

## Will of Jacob Yager

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Jacob Yager	Of Decatur; makes his last will & testament	Aug. 8, 1904
Mary J. Yager	Wife; inherits entire estate	
Margaret J. France	Daughter; to share estate after death of mother	
Lydia J. Shamp	Daughter; to share estate after death of mother	
Phoebe V. Hite	Daughter; to share estate after death of mother	
Charles W. Yager	Son; to share estate after death of mother	
Charles W. Yager	Son; appointed executor of will of Jacob Yager	
James T. Merryman	Witnessed Jacob Yager making his last will	
Simeon B. Fordyce	Witnessed Jacob Yager making his last will	
Jacob Yager	Died	Aug. 10, 1904
James T. Merryman	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	Aug. 13, 1904
David Gerber	Clerk	
David Gerber	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	Aug. 13, 1904

## Last Will and Testament of Jacob Yager

In the Name of the Omnipotent Father of All.  
 I the undersigned Jacob Yager residing in  
 No. 723. the City of Decatur, in Adams County in the  
 State of Indiana, being of sound mind and dis-  
 posing memory, but being in feeble health and dis-  
 posing the uncertainties of life, do hereby make  
 publish and declare the following Last Will  
 and Testament, hereby revoking any and all  
 other wills by me at any <sup>time</sup> heretofore made  
 that is to say:

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. It is my will and I direct that  
 my just debts and funeral expenses be  
 first paid, by my executor hereinafter named, as  
 soon after this will takes effect as the same  
 can be conveniently done without sacrifice  
 to my estate.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is my Will and I do hereby give,  
 devise and bequeath to my beloved wife,  
 Mary J. Yager, for and during her natural  
 life, all the property that I may own at the  
 time this will takes effect both real and  
 personal and mixed of any and every kind  
 whatever, she to have the use, possession and  
 control thereof and to have and receive the  
 income rents and profits thereof for and  
 during the term of her natural life aforesaid,  
 subject only to the payment of my just debts.  
 Item 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is my further Will that after the  
 death of my wife aforesaid, all of my said  
 estate of any and every kind and nature  
 whatsoever shall be divided among my four  
 children, Margaret J. Souers, Lydia A. Champ,  
 Phoebe V. Hite, and Charles A. Yager, share  
 and share alike, subject only to the funeral  
 expenses and expenses of last sickness of my  
 said wife, for the payment of which if any  
 I hereby charge my estate, and which shall  
 be paid therefrom by my said children out  
 of the property hereby bequeathed to them.  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I hereby nominate and appoint my  
 son Charles A. Yager as the Executor of

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this my last Will and Testament.  
 The testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
 my name and affixed my seal on this the  
 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1904.

Jacob Yager. *(seal)*  
 Signed sealed and acknowledged by the above  
 named testator in our presence and signed  
 by each of us in his presence at his request  
 and in the presence of each other on the  
 day and date last above written as sub-  
 scribing witnesses thereto.

James T. Merryman,  
 Simon B. Fordyce.

State of Indiana, Adams County, Ind:

Be it Known, that James T. Merryman and  
 Simon B. Fordyce subscribing witnesses of the last  
 will and testament of Jacob Yager 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  
 Yager, deceased, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 un-  
 der no restraint or coercion whatever. That  
 James T. Merryman and Simon B. Fordyce  
 each signed their name to the same as sub-  
 scribing witnesses in his presence, and at his  
 request, and in the presence of each other.

James T. Merryman.

Simon B. Fordyce.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13 day  
 of August, 1904.

David Gerber, Clerk.

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State of Indiana, Adams County, S. S.

I, Wand Gerber, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams county, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing will of Jacob Yager late of Adams county, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate; that its due execution was this day proven by James T. Merryman and Simon<sup>B</sup> Fordyce, whose proof together with said will have been duly recorded on pages 262-263, Record "D" of wills in this office.

Witness, My hand, and the seal of said Court,  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1904,  
Wand Gerber, Clerk.