

The will of Lawrence Sweitzer transcribed by Jeffrey La Favre on February 20, 2011 from a photocopy supplied by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, the photocopy does not have a reference to the actual source (ie. volume) but the will is headed with this: (No. 238). A search of the Internet yields this page: <http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/philadelphia/wills/willabstrbkq.txt> which indicates that the will is in Will Book Q: 1774 - 1784: Philadelphia Co, PA, page 285.

I Lawrence Sweitzer now living in Germantown in the county of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania do by these presents settle & dispose of my outward affairs by way of will being tho' antient [ancient] & infirm in body yet sound mind memory and understanding blessed be God for the __?__ __?__ in the first place my will is that all & singular my just debts & general expenses be well & truly paid. As my wife **Mary Elizabeth** if living is at a considerable distance from me and as by a certain agreement in writing I was to pay her the sum of eight pounds per annum & I will therefore that if she survives [me] that my Exectr. herein after named or survivor of them shall pay her the said sum yearly during her natural life out [of?] my Estate being in full of her dower widows part of my Estate. Item I give & bequeath the sum of twenty pounds current money of said Province to my son **Lawrence** if living & __?__ __?__ if not I give the said sum to all his living children equally part & share alike. I give & bequeath the like sum of twenty pounds money aforesaid to my son **Henry** if living & [a few words not legible] bequeath the said sum to all his living children part & share alike. Item I give & bequeath unto the? six? children of my son **Jacob** deceased or to as many of them as may __?__ a mature age the sum sixty pounds like money to be equally divided amongst them part & share alike. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter **Magdalen** the sum of twenty pounds like money if she survives me, if not I give the said sum to all her children part & share alike. Item I give & bequeath the sum of five pounds money aforesaid to all the children of my daughter **Yannica** to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give & bequeath to each of my daughters **Cathrine & Margaret** the sum of one shilling in full for each of their respective share __?__ __?__ of my Estate having giving considerably to each of them __?__ before and I hereby cancel & make used? the bond of ten pounds payable to me from my son in law **Cornelius Ringo**. Item I bequeath my bed bedstand & all the bedding & furniture thereto belonging unto my granddaughter **Polly or Mary Ringo** __?__ if she __?__ in minority & unmarried then I give the same value thereof if sold to her brothers & sisters equally. Item I give and bequeath unto my __?__ **William Speira** of Germantown the sum of thirty pounds like money exclusive of payment for my accomodations. Item I give & bequeath unto **Margaret Boyer, Margaret Goul & Mary Buzzard** widows **Sophia Fisher** single woman all of Germantown aforesaid and **Eve Feit** __?__ Ridge widows the sum of three pounds each money aforesaid. Item it is further my will that __?__ __?__ should fall short of a sufficiency to pay the above mentioned legacies after my debts & __?__ __?__ __?__ __?__ proportionable part of such deficiency must be abated in the payment of each __?__ to make up such deficiency from my daughters **Cathrine & Margaret's** legacies only excepted __?__ __?__ stances of my small estate be such as that there may be a residue thereof left [several words not legible] above mentioned legacies are fully paid in such case & bequeath that residue __?__ __?__ __?__ named legates except my two daughters **Cathrine & Margaret** [now at top of next page a whole line too dark to read] **Kinsman Jacob Leydie** and **Cunrad Leydie** of Hatfield township joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking & making null & void all or any former ones by me heretofore made.....[etc.]

I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of April AD one thousand seven hundred & seventy six 1776 Lawrence his X mark Sweitzer seal signed and sealed published & declared by the said Lawrence Sweitzer as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers **Peter Leibert David Lauck [or Lauik]**

Philadelphia May 8 1776 personally appeared **Peter Leibert** and **David Lauck [or Lauik]** the witnesses to the within written will and the said **Peter Leibert** on his solemn affirmation according to law and the said **David Lauck [or Lauik]** on oath did respectively declare that they saw and heard Lawrence Sweitzer the testator herein named sign & seal publish and declare the same will for and as his last will and testament and that at the Execution thereof he was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief __?_ [signature of Register General]

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of May 1776 the last will & testament of Lawrence Sweitzer deceased in an Form of Law __?_ and probate? and __?_ __?_ __?_ granted to Jacob Leydie and Cunrad Leydie Executors in the said will and they having first been duly __?_ __?_ and __?_ to administer the said deceased's Estate and bring an inventory thereof unto the Register General's Office at Philadelphia on or before the 8th day of June next and __?_ __?_ and just account of the said administration on or before the 8th day of May 1777. Given under the seal of the Register General's Office [signature of Register General]