

Memorandum

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Bland  
of the Village of Kaskaskia in the Illinois Country  
Merchant being on the point of undertaking a dangerous  
and precarious voyage and well knowing how uncertain  
is the life of man have this my last hour Testament  
bequeathed me in case of accident to my life which is  
in the power of divine providence alone to prevent  
First I recommend to my Executors the payment of  
all my just debts Secondly to Margaret Bland  
widow Bentley her by her infamous conduct during  
my absence in Canada forfeited all pretensions  
to claim whatsoever upon my Estate by Virtue of  
her Marriage Contract &c &c Therefore will her off  
with all debts (to be paid here) paid all as my  
claim whatever which she may pretend to have  
on my Estate and I hereby renounce & assign  
my Executors heirs or assigns to prevent against  
me or my Estate claiming & receiving any part  
of the said Estate which she has  
having no interest in



of them to act as Executors to that my last Will and  
Testament during the absence of Mr. John Marshall  
attendant in attendance when I shall be unable to  
only Executor when he shall be here upon the spot  
leaving to the said Mr. John Marshall & John Baptist  
Laffont the sum of one thousand dollars each to be paid  
them in money out of my Estate as an acknowledgment  
of past friendship and in recompense of their trouble  
thoroughly agree and bequeath all the rest of the residue  
of my Estate both real and personal Right all my  
Lands Tenement Trees, Cattle Household furniture  
Books Learning Writings, Householdhold Goods, Plate  
Clothes, Jewels, Books, Pictures or other effects of  
what kind soever which may well be sold for my  
decent of a funeral shroud for Commemoration of  
my kindred to me during the time of my captivity in  
France and send my newly bequeathed last bequest  
Writings of the City of London to be divided equally  
between them and their heirs and to their  
heirs or assigns after them for them or their heirs  
forever. I testify and  
witness

Boats, Farming Utensils, Merchandise, Books, Tools  
& Ammunition. These becoming appraised to wit, Indian  
Corn, Flour, Tobacco, Cork, Ballons or other effects of  
what kind ever which very well beloved friend Joseph  
Hemlock of New York forwarded (in Commemoration of  
his Residence to me during the time of my Captivity in  
Canada) and with my nearly beloved Sister Hannah  
Bleeker of the City of London to be divided equally  
between them. I therefore thank alike and to their  
share in enjoying them for them of their own  
free will. I have been very much  
pleased to see them and all my friends  
and am very much obliged to you for the  
kindness of your friends.

25 1781

Yours Etc.

At a Court held  
under the  
Seal of the  
Province of New York  
in the County of  
Westchester  
the 25th day of  
January 1781  
I, the Clerk of the  
Court, do hereby  
certify that the  
above is a true  
and correct  
copy of the  
original  
as the same  
is now  
in my  
possession.

in witness whereof the said Will. William Clark and  
William Raper being sworn solemnly depose that  
they are well acquainted with the said hand  
writing and believe that the said Will. & the  
same thereto subscribed are all of the said  
proper hand writing. Whereupon the said Will.  
is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the  
said Benjamin Raper is who made oath according  
to Law & with David & Randolph & John Carter  
his associates entered into & acknowledged their Bond  
in the presence of ten thousand pounds. And thereupon  
as the said Clerk Certificate was granted him for  
obtaining Letters of Administration on the said  
Estate of Robert with the said Will. annexed in  
this form.

Teste  
William Clark &c.

1785. May 1. Attest  
James Raper

September 1785  
The Court of William Raper and Associates  
James Raper &c.

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1 pair Skeets 5¢ 1 pair money scales of

1. Paper show lasts 1/6  
1. Green Army book 2/6

1 pair Gold buttons

*L. M. G. L.*

1. *Utricularia*

100

1/2 cup Sugar 1/2 cup Butter (Q.L.)

15. 1. 1900

Thompson, James

Ernestine Jones / Ed

James P. Smith

100

1. *Am. ...*

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