

Last Will and Testament of Reinier Van Sickelen

11/17/1723 - 12/12/1803

wife: Maake Langstraat, married 4/29/1746

***Reinear Vansickel's Will.**—In the name of God, Amen. I, Reinear Vansickel, Senior, of the Township of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First, I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it. I recommend my body to the earth to be buried in a christian-like manner at the discretion of my Executor herein named, and as touching my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me *with*, I give, bequeath, and dispose of it in the following manner and form, viz: first, I order and direct that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid out of my personal Estate. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto Mercy, my well-beloved wife, the whole use and benefit of my plantation whereon I now live, containing two hundred and forty acres, together with the whole of the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, for the full term of four years next after my decease if she remains my widow till that period; if not, only the term she remains my widow; also, I give unto my said wife, to her own use and disposal, all and singular what she may have in hand at the time of my decease, and also as much grain for bread and other necessary uses, also meat for her support for one whole year after my decease. Also I give unto my said wife and to her heirs and assigns forever, one horse and two cows, her choice; also a saddle and bridle and two beds with their furniture, her choice of my beds and as much of my household furniture as she shall think sufficient for her housekeeping, and I further give unto my said wife all the yarn and linen cloth she may have by her at the time of my decease. Note. After the expiration of the above recited four years when my said wife shall leave or quit my said house and plantation, I give unto her and to her heirs and assigns forever the full sum of twenty-five pounds in gold or silver money to be paid to her by my Executor yearly and every year during the term she remains my widow. Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved grand children the offspring of my beloved son Richard Vansickel, the sum of two hundred twenty-five pounds in gold or silver money, to be paid in manner and form following, that's to say, to the five sons I give the sum of thirty pounds each, and to the three daughters I give the sum of twenty-five pounds each, to be like money above-said; one-third of said Legacies to be paid by my Executor in four years after my decease, the other two-thirds to be paid the next two succeeding years. It is my will that if one or more of my grand children should die before they should come to full age, their part or Legacy to be equally divided between the survivors of them. Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Rynear Vansickel, Junior, the sum of fifty pounds in gold or silver money, to be paid to him by my Executor in one year after my decease. Item. I give unto my beloved son Samuel Vansickel the whole of my plantation in Sussex County, containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, to be to him, his heirs, and Assigns forever, also I give unto my son Samuel Vansickel the sum of forty-four pounds to be paid to him by my Executor within two years after my decease. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah, now the wife of George Warne, the sum of one hundred pounds in gold or silver money, to be paid to her by my Executor in one year after my widow gives up my plantation as above cited. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine, now the wife of Jacob Probasco, the sum of twenty-five pounds, to be paid to her or her heirs and assigns by my Executor in one year after my decease. Item. I give and devise unto my beloved son Aaron Vansickel and to his heirs and assigns forever, the whole of my plantation where I now live, containing two hundred and forty acres, more or less. All the residue of my personal estate after my wife has taken what she may choose, it is my will, should be sold in as short time after my decease as by my Executor may be thought convenient, and the *net* proceeds arising from the sale *thereof* to be divided between the whole of my children share and share alike. Lastly, I do hereby constitute make and ordain my son Aaron Vansickel of the Township of Bethlehem, in the County of Hunterdon, my only and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other and former wills and testaments, Legacies, and Executors by me in any wise before named, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and two, 1802.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by Rynear Vansickel as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers.

Thomas Lequear,
Timothy Temple,
Absalom Ranyou.

Rynear Vansickel. 

A true copy,

John Beatty, Register.

N. B. The foregoing was copied from the original by E. Vansyckel, Jr., July, 1873. That document has since been destroyed by fire.