

Will of Gerhard Berling

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Gerhard Berling	Makes his last will & testament	July 31, 1897
Helen Berling	Wife; inherits all personal property and real estate in Decatur	
Anthony Holthouse	Witnessed Gerhard Berling making his last will	
Joseph V. Voglewede	Witnessed Gerhard Berling making his last will	
Gerhard Berling	Died	Oct. 23, 1904
J. V. Voglewede	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	Oct. 28, 1904
David Gerber	Clerk	
Paul Baumgartner	Deputy	
David Gerber	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	Oct. 28, 1904
Paul Baumgartner	Deputy	

Last Will and Testament of Gerhard Berling.

No. 726. I Gerhard Berling 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.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Helen Berling all my Personal Property all claims and demands Notes Book accounts and Moneys and Credits of whatever kind or nature for her own individual use and benefit. It is my Will to place my said wife in a condition as though the property above described originally belong to her. Provided however that she shall settle and pay all my just debts, and further that she may sue and be sued in the settlement of my affairs after my death, but shall not be obliged to give Bond as administrator of my Estate.

Second. I give and bequeath to said Wife, Helen Berling the following real estate to wit: the town Lot No. 103 one hundred thirty-five Corner Fourth & Jefferson Streets in which I now live in, also lot No. 101 Four Corner First & Jefferson Streets with all improvements thereon and all other real estate that I may own above ^{mentioned} real estate all situated in the City of Decatur County of Adams State of Indiana together with all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the same in fee simple forever.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July A. D. 1904.
G. Berling Seal

Signed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence.

Anthony Holthouse,
Joseph H. Voglewede.

Last Will and Testament.

State of Indiana, Adams County, Ind.:

Be it known, That J. H. Voglewede, one of the subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Gerhard Berling late of Adams County, deceased,

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personally appeared before the undersigned, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, being of Lawful age, and being by me duly sworn, & swore as follows: That Gerhard Berling deceased, on the 25th day of October 1904; 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 whatever; That J. H. Voglewede and Anthony Holthouse each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of October, 1904.

Joe. H. Voglewede.
David Geiber, Clerk.
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.

State of Indiana, Adams County, Ind.:

I David Geiber, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing Will of Gerhard Berling, late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly submitted to probate; that its due execution was this day proven by J. H. Voglewede whose proof, together with said Will, have been duly recorded in pages 276-277, Record "D" of Wills, in this office.

Witness my hand, and seal of said Court, this 25th day of October 1904.

Seal
David Geiber, Clerk.
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.