

further saith, that the said James Vincent
the testator aforesaid did at the time of
subscribing his name as aforesaid
declare the said paper writing as subscribed
by him and exhibited, to be his last
will and testament, and this deponent
did thereupon subscribe his name at
the end of said will, as an attesting
witness, and at the request, and in the pres-
ence of the said testator. And this
deponent further saith that at the said
time when the said testator subscribed
his name to the said last will as
aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent
subscribing his name as an attesting
witness, as aforesaid, the said
James Vincent was of sound mind
and memory, of full age to execute
a will, and was not under any restraint
to the knowledge, information or belief
of this deponent and further these depo-
nents say not.

Signed sealed
and delivered in
the presence of
Benj H. Dickey
Pittsfield judge

William G. Whelby *sig*

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In the name of God, Amen, I now, my
Bass of the County of back and state of
North Carolina being of sound mind and
disposing memory, but considering the
uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make and declare this my last
will and testament in manner
and form following, that is to say
first that my executor herein after named
shall provide for my body a decent burial
and pay all funeral expenses together with
all my just debts, taxes and to whom

comes owing, out of the money that may first
come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
Item, I give and bequeath to Sampson Sykes,
son of Madison Sykes and wife, my bed bed-
stead and furniture, except as to one bed quilt
and one counterpane, and I give and bequeath
to Henry A. Sykes, to him and his two personal
representatives, absolutely forever. The sum of
ten dollars to be paid by my executor in gold
to the said Sampson Sykes to him and his per-
sonal representatives, forever. Item, I give and
bequeath to the children, the lawful heirs of
Edmund Sykes and wife, the sum of One
hundred dollars, to be paid by my executor
within the time prescribed by law, out of any
money belonging to my estate not otherwise
disposed of, which sum (one hundred dollars)
shall be equally divided and paid over to the
said heirs of E. Sykes in equal portions
Share and share alike, to them and each, and
every one of them their executors and administrators
absolutely forever. I give and bequeath to
Margaret Sykes, one chest that is now in my
possession, to her and her personal representatives
absolutely forever. I give and bequeath to
Julia Sykes, one trunk that is now in my
possession to her and her personal representa-
tives absolutely forever. I give and bequeath
to Henry A. Sykes, Julia A. Sykes and Marga-
ret Sykes, my weans, apparel or clothing
except as to one black silk dress and one fine
blue and white calico, which are now in my
possession, I partly give and bequeath them
the said dresses to be distributed absolutely, that
all of them, except the two dresses mentioned
be divided to, and divided equally among
them, the said Henry A. Sykes, Julia A. Sykes and
Margaret Sykes in equal portions share and
share alike, to them and each and every one
of them, their personal representatives
absolutely forever. My will and desire is
that all the residue of my estate if not
cladling, every species of property, together with

Surplus money, after taking out the dividends and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be paid over to my esteemed friend Madison Lykes, to him his executors, administrators and assigns, absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Nathaniel Thomas my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intents and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and disclaiming utterly void all other wills and testaments by me unforseen made. In witness whereof I the said Mourning Bass do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of February A.D. 1861.

Mourning ^{her} Bass
mark

Signed, sealed, published
and declared by the said
Mourning Bass to be her last
will and testament in the
presence of us who at her re-
quest and in her presence do
subscribe our names as wit-
ness, chmrs.

Thos C Hollingsworth
Lion T Turner
mark

State of N.Y., In the Probate Court
West County, June 18th, 1885.

A paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Mourning
Bass was read and admitted before me the

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undersigned Judge of Probate for said County
by Madison Lykes the executors herein named
and the due execution thereof by the said known-
ing Bass by the oath and affirmation of
Lion Turner the subscribing witness thereto,
who being duly sworn did depose and say
and each for himself doth depose and say
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper
writing now shown him purporting to be the
last will and testament of Mourning Bass.
That the said Mourning Bass in the presence of
this defendant subscribed his name at the
end of said paper writing which is now
shown as aforesaid and which bears date the
2nd day of July, 1861. And the defendant
further saith, that the said Mourning Bass
the testator aforesaid did at the time of
subscribing his name as aforesaid decline
the said paper writing to be subscribed by
her and exhibited to be her last will and
testament, and this defendant did thereupon
subscribe his name at the end of said
will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at
the request and in the presence of the said
testator. And this defendant further saith
that at the said time when the said testator
subscribed his name to the said last will
as aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant's
subscribing his name, as an attesting witness
thereto as aforesaid the said Mourning Bass
was of sound mind and memory of full
age to execute a will, and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge, information
or belief of this defendant and further this
defendant by ^{his} not regard recollect and doth ^{not} ^{know} ^{but}
recall that the said ^{his} ^{testator} ^{had}
signed, sealed and delivered ^{his} ^{will}
in the presence of,

Thos. W. Tracy

Probate Judge