

Orphans in Northampton County, Pennsylvania (1754-1755)

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the Twentieth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Fifty-five

Before Thomas Craig }
 Hugh Willson } Esquires
 James Martin }
 John Venatta }

Upon the Petition of **Dorothy Rosenhoffer** Administrator of the Estate of **George Little John** Praying that the Court should allow her Account of the Administration of the said Estate and that the Residence of the same, after Payment of Debts, now in her Hands may be distributed according to Law, The Court examined the account of af.^d and allowed the same. And there being found remaining in the Hands of the Administratrix the Sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds Sixteen Shillings and seven pence half penny

After Payment of Debts to be distributed among the Widow and Three Children; The s^d Admin.^{ix} being allowed only forty Shillings for her Expences & Trouble at this Court: She having agreed to make no Charge for the bringing up of the said Children in Consideration of her being allowed to [ink smear] the Estate and Effects of the s.^d Deced.^l at the appraisment in the Inventory exhibited into the Register General's Office.

The Widow's Part ----- 41:5: 61/2 }
George Frederick Little John Eldest Son's part 41:5: 6/12 } 41:5: 61/2
George Henry Little John the other Son's part 20:12: [?] 1/2 }
Katharine Little John the Daughter's part - - - - 20:12: 9 1/4 }

The same Day

Dorothy Rosenhoffer, late the Widow of **George Little John** Deceased, and **William Persons** were appointed Guardians of **George Frederick Little John** and **George Henry Little John** the two younger Children of the said Dec^d. being Infants.

the same Day

Upon the Petition of **Dorothy Rosenhoffer** Administratrix of the Estate of **Jacob Rosenhoffer** dec.^d praying the Court to allow her acct. of the Administration of the said Estate and to order Distribut.ⁿ of the Residue thereof /after Payment of Debts, now remaining in her Hands Being Eleven pounds viz.¹ The Fact of the acco.¹ exhibited into the Register General's Office \mathcal{L} 12: 11: 1 1/4 Whereof there is allowed her for her Expenses & Trouble at this Court \mathcal{L} 1: 11: 1 1/4 that there remains to be distributed between the Widow & her Children of the said Deceased eleven pounds af.^d Whereof

The Widow's part	- - - is - - - -	\mathcal{L} 3:13:4 }
Margaret Rosenhoffer the eldest Daughter of s. ^d Dec. ^d	- - - -	3:13:4 } \mathcal{L} 11 [torn]
Dorothy Rosenhoffer the other Daughter her part	- - - -	3:13:4 }

The same Day

Dorothy Rosenhoffer and **Sebastian Neff** were a[torn]
Rosenhoffer and **Dorothy Rosenhoffer jun.**^r Infant Orp[torn]

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 4th Day of April 1753 Before **Thomas Craig**, **Aaron Dupui** and **William Persons** Esq.^r Justice of the said Court.

Upon the Petition of **Conrad Geesy** & **Susannah** his Wife, who was the Widow of **Ludwick Meyer** dec.^d in Behalf of themselves & the orphan Children of the sd Deecd [word marked through] Setting forth, among other Things, that there remained in the Hands of **Christopher Haymaker** & **Henry Kek** Exors named in the Last Will & Testament of y^e. sd Deecd The Sum of \mathcal{L} 71.15.80 3/4 to be divided amongst y^e. Sd Wido. & Children and that they had reason to apprehend that **Christopher Haymaker**, in whose Hands the greatest part of the said Estate came, is like to prove insolvent & praying that the Court would be pleased to order the y^e. sd Exor give Security for the Payment of what is yet remaining in their Hands And that the Court will appoint Guardians of the orphan Children[.] It is ordered by the Court That the said Sum of \mathcal{L} 71//15//10 1/4 be divided amongst the Widow & Orphan Children af.^d in manner following viz.¹

The Widows part amounting to	- - - - -	\mathcal{L} 23..18..7 1/2
Martin the Eldest Son's part being	- - - - -	19..2..2..11
Hans Michael another Son's part	- - - - -	9..11..5 1/2
Sebastian the other Son's part	- - - - -	9..11..5 1/2
Catherine the Daughter's part	- - - - -	9..11..5 1/2

\mathcal{L} 71.15..11

The same Day

Ordered that **Johanes Shalter** of Upper Milford, Grandfather **Martin Meyer** an Uncle and **Susanah Geesy** the Mother, of the said Orphans be Guardians over the said Orphan Children and their Estates. And that the said Exors have Notice to appear with their Acco.¹ and Vouchers at the Clerk's Office on Monday next

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 29th Day of May Anno Donimi 1753. Before **Thomas Craig**, **Hugh Willson** and **William Parsons Esq.**^r

Samuel Mann an Orphan Son of **Samuel Mann** Dec.^d chose **James M. Collaster** for his Guardian.

The same Day

Frederick Morsteller an Orphan of **George Morsteller** dec.^d chose his Brothers **George** and **Mathias** appt his Guardians
Mary Elizabeth Mortsteller an Orphan Daughter of the said **George Mortsteller** deced made Choice of **Mathias Opps** af.^d for her Guardian.

The same Day

Mathas Opps and **Christian Rinker** were appointed Guardians over **Nicholas Mortsteller**, **Henry Mortsteller** & **John Mortsteller** Infants Orphan Children of the said Dec.^d **George Mortsteller** and **Nicholas Franks** was appointed Guardian over **Eve Mortsteller** an Infant orphan Daughter of the s.^d Dec.^d

The same Day

Upon the petition of **George Mortsteller** Eldest Son of **George Mortsteller** late of upper Saucon dec.^d **Frederich Mortsteller** another Son of the S.^d Dec.^d **John Gann** and **Elizabeth** his wife **Nicholas Trants** & **Margaret** his Wife and **Catharine Mortsteller** the said **Eliz.^a** **Margaret** & **Catharine** being Daughters of y.^e s.^d Dec.^d being Infants Setting forth That y.^e Deced died intestate & that administration of his Estate was committed to his Widow **Margaret Morsteller**. And that the said administratrix is lately married or about to Marry to one **Jacob Ludwig** And praying that the Court would be pleased to order her to exhibit an Acct. of her Administration to this court and also that the Court would make Distribution of what remains in the s.^d Admr.^r Hands of the said Estate Ordered that Distribution of the Residue of the said Estate being the Sum of One hundred & twenty seven pounds nineteen Shillings & 2.^d be made as followeth between the Widow & the Intestate's Son Children viz.

The Widow's part	£ 42: 9: 0 1/2	Tho^a Craig
George - Eldest Son - -	15: 9: -	Hu: Wilson
The other 9 Children viz		W.^m Person
Eliz. ^a Marg. ^r Frederich }		
Catherine, Elizabeth }	69..10..6	
Nicholas Henry }		
John & Eve each of }		
them £7:14:6	} £127:9:2 1/2	

Humbly showeth:

That your Petitioners said deceased Father made his Last Will & Testament in Writing in his Life time and after divers Legacies and Bequests made he thereby appointed Margaret his Wife to be sold Executrix thereof; That the said Margaret is since intermarried with **John Rysewigh**; Your Petitioner therefore pray your Worships will be pleased to Order a Distribution of their said deceased Father's Estate according to his Will And your Pet.^{ns} shall every pray etc.

Casper Erb

The Parties appeared this Day and the said Executrix not being provided with a certified Copy of the Inventory of the sd Deced.^{ns} Estate from the Reg.['] Gen.^{'s} Office - The parties are to provide themselves with their papers and acco.['] against the next Orphan's Court to be held at Easton for the said County.

The same Day

Eva Margaret Erb an Orphan Daughter of the sd **Lawrence Erb** deced chose **Michael Reeder** for her Guardian -

And **Ludwig Erb** an Orphan Son of the said **Lawrence Erb** deced. chose **Casper Erb**, his oldest Brother, for his Guardian -

And the Court appointed **Felix Brunner** Guardian of and for **Barbara Erb**, an Infant, another Orphan Daughter of the said dec.^d **Lawrence Erb**.

And then adjourned to Wednesday the 8th Day of August next

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 8th Day of August 1753 -

Present

Thomas Craig	}	
Hugh Wilson	}	Esquires
James Martin	}	
Aaron Dupui	}	

The Petition of **Michael Keiper** was read setting forth That he is the Eldest Son of **Carrell Keiper** late of Milford Township deced Who died intestate seized of a considerable real Estate, and left Issue besides the Petitioner; one Son and three Daughters. That the said Petitioner is entitled to the Preference of purchasing his said Father's Estate upon his paying so much Money to the other Children as their respective Shares and purports thereof shall amount unto he is ready to comply with and praying that he may be admitted to purchase the same Estate according to the Direction of the s.^d Act. And also one other Petitioner of the said Michael Keiper, together with **Michael Aller** and Catharine his Wife; **Daniel Aller** and Elizabeth his Wife; **Christopher Aller** and Mary his Wife (The said Catharine[,] Elizabeth and Mary being Daughters of the said **Charles Keiper** dec.^d) and **Charles Ludwig Keiper** an Infant, another Son of the said Dec.^d by his Guardian **Joseph Fullart** and **Simon Heller** Setting forth That Whereas the said Michael Keiper having by his Petition exhibited to the Court this Day Requested that he may have the preference of purchasing his said Father's real Estate upon his paying so much Money to the other Children as their respective Shares and purports shall amount unto according to The Direction of the Act of Assembly

for settling Intestates Estates[.] And praying (as they had made Choice of, and agreed that, **Frederich School, Joseph Growf, Joseph Everhard and Jacob Wetzell** shall value the same according to the said Act of Assembly) that the Court would please to approve of them And setting further forth that the said Petitioners had agreed that the four Persons above said should include in the Valuation aforesaid a rights to certain fifty Acres of Land adjoining the dwelling Plantation of the said Deceased granted by Warrant to the said Michael in Trust for his said Father. It was thereupon ordered by the Court where That the said Petitioner **Michael Keiper** shall have the Preference of purchasing the real Estate of his said [page 7] deceased Father **Charles Keiper** according to the Valuation of the said **Frederick Scholl, Joseph Growf, Joseph Everhard and Jacob Wetzell** who the Court do approve and appoint for that purpose agreeable to the Petiti[on]ers afd. The paying or Securing to be paid, according to the Direction of the said Act of Assembly the Shares and Purports of the other Children of the said Deceased. And it is further considered by the Court here that in Consideration that the sd Michael Keiper was preferred by and hath received from his said Father in his Life time very considerably he is entitled unto, and shall receive no more than the Sum of ten pounds over and above an equal Share with the other Children of the said Dec.^d respectively which by the Computation of the Court with what he hath received of his said Father in his Life time amounts to here one full [illegible] Share and Purport of the Estate of his said Father **Charles Keiper** deceased.

The same Day

Upon Complaints of several of the Children and Guardians of the Children of **George Mortsteller** deceased That the dwelling Plantation of the said Dec.^d is gone very much out of Repair since their Father's Death and that if some Care were not immediately take to repair the Buildings and Fences thereof all would quickly go to ruin to the great Damage of the said Children. The Court having considered the said Complaint advised that the said Plantation should be leased out upon Rent to some fit Person for a Term of Years. And **Nicholas Frantz** who intermarried with **Margaret** a Daughter of the said Deced.^d being then present in Court and offering the Sum of Twelve pounds p[er] Annum Rent for the said Plantation. And no other Person offering so much Rent by Forty Shillings p annum[.] The Court are of opinion that the said **Nicholas Frantz** have the said Plantation for the Term of five Years at the Rent of Twelve pounds p annum Rent. And in Consideration that the said **Nicholas Frantz** be undertaken to put the plantation in good Repair the said Term is to commence [smudged word] Sixteenth of November next to which all the parties agreed.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 20th Day of September 1753 -

Present

Thomas Craig	}	
Hugh Wilson	}	Esquires
Aaron Dupui	}	

Upon motion of **Nathaniel Vernon** the Court ordered That **Joseph Lanier** Adm.^r of the Estate of **John Pearce** Dec.^d to give better Security into the Reg.^r Office for the faithful Administration of the said Estate.

The same Day

Daniel Painter and **Malachi Painter** Orphan Children of **Jacob Painter** dec.^d made choice of **Anthony Lerch** for their Guardian both the said Children being of the Age of Fourteen years and upwards.

The same Day

Anthony Lerch was appointed Guardian over **Elias Painter** an Infant another Orphan Child of the said **Jacob Painter** dec.^d

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At an Orphans Court held at Easton in & for the County of Northampton The Eighth Day of August Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Fifty three Before **Thomas Craig**, **Hugh Wilson**, **James Martin** and **Aaron Dupui** Esquires Justices of the same Court. Upon the Petition of **Michael Keiper** Eldest Son of **Charles Keiper** deceased, **Michael Aller** & Catharine his Wife, **Daniel Aller** & Elizabeth his Wife[,] **Christopher Aller** and Mary his Wife (the said Catharine, Elizabeth and Mary being the Daughters of the said Charles Keiper deceased) and **Charles Ludwig Keiper** an Infant, the other Son of the said Deced.^d by his Guardians **Jost Fuller** and **Simon Heller** Setting forth that whereas the said Michael Keiper having by his Petition (this Day exhibited to the Court) requested that he may have the Preference of purchasing his said Father's real Estate upon his paying so much Money to the other Children as their respective Shares and Purports shall amount unto according to the Direction of the Act of Assembly for settling Intestates Estates and praying that, as they had made choice and agreed that **Frederick Scholl**, **Joseph Growf**, **Joseph Everhard** and **Jacob Wetzell** should value the same according to the Direction of the said Act of Assembly, the Court would be pleased to approve of them. And setting further forth that they the said Petitioners had agreed that the Four Persons above named should include in the Valuation aforesaid a Right to certain Fifty Acres of Land adjoining the dwelling Plantation of the said Deceased granted by Warrant to the said Michael Keiper in Trust for his said Father[.] It is ordered by the Court here That the said Petitioner Michael Keiper shall have the Preference of purchasing the real Estate of his said deceased Father Charles Keiper according to the Valuation of the said Frederick Sholl, Joseph Growf, Joseph Everhard and Jacob Wetzell who the Court do approve and appoint for that Purpose agreeable to the Petitions aforesaid he paying or securing to be paid (according to the Directions of the said Act of Assembly) the Shares and Purports of the other Children of the said Deced[.] And it is further Considered by the Court here that in Consideration that the said Michael Keiper was preferred by, and hath received of, his said Father, in his Life time very considerably, he is entitled unto and shall receive no more than the Sum of Ten Pounds over and above an equal Share with the other Children of the Deceased respectively. Which, by the Computation of the Court, with what he hath received of his said Father, in his Life Time, amounts to his full Share and Purport of the Estate of his said Father Charles Keiper deceased.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the Twenty first Day of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Fifty three Before **Thomas Craig**, **Hugh Wilson** and **John Everat** Esquires Justices of the said Court.

The Persons shown and appointed to value and appraise the dwelling Plantation and real Estate of **Charles Keipper**, deceased having valued and appraised the same make Report and Return thereof as followeth viz.¹

By Virtue of an Order from an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 8th Day of August 1753 We the Subscribers did value or make a Valuation of the Land and Plantation of **Charles Keiper** late of Milford Township deceased[.] And we say the said Land and Plantation being the dwelling Plantation of the said Charles Keiper Containing two hundred and fifty Acres together with certain Warrant Land adjoining mentioned in the said Order is worth five Hundred Pounds current Money of Pennsylvania to be paid by the Heir at Law within Twelve Months after the Date hereof as an Orphan's Court for said County Shall direct. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands the eleventh Day of August Anno Domini 1753. **Frederick School, Joseph Everhart, Joseph Groff, Jacob Wetzell.** Whereupon it is considered by the Court here That if the sd Michael Keiper the Eldest Son & Heir at Law of the said Deced.¹ shall within twelve Months, from hence next ensuing, pay unto each of the other Children of the said Deced.^d viz.¹ **Catharine, Elizabeth, Mary and Charles Ludwig Keiper**, the Son, or to their Representatives or Guardians The one full & equal Forth Part of what shall remain of the said Sum of five Hundred Pounds after the part and Share of the sd Michael, being one hundred & eight & Pounds, is deducted from the same which *remaind* by the Computation of the Court amounteth to the Sum of three hundred & ninety five Pounds, That then the said Catharine Elizabeth, Mary & Charles Ludwig, the Son, shall be forever debarred of all the Right Title & Demand which they or either or any of them can or may have or claim of in or to the Land Plantation & Warrant Land aforesaid so as afores[ai]d valued[.] And that the same shall be held & enjoyed by the said Michael Keiper, Eldest Son & Heir at Law of the said Charles Ludwig Keiper, the Father, deced as fully as the said Intestate held the same in his Life time.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the Twentieth Day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Fifty three Before **James Martin, Aaron Dupui and John Atkins Esq.^{rs}** Justices of the said Court

Upon the Petition of **George Boyer** in Behalf of the Orphan Children of **Adam Kock** deced Setting forth that, the said **Adam Kock** being seized and possessed of a real and personal Estate intestate leaving Issue by his Wife Mary seven Children Three whereof are under the age of fourteen Years. That the sd Mary is since married to one **Frederick Koger** who has lately absconded being indebted to sundry Persons in divers Sums of Money Who are about to secure on the Estate of the said Deced.^d Children. And praying the Court to settle and adjust the several Properties of all the said Deced.^b Children Shares of their said father's Estate and appointed some proper Persons to be Guardians to the younger Children. It is Ordered by the Court That **Frederick Seits** be the Guardian over **Henry Kock; Christian Kock and Elizabeth Kock** Infants under ages being the three younger Child of the said Adam Kock deceased.

At an Orphan's Court held at Easton the 21st Day of Decem.^b 1753. Before **James Martin, John Van Ethen and John Atkins** Esquires Justices of the said Court;

Upon Motion of **M^r Price** in Behalf of Daniel Shoemaker and Ann his Wife late **Ann Dupui**; and **Aaron Dupui** Esquire Administrator of the Estate of **Moses Dupui**, late of Lower Smithfield deced praying the Court to appoint Persons To audit and settle the Accounts of the said Estate It is ordered by the Court that **John Atkins** Esquire; **Matheis Rowe** and **Ephraim Culvert** to audit and settle the said Accounts of the Estate of the said Deced.^d and make Report of the same to the next Orphan's Court to be held for this County

The same Day

John Jones of Bethlehem was appointed a Guardian for the Orphan Children of **Ludwig Mayer** deced instead of **Martin Mayer** who was appointed Guardian for the same Children by an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the 4th of April 1753 the said **Martin Mayer** requesting to be released therefrom be [illegible] to depart the province.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 21st Day of January 1754[.] Before **James Martin**[,] **Peter Traxler** and **William Parsons Esq.** Justices of the said Court

Upon Motion of **Sebastian Hahn**, **George Adam Hahn** and **Margaret Hahn** Orphan Children of **George Hahn** deced setting forth that they had no Guardian appointed for them and that their said Father appointed one **George Hoffman** Exor of his Last Will & Testament who is now about to leave the province & is so reduced in his Circumstances that they are under apprehensions that they may loose what Effects the said Exor hath in his Hands belonging to their said Father's Estate and therefore they made Choice of **John Traxler** & **Jacob Ernhart** for their Guardians to take Care of their Estate.

The same Day

Michael Keiper withdraws his Plea of the 20th Day of December last and says he is now content with the Valuation then made and returned into this Court.

Jan'y 23. 1754.

Present **Aaron Dupui**, **Peter Traxler** & **William Parsons Esq.** Justices of the said Court.

Upon Motion of **George Marsteller** Eldest Son of **George Martsteller** deceased praying that he may be admitted to purchase the real Estate of his said deceased Father upon paying so much Money to the Widow and the other Children of the said Decedant as their respective Shares and Purports thereof shall amount unto according to an Act of General Assembly of this province for setting Intestates Estates[.] And also upon Motion of **Christian Rinker** Guardian of **Nicholas Martsteller**[,] **Henry Marsteller** and **John Martsteller** Orphan Children of the said Deced.' and **Nicholas France** who intermarried with **Margaret** another Child of the said Deced.' Praying that **Joseph Groffe**[,] **Joseph Everhart**[,] **Frederick Scholl** and **Jacob Bachman** (who they had made Choice of to value and appraise the sd Estate according to the Direction of the said Act of Assembly [page 13] may be appointed and approved for that purpose[.] It is ordered by the Court here That the said **George Martsteller**, the Son, Shall have the preference of purchasing the real Estate of his said Father **George Martsteller** dec.^d according to the valuation of the said **Joseph Groffe**[,] **Joseph Everhart**[,] **Frederick Scholl** and **Jacob Bachman** who the Court approve and appoint for that purpose He paying for having to be paid, according to the Directions of the said Act of Assembly, the Shares and Purports of the other Children of the said Deced.'

At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 21.st Day of March 1754 before **Thomas Craig**[,] **Aaron Dupui** and **John Everat** Esquires Justices of the said Court

Upon the Petition of **George Martsteller** Eldest Son of **George Martsteller** deceased Setting forth That the Petitioner upon the 23rd day of January last past prayed that this Court

would admit him to purchase the real Estate of his said deceased Father upon paying so much Money to the other Children of the sd Decedant as their respective Shares and Purports there of should amount unto according to the Act of General Assembly of this province for settling Intestate Estates and that **Christian Rinker** Guardian of **Nicholas Marsteller, Henry Marsteller and John Marsteller** Orphan Children of the said Deced.¹ and **Nicholas France** who intermarried with **Margaret** another of the said Deced.¹ Prayed that **Joseph Everhart**[.] **Frederick Schull** and **Jacob Bachman** /when they had made Choice of to value & appraise the said Estate according to the Direction of the said Act of Assembly/ might be appointed & approved for that purpose and that the Court were thereupon pleased to order That the Petitioner should have the preference of purchasing the said seal Estate of his said deceased Father accordingly: But that since the Petitioner obtained the above Order **Frederick Schull** one of the persons made choice of to value and appraise the said Estate is dead and that the Same remained still to be done And therefore praying that the Court will be pleased to award an Inquest to value and appraise the said Estate that the Petitioner may meet with no more delay or Disappointment[.] It is ordered by the Court here that the Sheriff[f] of this County be commanded that by another affirmations of twelve honest and lawful Men of his Bailiwick he make or cause to be made a just Valuation and appraisement of the real Estate of the said Deced.¹ and that he make Return thereof to the next Orphan's Court that the same may be ordered to the said Petitioner upon his paying or securing to be paid to the other Children of the said Deced.¹ their respective Shares and Purports as the Orphan's Court shall limitt and appoint.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 21st Day of January Anno Domini 1754 Before **James Martin**[.] **Peter Traxler** and **William Persons** Justices of the said Court.

Upon the Petition of **Anna Maria Beehler** Widow Relict and Administratrix of the Estate [of] **Jacob Beehler** deceased praying the Court would allow her Acct. of the administration of the said Estate and order Distribution of the Residue of the same Estate to be made between her and her Daughter **Mary Regina** (being the only Child of the said Deced.¹) according to the Laws of this Province in that Case made & provided. The Court examined and allowed the said Account And there being found remaining in the Hands of the said Administratrix (after an allowance of Seven Pounds was made to the said Administratrix for the Maintenance & bringing up of the said **Mary Regina**, the Orphan Daughter of the said Deced.¹ and Twenty Shillings for her Attendance on this Court) The sum of Forty six pounds Sixteen Shillings and three pence. $\mathcal{L}46:16:3$ viz.¹ the widow's part Fifteen pounds twelve Shillings one penny
The Child **Mary Regina**'s part Thirty one pounds four Shillings $\mathcal{L}15:12:1$ }
31:4:2 } $\mathcal{L}46:16:3$

At an Orphan's Court held at the House of **Daniel Broadhead** Esquire in lower Smithfield Township in the County of Northampton for the said County the 16th Day of January Anno D.¹ 1754 Before **Daniel Broadhead, John Vanetten** and **John Atkins** Esquires Justices of the said Court.

Winnfred Dupui an orphan Daughter of **Moses Dupui** deced made Choice of her Uncle **Daniel Dupui** for her Guardian

The same Day

The Court appointed **Daniel Shoemaker** and **Ann** his Wife who was y.^e Widow of the said **Moses Dupui** dec.^d and the said **Daniel Dupui** Guardians of **Nicholas Dupui, Elizabeth Dupui** and **Mary Dupui** Infants Orphan Children of the said **Moses Dupui** Deced.

The same Day

The Persons appointed to audit the Accounts of **Moses Dupui** deced viz.¹ **John Atkins**, **Mathew Roe** and **Ephraim Colver** reported to the Court in these Words viz.¹ In pursuance of an Order of the Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 21st Day of December 1753 we have examined the Accompt of **Daniel Shoemaker** and **Ann** his Wife and **Ann** his Wife and **Aaron Dupui** Esquire of the Administration [page 15] of the Estate of **Moses Dupui** and find that the several Demands against the said Estate amount of Six Hundred and fifty seven pounds fifteen Shillings and seven pence more than the amount of the Personal Estate of the said Deced.¹ In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands the 16th Day of January 1754 Jn.^o **Atkins**[,] **Ephraim Colver**[,] **Matthew Roe**. It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court here That the said Administrators do make Sale of the dwelling Plantation & all other the real Estate of the said Deced.¹ for the best Price it will fetch at a Publick Sale thereof and apply the Monies arising by such Sale towards the Payment of the Debts and bringing the Children of the said Deced.¹ And it is further considered by the Court here that in Consideration the said Admors **Daniel Shoemaker** and **Ann** his Wife have remitted the Sum of Sixty five pounds six Shillings and four pence (allowed to her the said **Ann** by an Orphan's Court held at Newtown for the County of Bucks the 12.th Day of September 1750) in Favour of the Orphan Children of the said Deced.¹ And also in Consideration of their Care & Charge of Maintaining and bringing up the Orphan Children of the said **Moses Dupui** deced do order and allow that the said **Daniel** & **Ann** shall be allowed the Income of the said Planation to this Day and shall have the Benefit of the Crop of Grain now in the Ground with Liberty to reap and carry off the same they paying to the Use of the said Estate the sum of Twenty five pounds in full for the Income of the said plantation come to their Hands or which they have any ways received since the Decease of the said **Moses Dupui**.

At an Orphan's Court held at Easton for the County of Northampton the 20th Day of June Anno Domini 1754 Before **James Martin**, **Aaron Dupui** and **John Atkins** Esquires Justices of the said Court.

Abraham Miller an Orphan Son of **Abraham Miller** deceased made choice of **John McDowell** for his Guardian.

The same Day

Joseph Miller and **Isaac Miller** were appointed Guardians [page 16] over the younger Children of **Abraham Miller** viz.¹ **Joseph Miller**, **Catharine Miller**, **Salome Miller** and **Elizabeth Miller** Infants under age.

The same Day

The Sherif[f] viz: **Nicholas Scull** Esq.¹ returned the Inquisition by this Court awarded, the 21st Day of March last past, which followeth in the words To wit, Inquisition indented taken in Upper Saucon Township in the County of Northampton in the province of Pennsylvania the Twenty fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty four[.] Before **Nicholas** Esq.¹ Sherif[f] of the said County by Virtue of his Majesty's Writ of Appraisement to him directed and to this Inquisition annexed by **Solomon Jennings**[,] **Joseph Fuller**[,] **Henry Weaver** [**Weber**,] **Paulsor Pile** [**Balthaser Beil**], **Henry Baughman**, **Christian Newcomer**, **Jacob Baughman**, **Jacob Savitz** [**Zewitz**], **Joseph Grove** [**Graff**], **Leonard B[e]idleman**, **John Redrock** [**Johannes Rothrock**] and **John Kookin** Twelve honest and lawful Men of the County aforesaid Who upon their Oaths and Affirmations to appraise the Lands

and Tenements of **George Martsteller** deceased situate in upper Saucong aforesaid at Three hundred and fifty Pounds current Money of the Province afore said And /the Interest of/ one Hundred Pounds of the above Sum (with what she hath already received) to be for the use of the Widow her Lifetime And after her Death to be divided according to Law between the Children of **George Martsteller** deceased And **George Martsteller** Heir at Law of the said Intestate is allowed forty five Pounds nine Shillings and one Penny of the above three hundred and fifty Pounds and to the other nine Children Twenty two pounds fourteen Shillings and six pence half penny each being the full Sum of three hundred and fifty Pounds. **Nicholas Scull** Sheriff {Seal} **Solomon Jennings** {Seal}, **Joseph Fullard** {Seal} **Henry Weber** {Seal} **Balthaser Beil** {Seal} **Henreth [Heinrich] Bachman** {Seal}, **Christian Newcomer** A his Mark {Seal} **Jacob Bachman** {Seal} **Josep[h] Graff** {Seal} **Leonhart Beidelman** {Seal} **Johannes Rothrock** {Seal} **John Kooken** {Seal} **Jacob Zewitz** {Seal} Whereupon it is considered by the Court here That the appraisement and Partition so made as aforesaid remain firm and stable forever. And the said **George Martsteller**, the Son, having agreed with **Nicholas France** for the Sale of all his Right Share and Estate of in and to his said Father's Estate, offered to the Court as Sureties for the Payment of the Widow and such of the Children of the said Deced.¹ as are under age their respective Parts [page 17] and Shares of and in the Estate of the said **George Martsteller** deceased according to the Valuation and appraisement aforesaid and at the Days and Times hereafter mentioned (the said **Nicholas France**, **Joseph Grove**, **Henry Backman** and **Paul France**) viz to pay; To **Frederick Martsteller**, one of the Orphan Sons of the said **George Martsteller** deceased, his Part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be Anno Domini 1757 to **Mary Elizabeth**, one of the Orphan Daughters of the said Deced, her Part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be Anno Domini 1758. To **Eve** another Orphan Daughter of the said Deced.¹ her Part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be Anno Domini 1759. To **Nicholas**, another Orphan Son of the said Deced.¹ his Part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be Anno Domini 1760. To **Henry** another Orphan Son of the said Deced.¹ his Part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be Anno Domini 1761[.] To **John** another Orphan Son of the said Deced.¹ his part on or before the 16.th Day of November which will be anno Domini 1762 and the Interest thereof respectively yearly and every Year until all the respective parts and principal Sums respectively shall be paid. It is therefore further considered by the Court here that the Persons offered for Sureties as aforesaid are approved of And that the Securities to be given as aforesaid Shall be given in such Manner that it shall be lawful to sue for the whole of any of the said Orphan Children.³ Parts whenever and as often as any Default shall be made of or in Payment of any of the Interest Monies yearly and every Year as aforesaid for and towards their yearly Support and Maintenance respectively And to pay the said Widow of the said Deced.¹ her Part in such sort and Manner as by the said Inquisition is specified expressed and directed. Provided always that if it shall at any time hereafter appear to the Court that any of the Sureties aforesaid shall be decaying in their Substance and Estate or are not sufficient in its Judgment to secure Payment as aforesaid that it shall be lawful for the orphan's Court to demand and order better Security from time to time as the said Court shall see occasion.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the 19.th Day of December 1754 Before **Thomas Craig**[.] **Daniel Broadhead**, **James Martin**, **John Atkins** and **Aaron Dupui** Esq.^r

Henry Sheaver is appointed Guardian over **Mary Sheaver** an Infant the orphan Daughter of **Jacob Sheaver** deceased.

At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in & for the County of Northampton the 20th Day of March Anno Domini 1755 Before **John Atkins, James Martin, Aaron Dupui and John Everat** Esquires Justices of the said Court

Upon the Petition of **Michael Roup** Eldest Son and Heir at Law of **Peter Roup** late of Williamton Township deceased Setting forth that his said Father died intestate seized of a considerable real Estate and left Issue besides the said Petitioner[s] three Children, to wit.-- Sophia the Wife of **Peter Molick**, Margaret the Wife of **John Zook** and **Jacob** a Miner under the Age of Twenty one Years. And that ~~that~~ he being entitled unto the Preference of purchasing his said Father's Estate upon paying so much Money to the other Children as their respective Shares and Purports thereof after a just Valuation and appraisalment shall amount unto which he was ready to comply with[.] And Praying that the Court would be pleased to order and award such Persons as the Parties concerned shall indifferently choose for that Purpose to value and appraise the said real Estate in order To ascertain the several Shares and Purports of the younger Children and that he upon paying or securing the payment thereof may be entitled to the sd Estate according to the Direction of the Act of Assembly. **Michael Moore, Jacob Schymer, Nicholas Best and Anthony Lerek** [?] are appointed and approved of by the Court here To value & appraise the real Estate of the said Intestates and to make Return of their Doings to the next Orphan's Court

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the 18.th Day of June Domini one thousand seven and Fifty five Before **Thomas Craig, Timothy Horsfield, John Vanetten & John Everat** Esquires of the said Court.

On Motion of M.^r **Johnston**, Attorney of **Mathias Ox** [Opps], one of the Guardians of the Orphan Children of **George Martsteller** deceased, praying that the Court would be pleased to Order that **Nicholas France** be aptd to appear at the next Orphan's Court with his Sureties for the Payment of the respective Shares of the said Orphan Children according to an Order of an Orphan's Court held the 20.th Day of June 1754. It is considered by the Court here that the said **Nicholas France** be cited according to the said prayer to appear at the next Court with his Sureties as is above mentioned.

The same Day

Upon Motion of **Philip Kissinger**, Admor of the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of **Christian Ishbach** deceased, by his Attorney M.^r **Johnston** setting forth that the personal Estate of the said Deced.^t was not sufficient to pay the Debts of the said Deced.^t and praying The Court would be pleased To Order that the said Administrator do sell the real Estate of the said Deced.^t towards enabling him to make Payment of the said Debts[.] It is considered by the Court here that the said Administrator do produce to this Court a certified Copy, from the Register General's Office, of the Account of the Administration of the said Estate in order that the Court may consider the same.

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At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the 5th Day of May Anno Domini 1755 Before **Hugh Wilson, James Martin and Peter Traxler** Esquires Justices of the said Court.

Upon motion of **Henry Sheaver** Guardian of **Mary Sheffer** the Orphan Daughter of **Jacob Sheffer** deced praying that **Jacob Baughman** and **Thomas Owen** Exors of the Last Will and Testament of the said **Jacob Sheffer** dec.^d might be compelled to exhibit an Acco^l of their administration of the said Estate of the said Testator into this Court. The said Exors did exhibit to this Court a Copy of the Acco.^l by them exhibited into the Register General's Office at Philad.^a But forasmuch as the same acco.^l appears to this Court to be very imperfect in several Articles of it[.] It is Considered by the Court here /and the said Executors do humbly pray/ that they may have time till the next Court given them to rectify the same Acco.^l And it is further Considered by the Court here that **Thomas Owen**, with whom the said **Mary Sheffer** now lives, shall be allowed the Sum of fifteen Pounds for her maintenance & Education to this Time, & no more. And that for the future he shall not have any Allowance for her Maintenance & Education[.] And whereas it appears to this Court that there is, in the acco.^l of Sales of the personal Estate of the said Testator, the Sum of Twenty two pounds and two Shillings more than the amount of the Inventory of the said Estate exhibited into the Register General's Office aforesaid[.] It is considered by the sd Court that the said Estate ought to have Credit for the Sum[.] And it is further considered by the Court that the said Exors do immediately collect in all the outstanding Debts due to the said Estate or that they take sufficient Sureties for the Payment thereof respectively within twelve Months with Interest from this Day.

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At an orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of [Northampton] the 17.th Day of September Anno Domini 1755 Before **Thomas Craig, Hugh Wilson, James Martin** and **John Atkins** Esquires Justice of the said Court.

Upon the Petition of **Philip Geissinger** Setting forth that **Christian Ecbach** died intestate seized of One hundred and sixty four acres of warranted Land, be the same more or less, situate in Upper Saucon, and left Issue two Sons Viz.^l Christian and John and five Daughters viz.^l Barbara, Maria, Susannah, Christina and Elizabeth. That the said Christian, John, Christina and Elizabeth are Infants under the age of Twenty one Years. That Letters of Administration were granted to the said Petitioner as the principal Creditors of the sd Deced.^l That the personal Estate of the said Deced.^l amounts to one hundred and seventy Pounds and eight pence. That he the said Petitioner did pay to sundry Persons Creditors of the said Deced.^l the Sum of one hundred and thirty nine pounds ten Shillings and two pence as by the Acco.^l to the said Petition annexed appears. That the said Estate stands now indebted to sundry Persons in the Sum of one hundred forty four pounds fifteen Shillings and eleven pence as by the same acco.^l also appears. And praying the Court to take the same into Consideration and to grant the Petitioner License to sell and dispose of the said real Estate in order that he may thereby be enabled to discharge the respective Ballances now due to the Creditors of the said Estate as aforesaid; and that the overplus may be applied towards the maintenance and Education of the said Minors[.] It is considered by the Court here that **Jasper Scull, Thomas Owen** and **Henry Shōener** do audit settle the said Acco.^l of the administration of the said Deced.^l and make Report of their Doings to the next Orphan's Court to be held in and for this County.

At an Orphan's Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the 18.th Day of September Anno Domini 1755 Before **Thomas Craig, Hugh Wilson, James Martin** and **John Atkins** Esquires Justices of the said Court.

Upon Motion of **Henry Sheaver**, Guardian of **Mary Sheffer** an Orphan Child of **Jacob Sheffer** an Orphan Child of **Jacob Sheffer** deced, by his Attorney **James Biddle**, praying the Court would be pleased to appoint proper Persons to audit and inspect the Acco.¹ of **Thomas Owen** and **Jacob Baughman**, Exors of the Testament of the sd **Jacob Sheffer** deced, who were cited by the sd Guardian to appear at this Court[.] It is considered by the Court here That **Timothy Hersfield** Esquire, **John Okely** and **William Edmunds** be appointed to audit [page 22] inspect and settle the Acco.¹ of the said Executors of their administration of the Estate of the said Testator **Jacob Sheffer** deced and make Report of their Doings to the next orphan's Court to be held for this County.

The same Day

Upon Motion of **M.¹ Gordon** praying that the Court would be pleased to Order **John Painter** (Admor of the Goods[,] Chattles[,] Rights & Credits of **Jacob Painter** deced) Who was cited by **Anthony Lark** (Guardian of the Orphan younger Children of the said **Jacob Painter** deceased) to appear at this Court; to give Security to the said Guardian for the payment of the respective Shares of the several Younger Children of the said Deced.¹ It is considered by the Court here that the said **John Painter** do, before the next Orphan's Court to be held for this County, give Sufficient Security to the said Guardian for the Payment of the several Shares of the said younger Children of the said Deced.¹ with Interest according to Law.

The same Day

The Persons appointed to audit and settle the acco.¹ of the administration of the Estate of **Christian Ishbach** deceased, to wit, **Jasper Scull**, **Thomas Owen** and **Henry Shoener** Reported to the Court in these Words viz.¹ "In pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Court to us the Subscribers directed We have carefully examined the several Disbursements and Charges relating to the Estate of **Phillip Kissinger** Administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattles Rights and Credits which were of **Christian Ishbach** deceased who died intestate &c. And do report that the personal Estate of the said **Christian Ishbach** falls short of paying his just Debts the Sum of One hundred forty four Pounds and fifteen Shillings. Witness our Hands the Seventeenth Day of September Anno Domini 1755. **Jaspar Scull**, **Thomas Owen**, **Henrich Schaner**[.]" It is thereupon considered and ordered by the Court here that the said **Phillip Geissinger** Admor of all and singular the Goods[,] Chattels[,] Rights and Credits of the said **Christian Ishbach** deced do make Sale of the one hundred & sixty four acres of warranted Land, be the same more or less, as aforesaid with the Appurtenances for the best Price it will fetch at a publick [page 23] Sale; towards the Payment of the Debts (and Maintenance and Education of the Minor Children) of the said Deced.¹ and make Report of his Doings to the next orphan's Court after Sale as aforesaid.

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