

Description: Loose estate papers of Nathan Osborne (includes original will) (d. 1746)  
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*Handwritten signature or name in cursive script, possibly "Mary Smith".*

*The Will of Nathan  
Osborne of Cape  
May County*

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*Jan Smith last cited to May  
21. at 10. am.*

*Prob. last cited Sep. 15. 1746*

In the Name of God Amen I Nathan  
Osborne being sick & weak in body but of sound mind Memory and  
understanding, praised be God for the same, but being convinced of the  
uncertainty of this Transitory life, & being minded to settle & make a  
proper disposition of my worldly affairs, do make & publish my last Will  
& Testament in manner & form following, (that is to say) First I  
bequeath my Soul to Almighty God the Creator of all things, trusting that  
I shall be saved thro' the Meritts Croas & Capion of our blessed Redeemer  
Jesus Christ who died for our Sins & my body after my decease I desire  
may be decently buried by my Exec<sup>rs</sup> herein after named.

Secondly I leave & bequeath unto my will beloved <sup>Ann</sup> the full  
third Part of my personal Estate that I shall dye possessed of, also the best Room  
in my dwelling house together with the Bed & furniture therein, also I leave  
& bequeath unto my said wife the full half part of all my Lands I am  
entitled unto & possessed of at the Time of my Decease, also the use of half  
my Barn, during the Time of her widowhood.

Thirdly I leave and bequeath to my eldest Son Richard Osborne  
all my Lands & real Estates with I shall dye possessed of, except the said  
part so bequeathed to my wife.

Fourthly I leave & bequeath unto my Sons Nathan & John  
& to my Daughter Ruth the rest & residue of my personall Estates and  
Moveables to be equally divided amongst them Share & share alike, also my  
Will is that my son Richard do pay or cause to be paid unto my son Nathan  
the Sum of Twenty Pounds out of my real Estate, at or upon his  
arrival to the age of Twenty one years.

Fifthly my Will is that my Executors herein after named do as  
soon as they can conveniently after my Decease, cause so much of my  
personal Estates to be sold as will pay of my just Debts particularly that  
to the Loan Office.

Lastly I Nominate & appoint my wife Ann my S. son Rich<sup>d</sup>  
& my brother in law Daniel Smith Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament, also I desire that my brother in law Jonathan Smith do take my  
son Rich<sup>d</sup> into his care, & that my S. brother Dan<sup>d</sup> do take my S. son Nathan  
into his care, untill their arrival at the age of Twenty years, here by  
revoking & disannulling all other Wills heretofore by me made, ratifying &  
confirming this to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness where of I  
have herein to putt my hand & Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1745

Signed sealed & Published in  
Presence of  
Geo. Meares  
Ann Osborne  
Robt. Wakeley

Nathan Osborne

Be it remembered that on y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup>: Day of January Anno: Domini 1745: before me Henry Young Surrogate of the County of Cape May duly Commissioned &c. personally appeared Ann Osborn one of the Executrix In the within written Testament Named who being duly sworn did Depose that the within written Instrument contains the True last will & Testament of Nathan Osborn the Testator therein Named so far as she knows & Belives & that she will well & Truly perform the same by paying first the Debts of the Deceased & then the Legacies in the said will specified so far forth as y<sup>e</sup> Goods Chattels & Credits of the Deceased Can there unto extend & that she will make & Exhibit a True & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods & Chattels of the said Deceased at or before the 31<sup>th</sup>: of January in the year 1745: sworn to at Cape May the Day and year above written before me

Ann Osborn

Henry Young Surrogate

Be it remembered that on the 31<sup>th</sup>: Day of January Anno: Domini 1745: personally appeared George Meares & Robert Wakely two of the witnesses to the within written will who being duly sworn did Depose that they saw y<sup>e</sup> within Named Nathan Osborn the Testator therein Named sign & seal the said & heard him publish pronounce & Declare y<sup>e</sup> within written Instrument to be his last will & Testament & that at y<sup>e</sup> being thereof y<sup>e</sup> Testator was of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding so far as they know & Believes that at the same Time Amias Osborn the other subscribing Evidence was present & signed his Name as a witness to the said will with us the subscribers at the Request and in the presence of the said Testator

Geo. Meares  
Robt. Wakely

Henry Young Surrogate

Burlington vs.

Daniel Smith Executor named in the within annexed Testament named  
being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God in these  
words that the annexed Instrument contains the true last Will & Testament  
of Nathan Osborne the Testator therein named so far as he knows  
and as he truly believes and that he will well & truly perform  
the same by paying first the Debts of the said Deceased & then the lega-  
cies in the said Testament specified so far as the goods Chattels and  
credits of the said Deceased can thereunto extend and that he will not  
and he will not admit into the Prerogative Office in Burlington a True & perfect  
Inventory of all & singular the goods Chattels & Credits of the said Deceased  
that shall come to his Knowledge or Possession or to the Possession of  
any other person or persons for his use and render a just & true  
Account when thereunto lawfully required. Daniel Smith  
Sworn at Burlington the twenty  
first Day of May Anno Domini  
M D C C C L V. Before me.

Scattergood Surrogate

Beit Remembred that on the first Day of march 1745<sup>e</sup> that Ann of  
Daniel Smith Executors of the Last will & Testament of the  
Name of Nathan Osborn Deceased that the within written Instrument  
Contains True & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels  
& Credits of the within Named Nathan Osborn so far as hath  
their Knowledge or Information or to the possession of any other  
or persons for their use

sworn at Cape may the Day &  
Year above said before me  
Henry Young Surrogate

Ann Osborn  
Daniel Smith

Beit Remembred that on the first Day of march 1745<sup>e</sup> that Jeremiah  
& John Leonard the two appraisers of the within Inventory  
sworn did Depose that the Goods & Chattels & Credits In the Inventory  
set down & specified were by them appraised according to their best  
True & respective Rates & Values after the best their Judgment and  
understanding and that they appraised all things that were brought  
to their view for appraisment

sworn to at Cape may the Day and  
Year above said before me  
Henry Young Surrogate

Jeremiah Leonard  
John Leonard

of true and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Nathan Osborn as far as come to our view to his wearing apparel	4	0	0
to Cattel horses and Sheep and Swine and geese	56	19	0
to grain plows Cart husbentry tools and Sedor Rents	11	12	0
to chests chests tables pots pinter and other ware	18	2	6
to 2 Iron trawels handgrons and other househ goods	2	11	7
to one warming pan Beds and Lumber up Chamber	15	9	10
to a gun and Load two Sabels - Coxgun and sum old Lumber	5	1	0
to one Bed and Bedding Bedsted Curtains and Curtain Rocs	10	0	0
The total we find to be	120	2	5
also come to our view after wards	0	14	3