

## Thomas V Thornton's will

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas V. Thornton of Orange County Indiana being of sound and perfect mind do make, publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath unto my dear wife Clarinda C. Thornton Two thousand dollars in money and all my house hold goods and personal effects of every description except as herein after provided.

Also the use and occupancy during her natural life of the dwelling house in which I now live and the lot of ground to wit Lot no. 222 on which it is situate, and an acre of ground north of said lot except so much as is herein bequeathed to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church and lot no 240 in said Town, and all the houses, stables and out houses situate on said lot no. 222, and also of ten acres of land in the west half of the north west quarter of section 36 in Town Six north of Range one west being lot no. one in a sale of lots made by the State administrator of the estate of Zacharias Lindley, and after the death of my said wife I will and bequeath that said lots and land shall descend to my brothers, Joseph, George and Jefferson and my sister Elizabeth Thornton their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike. Provided that in case either or any of them shall die without issue the share of such shall go to the survivor or survivors of them.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my sisters Caroline L. Leach and Elizabeth Mc Thornton, and to my brothers, Joseph, George, and Jefferson C. Thornton each the sum of five hundred dollars out of my personal estate and in case of the death without issue of any or either of them the bequest to such shall go to the survivor or survivors or their heirs share and share alike. Provided that in case of the death of my sister Caroline the bequest so made to her shall go to her youngest son Joseph.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to my brother Jefferson my watch, to my brother Joseph and George my law books, to my brother Joseph my gun to my brother George my cloak and to my three brothers a pair and to my wife and sister Elizabeth my miscellaneous books to be divided as they may agree.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my sister Harriet Mcorris the sum of two hundred dollars out of my personal estate.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my half brother Henry P. Thornton the sum of two hundred dollars which sum my executors herein appointed are to loan out at interest until the said Henry becomes of full age, when the same shall be paid over to him.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my nephew and name sake Thomas V Thornton son of Geo. A. Thornton the sum of one hundred dollars which sum shall be kept at interest until the said Thomas becomes twenty one years of age. And should it happen that my personal effects shall be insufficient to discharge and pay the specific bequests herein made fully my will is that the bequest made to my wife shall be fully paid and the deficiency if any, distributed in just proportion amongst the remaining legatus excepting however the said Thomas V. Thornton whose request



shall suffer no abatement. And in case there shall be an excess of estate beyond the payment of the several bequest herein then the same shall be charged first with the costs incident to the proof of this will and the settlement of my estate and the residue shall be divided equally between my wife my brothers, Joseph, George, and Jefferson and my sister Elizabeth Shane and Shane alike subject to the same rules as to survivorships as herein contained in regard to other bequests to my said brothers and sisters - the bequest to my said wife not being so subject how- ever)

7<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to the trustees of the Presbyterian church in the town of Paoli Indiana and to their successors in office forever a certain tract or parcel of ground selected as a site for a church building and more particularly described as follows viz: commencing at a point on the east side of north main street in said town 20 feet south of the line of the foundation of a building now erected running thence east on a line parallel with said building to a point 15 feet east of the east side thereof thence north to the line dividing the lands of John Baker and my self, thence west to the Orleans road thence south to the place of beginning to be used and employed by said Trustees, only as a site for a church building and not otherwise and to revert to me or my heirs whenever the same shall cease to be used for that purpose, the said Trustees not being permitted to erect any other building thereon to be occupied as an office shop or dwelling, nor to sell or transfer said ground to any other person or persons upon penalty of forfeiture of the same.

8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my brothers, Joseph, George and Jefferson, and my sister Elizabeth all the residue of my real estate of which I may be seized and possessed, to them their heirs and assigns forever share and share alike provided as herein before in case of the death of either or any of them without issue the share of such shall descend to the survivor or survivors their heirs and assigns share and share alike

9<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my brothers Joseph W. and George A. Thornton Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made And I hereby confer upon my executors power to make and execute and deed or conveyance for any lands held by me in trust for others in which it may become necessary to execute in conformity with any bond or other binding agreement.

And lastly I hereby enjoin it as a sacred duty resting upon my said brothers to devote if needful for that purpose whatever they may derive from my estate to the comfort, maintenance and happiness of my wife and my sisters, Caroline & Elizabeth if in the providence of God they shall by any possible contingency be left in helpless and destitute circumstances.

In witness my hand and seal the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight  
 J. W. Thornton



Signed, sealed published and  
declared by said Thornton to be his  
last will & testament in presence  
of us who at his request and in his  
presence and in the presence of each  
other have subscribed our names  
hereto as witnesses

Isaac Sands

Samuel Stalcup

State of Indiana }  
Orange County ss. }

Samuel Stalcup of said county being duly sworn says  
that the will of Thomas N Thornton late of said county deceased dated the  
4 day of December A.D. 1848 and to which said Stalcup is a subscribing  
witness was duly executed by said testator in the presence of this  
affiant and of Isaac Sands, also a subscribing witness thereto that said  
Thomas N Thornton at the time of executing the same was of full age  
to devise his property and of sound mind and memory and not under any  
coercion or restraint whatever and further this affiant says that Samuel Stalcup  
subscribed and sworn to in open court this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1849  
In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed the seal of the probate court of said county  
at Paoli the day aforesaid

Jeremiah Wilson clk Orange

Pro court,

I, Jeremiah Wilson clerk of said court do certify the foregoing to be a true  
and full record of the proofs and examination and attestation of the foregoing  
will of Thomas N Thornton  
Jeremiah Wilson Clerk

John Williams Will

Know all men by these presents I John Williams of the County of  
Orange and State of Indiana, being of sound mind and disposing  
memory, and impressed with uncertainty of duration of human life  
do make publish and declare my last will and testament in  
manner and form following viz. 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath unto  
my sons Isaac and Robert Williams jointly and to their heirs  
and assigns forever the following tract of land, viz: The south  
west quarter of section fourteen (14) in Township one North of  
Range one west, and its appurtenances to be equally divided  
between them, which they may do by agreement or otherwise  
according to law; 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to the said Isaac  
Williams and to his heirs and assigns forever the East half