

**WILLS
FILED
PROBATE COURT
HAMILTON COUNTY
OHIO
1791 THRU 1852**

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INTRODUCTION

On December 12, 1791, Robert Buntin presented himself before Oliver Spencer, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Hamilton in the Territory of the United States North West of the River Ohio. He came to offer a statement of the last will and testament of Captain James Bradford, by which he bequeathed his real and personal property to his wife and unborn child. Captain Bradford, United States Artillery, had died November 4 in an engagement with the Indians.

The will of James Bradford is one of the earliest recorded for Hamilton County. While it is of genealogical interest, certainly to Bradford's descendants, it also illustrates the fact that wills and government documents of a seemingly mundane character often provide a valuable resource for the study of other aspects of history, sometimes military and political, but more often economic and social.

There are approximately 50,000 original wills for Hamilton County, Ohio, for the period 1791-1901. They are housed in the Ohio Network Collection of the Archives & Rare Books Department of the University of Cincinnati Libraries. Since August 1986, volunteers from the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society have been engaged in a Departmental project to index these wills.

Data gathered from each will are:

- Name of Testator
- Location of the will within the U.C. collection
- Place of residence of testator
- Date filed
- Date signed
- Executor
- Beneficiaries

Department staff have entered these data in a database which is maintained in the Department on an IBM PCXT, using IBM Filing Assistant.

This volume was created from a copy of a portion of this database. Ray Des Chene of the Hamilton County Chapter accomplished this using D-Base III software on an IBM PC.

In this volume, entries for wills are arranged alphabetically by testator's name and include all data elements recorded. The index portion of this volume includes surnames of testators, executors, and beneficiaries; and references the page number in the first section where the name appears.



Indexing work continues in the Archives & Rare Books Department. Currently the database includes entries for wills filed through 1882. As original wills are filed chronologically and numbered serially, alphabetical access through the database is the most convenient. Patrons wishing to access information in the database and/or consult original wills are invited to visit the Department located on the 8th Floor of the Carl Blegen Library at the University of Cincinnati. The Department is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Staff will search for a will on the database in response to a telephone request. The Department's number is 513-475-6459.

The Archives & Rare Books Department of the University of Cincinnati Libraries is deeply grateful for the hours of careful indexing work by members of the Hamilton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. Robert Rudig worked out arrangements for the project with the Department. Joan Hughes and Dorothy and Lawrence Smith have become the Wednesday Regulars in the Department. Thelma Hudson and Marjorie Waidner have made significant contributions to the database. Others who have contributed valuable time are Betty Bauscher, Shirley Kaiser, Caroleen Laws, Roselle and Kathy McAmis and Jeanne Wullenweber.

Lois Hughes of the Archives & Rare Books Department staff enters all the data in, maintains, and provides reference service from the database. Her accuracy, attention to detail, and perseverance are greatly appreciated.

The Archives & Rare Books Department has been pleased to be a part of this project and looks forward to its continuation.

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TESTATOR	BOX NO	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	DATE FILED	DATE SIGN	EXECUTOR	BENEFICIARIES
Finney, James P.	2	Rush County, IN	12/13/1832	08/18/1832	John Clark, James Paterson	Sarah Finney, Mother
Fisher, Brownlow	2	Cincinnati, OH	04/07/1808	01/21/1808	Elizabeth Fisher, Benjamin Mason, Robert Merrie	Elizabeth Fisher, 6 children
Fisk, Amos	2	Cincinnati, OH	08/09/1825	08/08/1825	Stephen Wilder, Josiah Whitman	Mother, Mary Harrington
Fithian, Joel	2	Cumberland County, NJ	06/18/1841	09/21/1839	Daniel Fithian, Philip Fithian	Hannah A. Fithian, Children
Fleming, Robert Sr.	2	Hamilton County	04/02/1816	12/15/1815	Rev. Joshua L. Wilson	Children, James Fleming
Flin, David	2	Hamilton County	04/05/1815	09/29/1797	John Jones, James Baxter	Wife, Stephen Flin, Daughters
Flinn, Stephen	2	Hamilton County	12/16/1829	08/18/1829	James Flinn, William Baxter	Joanna Flinn, James Flinn, Stephen Flinn, William Flinn, Sarah Flinn, Sabra Flinn, Jesse Flinn, Vinson Flinn, David Flinn, Moses Flinn, Joanna Flinn
Flinn, Thomas	2	Cincinnati, OH	02/17/1841	02/08/1840	Thomas Maddock	Mary Flinn, John Flinn
Flinn, William	2	Columbia Township	08/28/1795	08/08/1795	James Flinn, Daniel Flinn	James Flinn, Children, Grandchildren
Flint, Hezekiah Sr.	2	Cincinnati, OH	12/02/1812	03/05/1807	Joseph Princes, Anna Flint	Anna Flint, Children
Flohr, Frederick	2	Hamilton County	11/14/1848	10/25/1848	Christopher Neidenrick	Margarethe Catharina Flohr
Flora, Jacob	2	Delhi Township	02/23/1843	02/14/1843	No information	Catharine Flora, Joseph Flora
Fogel, Joseph	2	Cincinnati, OH	10/15/1845	04/11/1842	No information	Catharine Fogel
Foley, Isaac	2	Delhi Township	09/15/1834	04/15/1834	Deborah Foley	Deborah Foley, Josiah Briceland
Folger, David	2	Cincinnati, OH	06/25/1833	05/08/1833	Elisabeth Folger	Giles Folger, Elisabeth Folger
Folger, Elisabeth	2	Cincinnati, OH	06/06/1837	06/01/1834	No information	Phoebe Rawson
Folger, Hepsibeth	2	Cincinnati, OH	12/20/1834	04/19/1833	Zackeus Folger	Zackeus Folger, Lydia Hunt
Folger, Richard	2	Cincinnati, OH	07/08/1841	03/27/1841	James Foster, Peter Folger	Eleanor Folger, Peter Folger
Folger, Silvanus	2	Cincinnati, OH	12/14/1820	11/15/1822	Margaret Folger, Richard Folger	Margaret Folger, Children
Foote, Dan	2	Cincinnati, OH	06/18/1823	05/12/1823	David Root	Rev. David Root, Maria Tindal (?)
Ford, Squire	2	Cincinnati, OH	10/02/1838	08/03/1838	No information	Esther Ford
Forte, Elijah	2	Cincinnati, OH	06/23/1843	06/04/1843	Samuel Wilcox	Julia Ann Forte, Children
Fosdick, Richard	2	Cincinnati, OH	02/15/1838	10/02/1834	Samuel Fosdick, Henry N. Fosdick	Samuel Fosdick, Charles Fosdick

