Solomon Cox wrote his will September 9, 1819 at Eagle township, according to Hocking County Deed Book A, page 1. The record, transcribed from Ross County Deed Book of 1818, read:

"In the name of God Amen. I, Solomon Cox, late of Hocking County and State of Ohio, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life being weak of body but sound and perfect mind and memory blessed by almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say first I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Martha Cox the sum of one dollar which is her full share of my estate with what she hath already had. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Cox and her heirs one dollar which is their full share of my estate with what she and they hath already had. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Perkins one dollar which is her full share with what she already hath. I also give and bequeath unto my son, Absolom Cox one dollar which is his full share of my estate with what he already hath. I also give and bequeath unto my son Christopher Cox one dollar which is his full share with what he hath already had. And I also give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Cox one dollar which is his full share with what he already had. I also give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Cox one dollar which is his full share with what he hath already had. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Amy Mahan one dollar which is her full share with what she already hath. And as to all the residue and remainder of my estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever it may be to be equally divided between my loving wife Amy Cox and my son Solomon Cox, share and share alike and what live stock there may be the same to keep or dispose of at their election. And lastly I do appoint my son Solomon Cox and William Dixon sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. Solomon Cox appeared as the head of a household in Eagle township of Hocking County, page 66, in the 1820 census of the county.

Notations on the back of the will of Solomon Cox record that the will was probated July 3, 1820 by Solomon Cox and William Dixon. The will was proved by "oaths of Cox and Ratliff, the subscribing witnesses."

Robert Allen McAlear, a descendant of Nice, California, wrote in February 1978 that Solomon Cox died in Hocking County in 1820 and that legal notice regarding the probate of his will appeared in the August 3, 1820 edition of "Scioto Gazette." He also suggested that Solomon Cox had not reaffiliated with the Quaker church since his will began with "In the name of God . . ", a form that Quakers disdained to use in their wills.

The will of Solomon Cox was probated in Hocking County in July 1820, according to county records. The probate read:

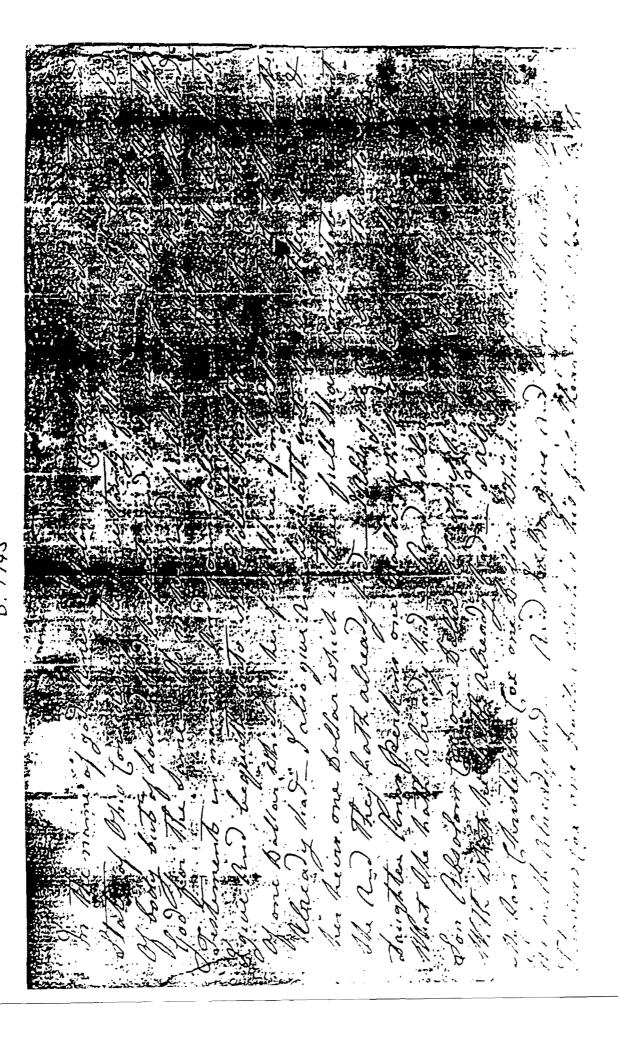
"To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that John Thompson, president and Benj. Beadle and Abraham Bitcher, Esquires, associate judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County at the Courthouse at Logan, in session on the 3rd day of July, AD 1820. The last will testament of Solomon Cox, late of said County, deceased, was proved by Nicholas Cox and Alexander Graves, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is now proved and approved by us, and the said deceased, while living, and at his death, was possessed of goods and chattels and credits within this State by means

whereof the proving and registering the same will and granting administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits, and also the auditing and allowing and finally adjusting the accounts, the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, any way concerning his will is granted unto Solomon Cox and William Dixon named in said will, they being first so sworn, will and faithfully to administer the same by first paying the debts and then the legacy contained in said will so far as the property will thereunto extend, or Law direct, and make a true inventory of all the said goods, chattels and make a true account thereof when so required. In testimony hereof, we on the day and year aforementioned, have caused the Seal of our said Court to be hereunto affixed and order these presents to be attested. In witness hereof, I, Royal Converse, Clerk of said Court, have set my hand this 3rd day of July AD 1820.

Royal Converse, Clerk"

"An inventory of the goods and chattels of Solomon Cox, deceased, late of Eagle Township and County of Hocking taken by us, John Ratcliff, Jesse Ratcliff and Ezekiel Ratcliff, appraisers, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, Hocking County:

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