

Will of John Closs

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
John Closs	Makes his last will & testament	Feb. 5, 1873
William Closs	Son; Inherits part of lot & stone house	
Jacob Closs	Son; Inherits part of lot	
Mary Closs	Daughter; inherits 300.00	
Catherine Closs	Wife; inherits remainder of estate	
John Closs	Son; inherits equal share of remaining estate after mother dies	
Jacob Closs	Son; inherits equal share of remaining estate after mother dies	
Catherine Niblick	Dau; inherits equal share of remaining estate after mother dies	
William Closs	Son; inherits equal share of remaining estate after mother dies	
Mary Closs	Dau; inherits equal share of remaining estate after mother dies	
W. G. Spencer	Witnessed John Closs making his last will & testament	
Conrad Brake	Witnessed John Closs making his last will & testament	
J. B. Meibers	Witnessed John Closs making his last will & testament	
John Closs	Died	Feb. 28, 1873
Conrad Brake	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will of John Closs	March 11, 1873
A. J. Hill	Clerk	
E. A. Huffman	Deputy	
A. J. Hill	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	March 11, 1873

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Will and Testament of John Closs

I, John Closs of the County of Adams and State of Iowa, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby repealing all former wills before at any time made.

First I will that all my just debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible.

Second I will and bequeath to my son William Closs the lot and store house situated on plot of land 1600 square and fifty (250), described as follows, commencing at a point on Monroe street sixty six feet west of the south east corner of said lot. Thence running north at right angle with Monroe street one hundred and thirty two feet (132) thence thence south along the alley to Monroe street thence to the place of beginning except third part hitherto conveyed to my son Jacob Closs.

Third I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Closs three hundred dollars which shall be paid out of my real estate, which I may hereafter be sold.

Fourth I will and bequeath to my wife Catharine Closs the residue of my property real and personal of every character and description, during her natural life with full power to sell and convey any of my property of which I may die seized for the support of herself and for the payment to Mary of her three hundred dollars and for the payment of taxes from time to time in as full and complete a manner as I could do myself if living & to make a deed for the same.

Fifth It is my express desire, that if my wife wishes at any time to sell any of my real estate she may do it without making application to Court or asking any person whomsoever, with as much authority, as I could do myself.

6th At the death of my said wife, whatever property that I may die seized of shall remain unsold or disposed of I desire the same to be distributed equally among my children viz: John Closs, Jacob Closs, Catharine Kiblick, William Closs and Mary Closs share and share alike.

7th I expect and desire that my wife and children shall erect over my grave a suitable tombstone with proper inscription thereon.

In Witness Whereof I herewith set my hand and affix the seal thereof this 5th day of February A.D. 1873.

John Closs Seal

The undersigned witnesses that we saw the testator sign his name to this instrument and heard him declare and say that it was his last will and testament and we subscribed our names at his request and his presence and in the presence of each other the day and year above written.

W. S. Spencer

Conrad Brake

J. B. Meibner

State of Indiana,
Adams County, ss.

We it sheweth, that Conrad Brake one of the subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of John Close late of Adams County, deceased, personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, being of lawful age, and being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows: That John Close, deceased, on the 28th day of Feb. 1873, 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 dispose his property, and was under no restraint or coercion whatever. That Conrad Brake and W. S. Spencer & J. B. Meibner each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and at his request and in the presence of each other.

Conrad Brake

Submitted and sworn to before me this 11 day of March 1873

A. M. Hill Clerk

J. E. A. Hoffman Depy.

State of Indiana,
Adams County, ss.

I A. M. Hill Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing Will of John Close late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate, that its due execution was this day proven by Conrad Brake whose proof, together with said will, have been duly recorded on pages 112 & 113 Record "B" of Wills in this Office.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 11 day of March 1873.

A. M. Hill Clerk

J. E. A. Hoffman Depy.