

The Will of Jonathan Haines 1714-1785

Let it be recorded, that I, Jonathan Haines, of the Township of Evesham, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, Yeoman, being at this time sick and weak of body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same, and being desirous that what temporal estate it hath pleased the Almighty to bless me with in this life shall come unto such person or persons as I shall hereinafter nominate and appoint, hereby revoking and making void all former and other wills by me made, either by word or writing, and this only to be taken for the same as followeth : Imprimis — In the first place, I order all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate as soon as convenient after my decease.

Item — I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Hannah Haines. all the remainder of my personal estate, be it whatsoever it may, to be enjoyed by her as soon as is convenient after my decease, except ten pounds to be taken out of the same, which I give and bequeath to the Upper Meeting of Friends, of Evesham, to be paid to the overseers of the said meeting in one year after my decease, and to be applied to such use for the benefit of said meeting as the Friends of said meeting shall direct.

Item — I give and devise unto my two sons, namely, Jacob and Josiah, all that my piece of cedar swamp lying at or near a place called "Roberts Meadow," to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality, one moiety* thereof to hold to my son, Jacob Haines, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item — As my son, Josiah Haines, hath heretofore been provided for, I pass him by, only I order my two sons, Isaac and Nehemiah Haines, to pay unto him thirty shillings each out of the lands I shall hereafter devise to them.

Item — I give and devise unto my son, Jacob Haines, a certain part of my plantation whereon I now dwell, lying at the lower end or most northerly part of my plantation, computed to be about one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, which is divided off by a line now run between the same and land hereafter devised to my son, Nehemiah Haines, which line begins at a hickory tree now marked, standing by the westerly side of the southerly branch of the Rancocas Creek, and runs from thence north sixty-six degrees and fifteen minutes west, seventeen chains and twenty-seven links to a stone in Josiah Foster's line, corner to land hereafter devised to my son, Nehemiah Haines, all which land lying to the lowermost or northerly side of the above said line, with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging. I give and devise to my son, Jacob Haines, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns forever; he paying out of the same to my daughter Hannah Haines, the sum of forty pounds in one year after my decease.

Item — I give and devise unto my son Nehemiah Haines one other part of my plantation whereon is the old mansion house. Beginning at a stone in Josiah Foster's line, corner to the land before devised to my son Jacob ; thence along said Foster's line south seventeen degrees and fifteen minutes west, twelve chains and eighty-four links to a stone by the edge of the meadow in said Foster's line, corner to land hereafter devised to my son Isaac Haines ; thence the six following courses and distances is the division

line between Nehemiah and Isaac Haines : First along the meadow side south, sixty-one degrees east, four chains and fifty-seven links to a stone ; thence crossing the meadow (2) south ten degrees and five minutes west, four chains and twenty-five links to a stone; thence (3) north eighty-three degrees and twenty minutes west, four chains and twenty-one links to a walnut sapling on the hill by the corner of the old orchard ; thence (4) south, about seven degrees east, twenty-four chains and thirty links to a stone in the field; thence (5) south, twenty-two degrees and thirty minutes west, seven chains and forty links to a stone corner to land of said Josiah Foster; thence (6) south, ten degrees and forty-five minutes east, thirty-two chains and eighty-three links to a stone in the line of William Foster's land, about one chain and thirty-eight links from William Foster's hickory corner by the aforesaid branch of Rancocas Creek ; thence bounding down said creek the several courses to the hickory marked by the said creek hereinbefore mentioned for a beginning corner to land devised to my son Jacob ; thence, along by the same to the stone first mentioned, containing about one hundred and forty acres of land, be the same more or less, together with the buildings, improvements and appurtenances, to hold to him, my said son Nehemiah Haines, and to his heirs and assigns forever, he paying thereout unto my daughter, Hannah Haines, the sum of fifty pounds in one year after my decease.

Item — Whereas, my son Isaac, Samuel Phillips and myself, sometime past built a new grist mill on the land included within, the bounds of land hereinbefore devised to my son Nehemiah, and each one of us was entitled to one-third part of the profits arising from the same, with being at equal expense of costs for repairs ; it is now my will and I do hereby order that Samuel Phillips, his heirs and assigns, shall enjoy the same in every respect as formerly, so long as the same should be kept up ; and as my sons Isaac Haines and Nehemiah Haines have built a new saw mill near to said grist mill, I do hereby order and give sufficient yard-room for both mills so long as the same should be thought proper to be kept up, to be enjoyed equally in every respect between my sons Isaac and Nehemiah Haines, to hold to them and their separate heirs and assigns forever, notwithstanding the above devise to Nehemiah Haines.

Item — I give and devise unto my son Isaac Haines, the remainder of any plantation whereupon I now dwell, to begin at the stone in Josiah Foster's line by the edge of the meadow, mentioned in the above devise to Nehemiah Haines, then the same six courses and distances following in said devise to a stone in the line of William Foster's land, about one chain and thirty-eight links from Foster's hickory corner by the creek ; thence it is bounded by William and Josiah Foster's land to the stone first mentioned, computed to be about one hundred and nineteen acres of land and premises, with the buildings, improvements and appurtenances, be the same more or less, to hold to him, my said son Isaac Haines, and to his heirs and assigns forever; he paying thereout unto my granddaughter, Sarah Collins, the sum of fifty pounds, when she arrives at the age of eighteen years.

Item — Whereas, I am now seized of one equal fourth part of all that tract of pine land and saw mill, well-known by the name of "Prickett's Mill Tract," situate in Evesham aforesaid, which said fourth part of said tract of land and saw mill I give and devise unto my two sons, Isaac Haines and Nehemiah Haines, to be equally possessed and enjoyed by them till a division shall be made, and to hold to them, my said sons Isaac and Nehemiah Haines, one moiety to Isaac, his heirs and assigns, the other moiety to Nehemiah, his heirs and assigns, they paying out of the same two hundred pounds to my daughter

Hannah, in the ; following manner : That is, Isaac Haines to pay her one hundred pounds in two years after my decease, and Nehemiah paying her the like sum in three years after my decease.

Item — Whereas I have given unto my sons, Isaac and Nehemiah Haines, my tract of land and saw mill, called "Prickitt's Mill Tract," it is my will, and I do hereby give free liberty unto my sons, Jacob Haines and Josiah Haines, to cut timber on said tract of land, and saw the same at the mill, that they or either of them should want for the use of their own buildings during their natural lives, but not for them, or either of them, to cut any for sale, under any pretense whatsoever.

Item — I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two sons, Isaac Haines and Nehemiah Haines, and my son-in- law, Job Collins, executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-third day of the tenth month (October), in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four (1784).

JONATHAN

HAINES.

[SEAL.]

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared to be my last Will and Testament, in the presence of Lawrence Webster, William Norton, Jos. Stokes.

Proved 4 mo, 1st, 1785. '

Job Haines. son of 'Jonathan Haines and Mary Matlack, married Esther Sharp, daughter of William Sharp and Mary Austin. They left no children. They settled in Newton, Gloucester county, New Jersey.

* In the field of law, moiety means the half of anything; as, if a testator bequeath one moiety of his estate to A, and the other to B, each shall take an equal part. Joint tenants are said to hold by moieties.

Notes:

- He is our (my) 5th great grandfather)
- His wife Hannah and his daughter Mary had preceded him in death.