

## Will of Catherine Closs

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Catherine Closs	Of Decatur; makes her last will & testament	May 25, 1916
Mary Closs	Daughter; inherits personal property	
Mary Closs	Daughter; shares real estate with brother	
Jacob Closs	Son; shares real estate with sister	
Arthur Closs	Grandson; inherits 100.00	
Vivian Closs	Granddaughter; inherits 100.00	
John Closs	Grandson; inherits 100.00	
Joseph A. Closs	Grandson; inherits 100.00	
Charles S. Niblick	Appointed executor of will of Catherine Closs	
Stephen Callahan	Witnessed Catherine Closs making her last will	
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Catherine Closs	Died	June 13, 1916
Stephen Callahan	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	Nov. 27, 1916
Will Hammell	Clerk	
John T. Kelly	Deputy	
Will Hammell	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	Nov. 27, 1916

I Catherine Cloce at this time a resident of Decatur Adams County Indiana, and being of sound and disposing mind and one who is hereby made public and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made:

Item I.  
It is my will that all my just debts including that of my last sickness and funeral expenses be first paid.

Item II.  
It is my will that \$200.00 be spent for the purpose of erecting a tombstone over my grave.

Item III.  
I hereby give and bequeath to Reuben Father Julius A. Sumner of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana \$50.00 for the purpose of offering up masses for the repose of my soul.

Item IV.  
I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cloce, all of my personal property, including all my household furniture

Item V.  
I hereby give and devise to my daughter Mary Cloce, and to my son, Jacob Cloce, all of my real estate to be divided as follows: one-half to my said daughter, Mary Cloce, and one-half to my said son, Jacob Cloce, upon the condition that my said son, Jacob Cloce pay to my grandchildren, Arthur Cloce, Reuben Cloce, John Cloce, and Joseph A. Cloce, the sum of one hundred dollars (100.00) each, to be paid from and out of the proceeds of the said one-half of my real estate as devised to my said son, Jacob Cloce.

Item VI.  
I hereby constitute and appoint Charles L. Noble executor of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 35<sup>th</sup> day

May 1866 at the city of St. Wayne, Allen  
County, Indiana. Catherine ~~Close~~ <sup>Close</sup>

The foregoing instrument signed, sealed  
and acknowledged by the said Catherine Close  
as and for her last will and testament in and  
presence, and also at her request, in her  
presence, and in the presence of each other,  
here subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto  
the 25 day of May 1866

Stephen A. Callahan  
Catherine Close

State of Indiana, Adams County, ss:

Best known, That Stephen A. Callahan,  
one of the subscribing witnesses of the last will and  
testament of Catherine Close, late of  
Adams County, Indiana, 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 Catherine Close,  
deceased on the 15 day of June 1866; 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  
Stephen A. Callahan and Catherine Close,  
each signed their names to the same as  
subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and  
at his request, and in the presence of each  
other.

Stephen A. Callahan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the 27 day

of November 1866

Will Hammell, Clerk

By John T. Kelly, Deputy

State of Indiana, Adams County, ss:

I, Will Hammell, Clerk of the Adams  
Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, certify  
that the above and foregoing will of Catherine  
Close, late of Adams County, Indiana, has been  
duly admitted to probate, that its due execution  
was this day proven by Stephen A. Callahan,  
duly sworn on page 16 of 171. Record B of  
Wills in this office.

Witness my hand, and seal of said Court,  
the 27 day of November 1866  
Will Hammell, Clerk.