

## Will of Nicholas Berger

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Nicholas Berger	Makes his last will & testament	Nov. 8, 1880
William Berger	Son; receives 1/8 of estate	
Edward Berger	Son; receives 1/8 of estate	
Samuel Berger	Son; receives 1/8 of estate	
Jacob Berger	Son; receives 1/8 of estate	
Rosanna Haffner	Daughter; receives 1/8 of estate	
G. Christian Haffner	Husband of Rosanna Haffner	
Sophia Berger	Daughter; receives 1/8 of estate	
Mary Berger	Minor daughter; receives 1/8 of estate	
John Kirchner	Illegitimate son of Susan Arnold; receives 1/2 of 1/8 of estate	
Susan Arnold	Daughter	
Frank Arnold	Husband of Susan Arnold	
Children of Susan & Frank Arnold	Receives 1/2 of 1/8 of estate	
John Schurger	Witnessed Nicholas Berger making his last will	
W. J. Adelsperger	Witnessed Nicholas Berger making his last will	
Nicholas Berger	Died	Feb. 28, 1896
John Schurger	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	March 6, 1896
John H. Lenhart	Clerk	
John H. Lenhart	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	March 6, 1896

No 544

Nicholas Bergen of Adams County in the State of Indiana being of sound mind and Memory do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made:

1<sup>st</sup>. It is my Will that after my death my funeral expenses and just debts be paid out of my estate.

2<sup>d</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son William Bergen the one eighth of my estate (after my debts are paid and so with the following bequeath)

3<sup>d</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Edward Bergen one eighth of my estate.

4<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Bergen one eighth of my estate.

5<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Bergen one eighth of my estate.

6<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rosanna wife of Christian Heffner one eighth of my estate.

7<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Bergen one eighth of my estate.

8<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Bergen one eighth of my estate.

9<sup>th</sup>. The remaining one eighth I give and bequeath, one half to John Kirchner illegitimate son of Susan Arnold, and the other half to the children of said Susan Arnold, which she has or may have from Frank Arnold at the time of my death. I further direct that my real estate remain unsold until my daughter Mary arrives at the age of twenty one years.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, A D 1850.

(Signed in German) Nicholas Bergen (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged by Nicholas Bergen as his last Will and Testament in our presence, and signed by us in his presence.

John Schurzer  
W. J. Adelsperger

State of Indiana, Adams County ss:

Be it known, That John Schurzer, one of the subscribing of the last Will and Testament of Nicholas Bergen, 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, before me follows. That Nicholas Berger deceased on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1896 that he left the foregoing as his last Will and Testament 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; that he was of sound mind and memory, fully competent to devise his property, and was under no restraint or coercion whatsoever that John Scherger and Wm. Adelsperger each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

John Scherger  
 John H. Breckart Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896

State of Indiana Adams County ss:  
 John H. Breckart, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing Will of Nicholas Berger late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate. That its due execution was this day proved by John Scherger, whose proof, together with said Will, have been duly recorded on pages 421 and 422 Record C of Wills, in this office. Witness my hand and seal of said Court, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896.

John H. Breckart Clerk