

History of Enos Mead

Enos Mead was the son of Jonathan and Esther (Butler) Mead. He was born on 17 November about 1721 in Greenwich, Connecticut. He married Melasan and they had six children. He made a will that was dated at Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, New York in December 1774. It is not known where he died, but various records indicate that he removed to Saratoga, New York by 1790 and that he may have been the first Trustee of the M.E. Church at Galway, New York.

The Will of Enos Mead

In the Name of God, Amen, I Enos Mead of Charlotte Precinct in the county of Dutchess and Province of New York, Being in good health, and perfect memory, (Blessed be God therefore) do this nineteenth day of December, in the fifteenth year of the reign of the Lord, George the third of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith & c. and in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following (that is to say:) Impris, I commend my Soul into the Hands of almithy God, who gave it me: and my Body to the Earth from whence it came, in hopes of a joyful Resurrection, through the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ; and as for that worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I dispose thereof as follows. I give and dispose thereof as follows, and first it is my will and I do hereby order and direct that my Executors hereafter named do in the first place pay off and discharge all my just debts & funeral expenses out of my personal estate, and in case my

personal estate should be insufficient to discharge the Same then and in sutch case it is my will that my executors should sell and dispose of so much of my land at or in Charlotte County within this Province, as to make up the same, and as to the remainder of my estate I dispose thereof viz: I give my loving wife Melasen in Law of her dowry of thirds, one father bed bedstead beding and furniture thereunto belonging, also the third part of the remainder of my personal estate to her and her assigns. I also give to my said wife the one third part of all my real estate during her natural life. Item. I give and devise to my son Gidion, 80 acres of land off of my homestead farm Bounded Easterly by land of Capt Moses Harris, South by land of Thomas Wolsey, North & West by other lands of mine, comprehending the South lott commonly called the South Meadow also two lotts North of said lot & South of the lot whereon Said Gidion now Dwelse, also two and a half acres of the lot said Gidion now lives on at the East End to include his house, also two lots North of said last mentioned lott and if the aforesaid Described lots excluding the wood land on the East of them should not contain 80 acres the to the Northernmost lott with a parallel line on the North Side as much as to make up the 80 acres. I also give and devise to my said son Gidion one certain lott of land lying in Charlotte County in Somerset Township No. I also give & devise to my said son Gidion 600 acres of land out of my right to land I have on the west side of Delaware River as yet undivided to his and his heirs underssigns. I give and devise to my son Michael 100 acres of land being a part of the farm I live on bounded Northerly by the line called Bushes line weft by land of

James Winans South by lott No. 19 of the great division of the great partners line called Edsals line and East by other land of mine so far East as to contain 80 acres with a line parallel with the west side. I also give and Devise to my said son Michael as much land in Somerseth Township in the County of Charlotte and my Right on the West side of Delaware River, as I hereinbefore have given to my son Gidion to be holden to my said son Michael his heirs and assigns. Item. I give to my daughter Melasen the wife of Israel Thompson 400 acres of land out of my right in the aforementioned tract of land on the West side of the Delaware Rive to her heirs & afsigns. I also give to my said daughter Melasen 50 pounds Currency. Item. I give to Lockwood Smith who late had my daughter Nancy to wife 400 acres of land out of my afore said right to land on the West side of Delaware River to him his heirs and afsigns. Item. I give the Remainder of my estate both real and personal to my two Sons William and Levy to them and their heirs and afsigns, to be equally divided between them they first paying my just debts & the Legacy to my daughter Melasen and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved sons William and Levy Mead and my trusty friend Enos Thompson Executors of this my last will and testament and testaments by me allowing and annulling all and every other will and wills. Testament and testaments by me heretofore made declaring this and none other to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have unto sett my hand seal thee day and year first above written.

Enos Mead

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Enos Mead as and

for his last will and testament in the presence of us whose Names
are hereunder written, who subscribed our names as witnesses at his
Request and in his presence.

Ann Bockee

Mary Salkeld

Abraham Bockee

History of Gideon Mead

Gideon Mead was the son of Enos and Millicent Mead. He was born about 1744 in Dutchess County, New York. He married Martha about 1769 in new York. He died prior to 29 September 1814 in Chester, New York. He was living in Saratoga in 1790. In the 1790 Census Gideon Mead is shown in Saratoga Town, Albany, New York page 40 Column 3 with 1 male over 16, 1 male under 16 and 5 females.

On the 25 March 1800 he signed a mortgage to John Thurmand.

In the 1800 Census he was listed as Gideon Meed in Washington County New York and was still there in 1810.

His will is dated 18 October 1813 in Chester and does not mention his wife, therefore it is evident that she died prior to 18 October 1813. His will stated "to my five daughters viz. Abigail McBride, Hannah Mead, Nancy Davis, Fanny Mead, and Lydia Starbuck, land lying in the vacancy between the 24th and 25th township of Tottens and Crofsfield's purchase." The balance of the estate "to my son Gideon".

He and Martha had eight children.

History of Jonathan Mead

Jonathan Mead, son of John Mead and Ruth Hardy, was born in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1684. He married Esther Butler, the daughter of Walter Butler and Rebecca, on 7 December 1713. Jonathan was a cooper by trade. He made barrels, tubs and other wood products.

He died, 13 May 1754, in Dutchess County, New York.