams County, Indiana, died on the 15th day of February 1903; that he left the foregoing as his last will and testament and a 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 a codicil thereto, that he was of sound mind and memory, fully competent to dispose his property, and was under no constraint or coercion whatever.

That John H. Hiller and Robert Peterson such signed their names to the same as undersubscribing witnesses in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February 1903.

John H. Hiller,

Edward Johnson Clerk
James P. Hargling Deputy

State of Indiana Adams County, ss:

I Edward Johnson, clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing will and a codicil thereto of Jacob P. Bender late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate and that their due execution was this day proven by John H. Hiller whose proof together with said will and codicil thereto have been duly recorded, on page Book "B" of wills in this office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 20th day of February 1903.

Edward Johnson Clerk
By James P. Hargling Deputy,

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