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2 3 2 *Garret Rittenhouse*,² son of *Willem*,¹ was born 1674, died 1742-3. He married, it appears, *Miss Revacomb*. He resided in Germantown, and owned a farm and grist mill, as his will will show. He had two sons, the eldest *William* and the youngest *Peter*. *William Barton* speaks of the *Rittenhouses* having at an early date settled themselves in that part of the Colony afterward called *East Jersey*. Some of the name reside in the State of *New Jersey* at this day. On another occasion he says *Garret* left children, some of whose descendants are resident in *Pennsylvania* and others in *New Jersey*. He owned a farm and other tracts of land, also a grist mill, on *Cresheim Creek* in the upper part of *Germantown*, as the following document will show :—

WILL OF GERARD RITTENHAUSEN.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Gerard Rittenhausen of *Creesham* in *Germantown* in the county of *Philadelphia* and Province of *Pennsylvania*, Yeoman, being now Aged and also under some indispositions of body, but through the Great Mercy of God, of Sound and well disposing mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore Considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life and Certainty of Death, Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form, following, that is to say First of all I recommend my Soul into the hand of God that gave it and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, whom I also desired to pay and Satisfy all my just Debts as also funeral Expenses, and Legacies herein mentioned within a Convenient Time after my Decease. And for the settling of my Worldly and Temporal Estate, wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to Bless mine Endeavors. I desire and Dispose of the same as followeth *Imprimis*.—I give, devise and bequeath unto my Eldest Son *William Rittinghausen* all that my land situate in the said *Creesham* which lies on the North East side of the Highway leading from *Germantown* to North *Wales*, to hold to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item. I give and bequeath and devise to my youngest son *Peter Rittinghausen* and *Ann* his wife All that my Plantation whereon I now dwell, Situate in the said