

and paid to my wife Mary to maintain herself and my children till my son Henry is of age. Then he is to have £200, and the interest on the remainder to be paid to my wife to support the younger children. After the death of my wife, my daughters, Moritie, Maritie, Johanah, Elizabeth, and Sarah, are each to have £50, and the rest to all my children. I make Nicholas William Stuyvesant, merchant, and John Van Cortlandt, Gent., executors.

Dated July 28, 1758. Witnesses, Robert Benson, brewer, Alexander Bates, Peter Morgeson. Proved, June 5, 1760.

Page 115.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD AYS-
CROUGH, of New York, Practitioner in Physick and
Chirurgeon, being weak in body. I leave to my daugh-
ter, Sarah Ayscough, £500 current money of N. Y. I
leave to my brother, John Ayscough, Jr., £100 Stirling.
To my brother Thomas £50. I leave to my wife Anne
all that my house and lot of land where I now live in
Hanover Square, in New York, in the East Ward. To
her for life, and then to be sold at Publick vendue by
my executors. From the proceeds they are to pay to
my mother in law, Anne Langdon, widow of Richard
Langdon, £500. I leave to my wife $\frac{1}{3}$ of my personal
property. I leave the rest to my son, Richard Ays-
cough, and to such other children as my wife may bear.
I make my wife, and my uncle, Rev. Dr. Francis
Ayscough, and my friend, Charles Williams, Esq.,
executors.

Dated May 22, 1760. Witnesses, John Burnet, attor-
ney at law, Cornelius C. Van Horn, Isaac Goelet, mer-
chant. Proved, June 9, 1760.

[NOTE.—The house of Doctor Ayscough is now No.
118 Pearl street, on Hanover Square. In 1755, being
about to marry Anne Langdon, he conveyed this house
and lot to certain persons in Trust for her. It was
then bounded east by Adonijah Schuyler, west by Peter
Schuyler.—W. S. P.]

Page 118.—“To all People to whom this Present
writing shall come. Greeting, Know ye” that I, JAMES
TILLOT, SR., of Oyster Bay, in Queens County, being
this 5 day of February, 1760, very sick. I direct that
all debts and charges be paid. I leave to my wife
Hannah $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen silver spoons, and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen common
sitting chairs, “one large and one good bed.” All the
rest of estate, real and personal, to be sold. I leave to
my two sons, James and Joseph, 5 shillings each. To
my daughter, Sarah Duryea, £50. All the remainder
I leave to my wife and my daughters, Sarah Duryea,
Priscilla Whippoo, and Hannah Colville. I make my
friend, George Weeks, and Thomas Youngs, both of
Oyster Bay, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Townsend, William Lawrence,
Simon Cooper. Proved, May 30, 1760.

Page 120.—In the name of God, Amen, May 11,
1760. I, JOSEPH DICKINSON, of Oyster Bay, yeoman.
I leave to my wife Sarah my Indian girl. All the rest
of my estate and lands to be sold and all debts paid,
and the remainder to my wife and my sons Henry and
Isaac. If either son die under age, his share to go to
my wife. I make my wife Sarah and my brother in
law, David Hallock, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Dickinson, Townsend Dickinson,
Epenetus Townsend. Proved, June 7, 1760.

Page 122.—In the name of God, Amen, May 13,
1760. I, JACOB BROWN, of Bedford, in Westchester
County, being sick. After payment of all debts, I
leave to my brother, Silas Brown, £150, and my horse
and saddle. To my brother, Thomas Brown, £130,
and my largest gold ring. To my sister, Phebe Brown,
£20, and two gold rings. To Jeremiah Lownsbury
£20. And if my estate should overrun the legacies,
the balance is to go to my executors, and if it does not
hold out it is to be made equally from the legacies. I
make Nehemiah Lownsbury and Thomas Brown, both
of Bedford New Purchase, executors.

Witnesses, Stephen Hulse, Sarah Lownsbury, Peter Lockwood. Proved, June 2, 1760.

Page 124.—In the Name of God, Amen, August 6, 1759. I, JAMES WETMORE, of Rye, "Clerk," being of sound mind. "And as to the small portion of worldly estate with which it has pleased God to bless me," I leave to my wife Anna the use of all that land, orchard, meadow, and pasture which Samuel Lane sold to Raphael Jacobs, lying in Rye, with the house thereon, Also the pasture lot adjoining, which formerly belonged to Peter Brown, on the east side of the road leading to Harrison's Purchase, during her life, Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of the linnen bedding and other household goods, And the privilege of what firewood she has use for, and 3 cows and a horse. I leave to my son James the privilege of the hop and dam upon Blind Brook for a fulling mill, with the utensils, Also the wood and pasture lot above the first stone fence, to extend from Abraham Brundage's land south west, half the width of my land bought of Joseph Haight, and from the stone fence that runs across my land near Brundage's house north west to the next fence that now runs across my land, with the privilege to cart and drive cattle from the Ridge to the Fulling mill. I leave to my son Timothy the house, barns, and improvements bought of Mr. Jacobs, lying in Rye, with all the land on the west side of the road which formerly belonged to Peter Brown, Also that part of my land that I bought of Joseph Haight on the west side of Blind Brook, running from said brook north west to a stone fence that runs across my farm land near Abraham Brundage's, and to extend south to the land I have sequestered for a Glebe, which is to be $\frac{1}{2}$ the width of my lot. I leave to my daughter Alethea, wife of Rev. Joseph Samson, £30. To my daughter Anne, wife of Gilbert Brundage, all that part of my farm at Bullock's meadow he adjoins, To begin at the south east corner of Gilbert Brundage's lot, bought of Henry Strong, and runs

across meadow and woods to the land of William Haight, Also £10. I leave to my daughter Charity, wife of Josiah Purdy, £30. I leave to my daughter Esther the reversion of all that house, orchard, meadow, and pasture which was formerly Samuel Lane's, and the pasture lot which did belong to Peter Brown, east of the road that leads to Harrison's Purchase, Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my linnen and woollens. All the rest of my estate I leave to my sons James and Timothy, and make them executors.

Witnesses, Hackaliah Brown, Roger Cook, Jr., Benjamin Brown, Jr. Proved, June 2, 1760.

Page 127.—In the name of God, Amen, September 14, 1757. I, AMAN GUION, of New Rochelle, blacksmith, being in good health. I leave to my wife Elizabeth a negro woman, "Mugg," Also the whole and sole use of all my estate, real and personal, during the time she remains my widow, and no longer. I leave to my son Aman £30. To my daughter Elizabeth £24 10s. To my daughter Susanah, widow of John Sandrine, £11 10s. I leave to my sons, Elias, Benjamin, and Esai, all that house and lot where I now dwell, containing 14 acres of land and meadow, at New Rochelle, after my wife's decease or marriage, and they are to pay the legacies. All the movable estate that is left at the death or marriage of my wife I leave to my 3 sons, Elias, Benjamin, and Esai, and my daughters, Elizabeth and Susanah. I make my wife executor.

Witnesses, John Angevin, James Resley, Robert Rolfe. Proved, June 7, 1760.

Page 130.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES PERCUTT, of New Rochelle, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Elizabeth the use of all my estate so long a time as she shall remain my widow. I leave to my son, Peter Percutt, $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my lands and movables after his mother's decease or marriage, and £20 besides, and to my daughter, Jane Percutt, I leave the

other $\frac{1}{2}$. The said lands and buildings to be equally divided, quantity and quality. If necessary to pay debts, my executors may sell that part of my land lying between Shelldrake river and Richbell lane, so called. I make my wife, and my brother, John Percutt, and my cousin, Joshua Solis, executors.

Dated April 25, 1758. Witnesses, Gilbert Bloomer, Peter Flandrau, James Horton. Proved, June 7, 1760.

Page 133.—In the name of God, Amen, The 23 of October, 1759. I, ICHAB D HALLOCK, of Southold, being of sound mind. I leave to my son, Thomas Hallock, all my apparell or wearing clothes and £100. I leave to my daughter, Bethiah Reeve, £10. To my daughter, Sarah Billard, £10. To my grand daughter, Mary Hallock, daughter of my deceased son, Ichabod Hallock, £5 when she is 18. I leave to my daughter, Patience Moore, after payment of debts and funeral expenses, $\frac{1}{2}$ of my movable estate, and to my daughter, Anna Homan, the other $\frac{1}{2}$. I make my sons in law, Silas Moore and William Homan, executors.

Witnesses, Joshua Wells, Simeon Benjamin. Proved, December 29, 1759, before Samuel Landon, Surrogate.

Page 135.—In the name of God, Amen, March 11, 1759. I, DAVID PARSHALL, of Southold, yeoman, being very sick. I leave to my eldest son David all my land which lies north of the New road, and all my meadow at Sawmill brook. I leave to my second son Elias all my lands which lie between the North road and the South road whereon I now live, with all the buildings, Also all the Fresh meadows which lyeth upon the north side of Peconick river and joining the said river, And he is to allow his mother, my now wife, the use of the whole untill he is of age. I leave to my third son, James, all my land which lies south of the South road, and all the meadow joining to said land, and all my buildings which stand upon said land, which said land is bounded east by Nathan Penney, south by Sam-

uel Wells, west by Josiah Tuthill, north by the Kings road, And he is to allow his mother, my now wife, the use of the whole till he is of age. I leave to my youngest son John £100 when of age. To my daughter, Sebel Parshall, £30. To my daughter, Mehetabel Parshall, £30 when 18. I leave to my wife, Sebel Parshall, the use of all estate not disposed of, and I make her and my son Daniel executors.

Witnesses, Nathaniel Terry, Abel Wells, Daniel Wells. Proved, February 28, 1760.

Page 137.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CLEVES, of the town of Southold, in Suffolk County, yeoman, being sick in body. First I give and bequeath unto my endeared wife Mary the use of my dwelling house which I now dwell in, and also the use of all my land which belongs to it which I bought of my son in law, William Terry, while she remains my widow, and also all my household goods or indoor movables to be at her disposal, and to her grand children after she has done with them; and also 2 cows. All the rest of my movable estate or out door movables I give and bequeath unto my 3 grand sons, John Cleves Symmes, John Cleves Terry, and Timothy Symmes. I make my endeared wife Mary and my beloved kinsman, John Williamson, and my grand son, John Cleves Symmes, executors, And they are to sell all my land in the Collony of New Jersey as they shall think proper, and with the money they are to pay all just debts. I leave to my grand daughters, Elizabeth Terry, Ruth Terry, and Mary Terry, £100 each, to be put out at interest and paid to them when of the age of 21 years. And my executors are to sell all my land at a place called Jericho, which I bought of Mr. Caleb Horton. I leave to my wife £50, to be disposed of to her grand children as she may see proper, and the remainder of the money I leave to my 3 grand sons. I leave all the rest of my lands to my 3 grand sons, and if they cannot agree to divide, "then they shall choose

each one his man," who shall lay out the same in three Divisions, But my grand son, John Cleves Symmes, shall have the first choice, and John Cleves Terry shall have the second choice. All my meadow lands that I bought of Mr. Jonathan Dimon I leave to my grand son, John Cleves Symmes. And whereas I have given a bond to Mr. Isaac Bradfield and Mr. Simon Serren, of New Jersey, for the sum of £500, that my grand son, John Cleves Symmes, shall give a quittance to a piece of land lying at a place called the Canoe Brook, which was his father's, when he shall be of age, If he refuses to do so he shall forfeit £500 out of his portion. Whereas my son in law, Mr. William Terry, has given a bond for £800, in Jersey money, that he will confirm to my grand son, Thomas Terry, £400, If he refuses to pay, my executors shall sue for the same, and if it cannot be obtained, then it shall be made up out of the legacies of my grand son, John Cleves Terry, and my 3 grand daughters. I leave to my wife all my winter wheat on the ground for the use of my family.

Dated April 3, 1760. Witnesses, Samuel Brown, Hannan Williamson, Israel Youngs. Proved May 20, 1760, before Samuel Landon, Surrogate.

[NOTE.—Captain John Cleves was an officer in the Pequot war and came to Southold from New Hampshire. His father, George Cleves, was sent by King Charles to investigate the conduct of Governor Winthrop in 1637.

Rev. Timothy Symmes was born in 1690, graduated from Harvard 1715, and came to Acquebogue, in Southold, in 1738, and remained as minister till 1750, and went to Ipswich, Mass., where he died in 1753. He married Mary, daughter of Captain John Cleves. She died in Southold in 1781, at the age of 90.

John Cleves Symmes was born July 10, 1742. He was a teacher, surveyor, and farmer. In February, 1777, he was made Associate Judge of Supreme Court. In 1787 he purchased a large tract of land in Ohio, including the site of the city of Cincinnati, which he was

instrumental in founding. He married Anna, daughter of Henry Tuthill, of Southold. His second wife was "a widow Halsey," after her decease he married Susanah, daughter of Hon. William Livingston and sister of Brockholst Livingston. Mr. Symmes had by his first wife a daughter Anna, who lived with her grand father Tuthill in Southold, and was educated at Clinton Academy, East Hampton. In 1795 she married General William Henry Harrison, afterward President of the United States, and was the grand mother of General Benjamin Harrison, also President.

Timothy Symmes (brother of John Cleves Symmes) had a son, John Cleves Symmes. He was a Captain in the army in the War of 1812, and distinguished for bravery on the Canadian frontier. He was the projector of a singular theory, that the earth is a hollow sphere, the entrance to which is an opening near the north pole. This theory obtained the popular name of "Symmes' Hole." He urged this theory with great seriousness in lectures and writings, but his failure to make any converts to his belief led to a morbid frame of mind which caused his death, in Butler County, Ohio, June 19, 1829.—W. S. P.]

Page 141.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RACHEL WILEMAN, of Ulster County, widow. All just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my son, John Bayard, and my daughter, Elizabeth Wileman, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, and I make them executors.

Dated June 14, 1746. Witnesses, Vincent Matthews, Josias Welling, Benjamin Eakerley. Proved before John Gale, Surrogate, upon the oath of Josias Welling, residing at Goshen, in Orange County, May 26, 1760.

[NOTE.—The testatrix was the widow of Henry Wileman. See Vol. III. of this series, page 388.—W. S. P.]

Page 143.—In the name of God, Amen. -I, JAMES WOODS, of New York, being in perfect health. I leave

to my wife Martha all that my farm or Plantation, containing 70 acres, and a cedar swamp adjoining thereto, situate in the Manor of Cortlandt, Also a negro woman, and £100, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of my household goods, except my silver plate and printed books, Also the use of $\frac{1}{2}$ of my dwelling house where I now live, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the buildings on the lot whereon the dwelling house stands, during her widowhood. I leave to Hannah Mott, daughter of Hannah Cam, of Hamerton, in Huntingtongshire, England, £100. To Roger Woods, son of Roger Woods, of Peterborough, in England, 5 shillings in bar of all claim as heir at law. To my cousin, John Woods, my 2 negro girls, and all my silver plate and printed books, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of my household goods, and all the money owing to me, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the house where I now live, and the other half after the death or marriage of my wife. All the rest of my estate I leave to my cousin, John Woods. I make my cousin, John Woods, executor, and Whitehead Hicks, Esq., Attorney at Law, as assistant, to whom I leave 10 Pistoles.

Dated June 17, 1758. Witnesses, William Penn, John Hatchford, Jr., Elbert Willett. Proved, June 24, 1760.

Page 146.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET COLLINS, of Albany, widow of Edward Collins, being sick. I leave to Marté Gerrittse Van Bergen my negro man "Dick." To Angentie Scott, widow, and her sister, Elizabeth Williams, each £20. To my 2 brothers, John Rutse Bleecker and Johanes Bleecker, all the rest of my estate, real and personal. I make my brother, John R. Bleecker, executor.

Dated April 28, 1760. Witnesses, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Staats Van Santvoord, Catlyna Van Ness. Proved before John De Peyster, Esq., June 11, 1760.

Page 148.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL LAWRENCE, of Flushing, in Queens County, this 25 August, 1754, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Mary all household goods,

"and all my stock of creatures of all sorts, Horses, cattle, and sheep," and all farming utensils, and my chaise and all my negroes, except my negro man "Peter," which I have given to my son Thomas. I leave to my son Thomas all that my messuage, tenement, dwelling house, and tract of land which I purchased of Peter Huff and Matthew Franklin, and a share of fresh meadow which I purchased of John Field, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my salt meadow at a place called Long Neck in the town of Jamaica, and 10 acres of wood land, to be taken off the north end of my other lands adjoining to Johanes Suydam's land: to begin at the east side of the pond or watering place by the same, and from thence to run east by the said Suydam's land and the land of Samuel Cornell until it meets with Thomas Clement's land, and to extend south so far as to make 10 acres, And he shall also have a cartway from his other lands to the said 10 acres of woodland. I leave to my wife Mary the use of $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my messuage, tenement, dwelling house, and tract of land and salt meadows, not before given, while she remains my widow. I leave to my son William all that my dwelling house and tenement and tract of land where I now live in Flushing, Bounded east by Thomas Clements, north by John Suydam and Samuel Cornell, west by Elbert Hogeland, south by highway, Also all the land on the south side of said highway, bounded west by Derick Whortman, south by said Whortman and Cornelius Cornell, east by Cornelius Cornell, and north by said highway (except the 10 acres of woodland given to my son Thomas), Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my salt meadow on Long Neck, in Jamaica, Provided he lives to be 25 years old; But if he die without issue under 25, then the same to go to my son Thomas and my son Augustine, And he is to have the use of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the said lands after my decease, but to have no power to sell until he is 25 years of age. I leave to my son Augustine £600. To my daughter, Margaret Lawrence, and to my daughter, Abial Lawrence, each £150. To my

grand children, Mary Willett and Anne Willett, £50. To my son Samuel the use of £200, to remain in the hands of my executors to be paid at their discretion. I leave to my daughters, Deborah Doughty, Elizabeth Willett, Mary Waters, Margaret Lawrence, and Abigail Lawrence, all the rest of my personal estate, except that my daughter, Deborah Doughty, shall have £50 less than the rest of my daughters. I make my wife Mary, and my son Thomas, and my brother in law, John Willett, Jr., executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Cornell, Derick Whortman, Thomas Hicks, Jr. Proved, June 21, 1760, before Samuel Clowes, Surrogate.

Page 153.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL BAYLES, of Florida, in Orange County, being sick. "I bequeath my Soul to God who gave it, in all Humble Hopes of its future Happiness, and my Body to be buried in a decent manner." I leave to my children, Samuel, Tabitha, Nathaniel, Sarah, David, Elias, and Mary, 5 shillings apiece. I order all my estate to be sold by my executors. "And considering the Melancholy Circumstances that I leave my beloved wife, Sarah Bayles, in, I give all the rest of my substance to her and for her subsistence." My 3 youngest sons are to be put apprentices to trades upon Long Island. I make my friends, David Shepard and William Denn, both of Goshen, executors.

Dated November 17, 1757. Witnesses, John Beers, James Miller, Martha Whitman. Proved, October 10, 1759.

Page 154.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD JENNINGS, of Goshen, in Orange County, being sick. I leave to my two sons, Isaac and Benjamin Jennings, all my lands equally between them when they come of age. If either die without issue, I give the half last Division which I purchased of Samuel Gelston to my son Richard. I leave to my sons Isaac and Benjamin their two mares which they now use as their own. I

leave to my son Richard £100 when of age. My sons Isaac and Benjamin are to maintain and school Richard until he is 15 years of age, and then he is to be put to a trade of his own choice. I leave to my sons Isaac and Benjamin my plows and tackling. I leave to my wife Phebe her bed and the use of the best room in my house, and she is to be maintained by my sons so long as she continues my widow. I leave to my daughter Anne £10. To my daughter Janitie a cupboard, and all the rest of my movable estate to my wife and daughters Elizabeth, Ruth, and Phebe. I make my wife and my two sons in law, John Wood and John Carpenter, executors.

Dated January 26, 1760. Witnesses, Beusleel Seely, Rebecca Allison, William Denn. Proved, April 10, 1760.

Page 157.—"I, CALEB GILBERT, of Orange County, yeoman." I leave to my two sons, Ebenezer and Stephen, the farm or Plantation whereon I now live, and as soon as they are of age they shall pay to my sons John and Josiah £10 each. I leave to my daughter, Phebe Goldsmith, 20 shillings. All the rest of my estate I leave to my sons John and Jeremiah and my daughter, Hannah Gilbert. I make Silas Person [Pierson?] and Samuel Birdseye executors.

Dated April 19, 1755. Witnesses, Luke Clarke, Mary Mesure, Fletcher Matthews. Proved, April 18, 1760.

[NOTE.—Caleb Gilbert probably came from Southampton, L. I., where a person of that name was living in 1707.—W. S. P.]

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAH PURDY, of Rye, in Westchester County, yeoman, being sick. I order the wearing apparell of me and my wife to be equally divided among my 4 children, Seth, Alethia, Anna, and Esther. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to be sold, and after paying all debts, the remainder to be for bringing up my children. And when my son Seth comes of age he shall have $\frac{2}{3}$,

and the rest to my other children. I make my two loving brothers, Samuel Purdy, of White Plains, andaleb Purdy, of Rye, executors.

Dated May 16, 1760. Witnesses, Samuel Haviland, Gilbert Brundage, James Wetmore. Proved, June 16, 1760.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen, May 26, 1760, I, JOHANES COLVER, of Newtown, in Queens County, yeoman, being sick. All debts and funeral charges to be paid by my sons, John, Jacob, and Abraham. I leave to my wife Mary, "in whom I am well pleased," the full use of all my estate, real and personal, so long as she remains my widow. After her death or marriage, I give to my youngest son Abraham the New Lot, so called, and part of the land I bought of Joseph Sackett, that is to say, to begin from the hithermost corner of my stone ditch joining to Samuel Reade's land, and so along the land of Samuel Reade up to a mulberry tree standing in the corner between Samuel Reade's lot and mine, and from thence to the land of Joseph Woodward, and from thence to the land of Philip Edsell, and thence along his land down to the street, and along the street to beginning, Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my part of the Long Swamp; and he is to pay to my son Samuel £50. All the rest of my real estate, with house and barn, and the other half of the Long Swamp, and all my meadow lot in town, I leave to my sons John and Jacob, and they shall pay to their brother James £50, and also £50 to their sisters, Janettie and Judah. I leave to my 5 children who are not settled, viz., John, Abraham, Janettie, and Judah, all my movable estate, except 1 Pistole to my eldest son James for his birth-right. I make my sons John and Jacob and my good friend, Abraham Schenck, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Schenck, Judith Garred, spinster, John Way, farmer, Samuel Way, Jr., cordwainer. Proved, July 3, 1760. "John and Samuel Way being of the People called Quakers."

Page 164.—In the name of God, Amen, June 6, 1760. I, GERTREY SOMMERINDIKE, widow of Tunis Sommerindike, late of Greenwich, in the Out ward of New York, being sick. I direct all debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my brother, Joseph Harris, the gun that was my late husband's. I leave to my brother in law, John De Wyt, the hunting saddle of my late husband. To my cousin, Nicholas Sommerindike, £5. To Margaret Horne £5, also my household furniture that was my late husband's mother's. To my sister, Sarah Brown, one silver table spoon and a tea spoon, to be delivered at the discretion of my sister, Anne De Wyt. I leave to my cousin, Catharine De Wyt, one silver table spoon and tea spoon, and the same to my cousins, Catharine Harris and Anne Sommerindike. To my sister, Anne De Wyt, my best bed and furniture. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my sisters, Anne De Wyt and Elizabeth Sommerindike. I make my uncle, John Cregier, and my brother in law, John De Wyt, executors.

Witnesses, Peter Van Norden, Jacob Horne, George Furman. Proved, July 21, 1760.

[NOTE.—Tunis Sommerindike, the husband of the testatrix, was the eldest son of Jacob Sommerindike, who was the owner of the farm sold by them to Captain Thomas Clarke, and afterward known as "Chelsea."—W. S. P.]

Page 167.—In the name of God, Amen, May 8, 1760. I, JACOBUS VANDEWATER, JR., of Beekman's Precinct, in Duchess County, farmer, being sick. I leave to my wife Mary my bed and furniture, and linnen and household goods, and 2 cows. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, is to be sold to the best advantage at Public Vendue. I leave to John Vandewater, my brother Benjamin's eldest son, £5, in full bar of all claim as my heir at law. I make my father in law, Larrance Losee, and my wife Mary, and Abraham Adriance, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Wiltse, Johanes Wiltse, Francis Losee. Proved before Bartholemew Crannell, Surrogate, July 4, 1760.

Page 169.—In the name of God, Amen, February 20, 1756. I, ANTHONY SLEGHT, of Kingston, in Ulster County. I leave to my wife Neeltie the use of my present dwelling house where I now dwell, with cellar and yard room, as I have a lease for the same from my son in law, Abraham Turck, with the privileges granted by said lease, so long as she remains my widow, Also a bed, with the coverings and hangings, and so much of my household goods as she thinks she may need to keep house with, and after her death or marriage they are to go to my daughter and grand daughter, Also £11 yearly, "All of which I leave her in lieu of dower, hoping she will be satisfied." I leave to my daughter Catharine, wife of Abraham Turck, all the rest of my real and personal estate, and she shall pay to my grand daughter Lydia, daughter of Johanes Schepmoes by my daughter Maria Magdalena, deceased, £200, and £200 to my grand daughter Catharine, daughter of Johanes Stofell Thomas by my daughter Janettie, deceased, when she is 16 years of age. I leave to my grand son Anthony, son of Abraham Turck by my daughter Catharine, all my wearing apparell and my Fowling piece and cane, and to my daughter and grand daughters all the rest of my household goods. I make my daughter Catharine, and my sons in law, Abraham Turck and Johanes Stofell Thomas, and my cousin, Abraham Hasbrouck, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Van Keuren, Cornelius Elmen-dorph, Jr., Joseph Gosherie. Proved before Jan Eltinge, Surrogate, July 16, 1760.

Page 173.—In the name of God, Amen. "I, DAVID VAN CATS, of Booswyck, in Kings County," yeoman, being sick. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my son David my Plantation whereon I now live, both

land and meadows, Also 4 acres of woodland in Queens County, and my negro man Jack. I leave to my 3 beloved daughters, Catharine, Rachel, and Mary Van Cats, all my lands lying in New Booswyck, in Kings County. I leave to my son David and my 3 daughters all the rest of my estate, and my executors may sell the same and put the money at interest for them till they are of age. I make my son David, and my daughter Catharine, and my kinsman, Daniel Bedett, executors.

Dated July 1, 1750. Witnesses, Jan Luqueer, Joost Duryee, Jacob Reeder. Proved, July 30, 1760.

James D. Lancey, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor, Commander in Chief, etc. To all, etc., Know ye that on the 30 day of July in the year 1760 the will of DAVID VAN CATS, of Kings County, was proved, and executors confirmed.

[NOTE.—This was the last will confirmed by Governor James De Lancey, who died July 30, 1760. He was one of the most active and efficient Governors of the Province. His son, James De Lancey, was the owner of the De Lancey farm on the east of the Bowery. —W. S. P.]

Page 175.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, EPHRAIM VALENTINE, of Hempstead, in Queens County, being this 11 day of April, 1759, not well in health, and well knowing that in a short time I must yield unto Death, but before my Change should come I would set my House in order." All debts are to be paid out of the money that shall arise by the sale of my land lying at the place called the Kills. I leave to my wife Charity $\frac{1}{2}$ of all movable estate, and my negro man "Jesse," and my horse and riding chair, and the use of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the rest of my real estate during her widowhood. I leave to my son Joseph and my daughter Anne all the rest of my estate, houses, lands, and meadows, both divided and undivided, that is to say, to my son Joseph $\frac{2}{3}$ and to my daughter Anne $\frac{1}{3}$, and

they are to pay to my grand son, John Carle, £25, and he shall have all the Patent right that I bought of my son in law, Jacob Carle. If my son Joseph dies without issue, his share is to go to my daughter Anne and to my grand sons, John Carle and Sylvester Cornell. I make my wife Charity, my son Joseph, and my son in law, Obadiah Valentine, and my trusty friend, Richard Ellison, Jr., of Hempstead, executors, and they are to sell my lands at the Kills and give good title.

Witnesses, Richard Townsend, Richard Titus, Hannah Wilson. Proved, July 30, 1760.

Cadwallader Colden, Esquire, President of His Majesty's Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New York. To all, etc., Know ye that in Queens County, on the 30th day of July last, the last will of EPHRAIM VALENTINE was proved. In Testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Province to be affixed this 8 day of August, 1760.

[NOTE.—Cadwallader Colden was born in Scotland, February 17, 1688. He was son of Rev. Alexander Colden, and studied at the University of Edinburgh and became a physician. He came to this country in 1708. He was a very learned man of science, as science was understood in those days. In 1718 he settled in New York, and was appointed Surveyor General and Master in Chancery. He was the owner of a large tract of land about nine miles from Newburgh, which was called Coldenham, and here a large part of his time was spent. In 1760 he was President of Council, and Lieutenant-Governor in 1761, and held this position until his death. His firm stand in favor of the Acts of Parliament made him obnoxious to the people at the beginning of the Revolution, and he retired to his farm, called "Spring Hill," in Flushing, and died there September 28, 1776. This farm he purchased from the Willett family. On this place is a small neglected burying ground covered with weeds and containing the graves of some of the members of the Willett

family, its former owners, the tombstones being broken and defaced. In 1890 the writer visited the spot and carefully copied all the inscriptions, as follows:

"Here lies interred the Body of Sarah, wife of Robert Whiting and daughter of Charles and Ellinor Willitt, who departed this life the 7 of July, 1797, aged 38 years."

"S. Willett, * * 1722. Aged 52."

"G. Willett, * * 1722."

"— Willett, 1753."

"Elizabeth, wife of John Willett, Jr. Aged 37 years. Deceased October 19, 1775."

"Sarah, daughter of John Willett."

In this neglected spot the mortal remains of Governor Cadwallader Colden are supposed to rest. Of him it was justly said that he was "one of the foremost men of his time." The "Spring Hill farm" was confiscated and sold after the Revolution, and was later owned by Ezekiel Robins.—W. S. P.]

Page 177.—In the name of God, Amen. "I, BENJAMIN NICOLL, of the city of New York. I leave to my son, Edward Nicoll, my Library of books, and my sword, hanger, gun, and Pistols, And I desire my executors, if they think him of sufficient capacity, to bring him up to the Practice of the Law." I also give him my watch. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I give to my wife Magdalena Mary during the time she shall remain my widow to enable her to bring up our children, but my executors are to pay to each when of age £500. The rest I leave to all my children. I make my wife, and the Hon. John Chambers, Esq., William Nicoll, of Shelter Island, John Watts, and William Nicoll, Jr., executors.

Dated April 15, 1758. "Note.—I altered the date, being after I purchased the Shuckburgh farm, and made it to be 15 April, 1758." Witnesses, David Matthews, Cary Ludlow, Isaac Brown. Proved, August 12, 1760. Names of other children not given. (See Appendix.)

Page 179.—“I, THOMAS BISHOP, inhabitant of Eastchester, being of sound mind this 16 of January, 1759.” I leave to my wife Mary my house and land where I now live, and all movable estate, except what is in New York. I leave to my daughter, Martha Butler, the house in New York where she now lives, and the movable estate which she now hath in her possession. I leave to my grand son, Bishop Hadly, and my grand daughter, Mag lalen Hadly, my other house in New York, being in the Out ward. I make my wife and Gilbert Taylor executors.

Witnesses, John Ryder, farmer, Edward Burd g, farmer, Philip Fowler, miller. Proved, June 7, 1760. Confirmed by Cadwallader Colden, Governor, August 5, 1760.

Page 181. In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL GROSS, of New York, mariner, being of sound mind. I leave to my wife Jane and my son David all my worldly goods and effects of every kind. I make John Martin, of New York, mariner, executor.

Dated December 3, 1756. Witnesses, John Dunscomb, mariner, Arent King, mariner, Thomas Crooks. Proved, August 21, 1760. Confirmed, August 21, and John Martin having resigned, Letters of Administration are granted to James Wells, Principal Creditor.

Page 184.—“By the Grace of God, Amen, this 25 of May, 1756. I, REUBEN SMITH, being of perfect mind.” I give and bequeath my creatures and movable estate to pay my debts, and if not sufficient, land to be sold. Of what remains I give $\frac{1}{3}$ to my wife and the remainder to my children. I make my wife Mary, and my brother, Nathan Smith, and my father [*in law*], Jonathan Lockwood, executors.

Witnesses, Daniel Wirt, Isaac Burton, Joseph Powell. Proved in Dutchess County, before Jacobus Ter Boss, Judge of Common Pleas, and John Baily and Abraham Smith, Justices, October 18, 1758. Confirmed, August 26, 1760.

Page 186.—In the Name of God, Amen, October 10, 1746. I, THOMAS DAVENPORT, of Phillips Precinct, in Dutchess County, being sick. I leave to my wife Elizabeth the use of the improvements on my farm I now live on, Also 6 cows, 20 sheep, and 4 two year old creatures, 2 yearlings, and all working horses (except my riding horse and stallion), and a pair of oxen, and all farming tools and household goods, and all my grain and corn, pork and beef, to enable her to bring up my children. I leave all my wearing apparell to my 3 sons, Thomas, William, and Oliver. All the rest of my estate to be sold by my executors, and all the money and my bonds and book debts to be added together. I leave to my wife Elizabeth £30. To my son Thomas £5, he having received his portion. To my son William £60. To the children of my daughter, Sarah Mandeville, £10. To the children of my daughter Mary which she had by Jacobus Hanion £10. To the children of my daughter, Elizabeth Nelson, £10. All the rest I leave to my children, Oliver, Charity, Phebe, Robin, Hannah, Stephen, and Abigail Davenport, “in such sort that each of the boys hath double the portion of the girls,” and to be paid when they are of age, and in the meantime put at interest. But if my boys’ portion shall overrun £60, then my son William shall be made equal to the rest. I make my wife Elizabeth, my son Thomas, and John Nelson, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Grecocks, Hannah Sobee, John Cuer. Proved in Dutchess County, before Bartholemew Crannell, Surrogate, March 18, 1760. Hannah Sobee was then the wife of Oliver Davenport.

Page 189.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, MICHAEL DUNN, of Ireland, but now of New York, mariner. I leave to my true and well beloved friend, John Planten, of New York, Innholder, all my Prize money that may be owing or coming to me by the Privateer “Royal Hunter,” Captain Harrison, Commander, now bound on

a cruise, and all my other estate, and I make him executor.

Dated October 24, 1758. Witnesses, Thomas Clement, book keeper, John McKnight, William Spoor. Proved, August 27, 1760.

Page 190.—In the Name of God, Amen. "Be it known and made manifest by these presents that on this 17 of March, 1746 I, underwritten BENJAMIN VAN STEENBERGEN, in Dutchess County, being sick in body." I leave to my wife Rachel the full possession and management of all my houses, lands, and estate during the time she remains my widow, But in case she should remarry she shall be cut off from my whole estate. I leave to my eldest son Benjamin my Fowling piece for his birth right, "without having anything more to pretend on that head." I leave to my two sons, after the death or marriage of my wife, all my lands and buildings, "But if my two sons choose not to hold the land jointly, one of them shall purchase the right of the other for £60." My sons shall pay to my 7 daughters Sara, Maria, Catharina, Margaretta, Johanna, Rachel, and Elizabeth, each £20. "If my sons incline to sell the land, they shall sell it to some of my children, but not to a stranger." I leave all my personal estate to my 9 children, and I make them executors.

Witnesses, Moses Bloemendahl, Johanes Nicoll, Isaac Kip. "Translated from the Dutch by me, Jacob Goelet, sworn interpreter of the Dutch Language." Proved, July 25, 1760. Rachel Van Steenberg was then Rachel Stoutenburgh.

Bartholemew Crannell, Surrogate, deposes that the will was proved before him, and that he deposited the original will in the Secretary's office, but upon application he was told that it was not to be found.

Christian Schultz, of Rhinebeck Precinct, school master, deposes that some time in May, 1757, Benjamin Van Steenberg and some of the other children being at the dwelling house of the deceased, they showed him

what purported to be the original will, and that at their request he made several copies, and one for himself, and the above is a true copy of the same.

Confirmed by Governor Cadwallader Colden, August 28, 1760.

Page 194.—In the name of God, Amen. "I, WILLIAM HAWKERDY, a soldier enlisted in one of the Provincial companies of New York, commanded by Captain Michael Thody." After payment of all debts, I leave to my trusty friend, James McGrah, of New York, cartman, all my goods, chattels, and estate.

Dated April 18, 1757. Witnesses, John Morin Scott, John McKesson. Proved, August 30, 1760.

Page 195.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT MAYES, of New York, mariner. After payment of all debts, I leave to John Waller, of New York, Innkeeper, all my estate, and in particular all my share of the Prizes that may be taken by the Private ship of war "General Wolfe," Thomas Seymour, Commander, and I make him executor.

Dated December 14, 1758. Witnesses, James Harvey, Nathaniel Randolph, Richard Horncastle. Proved, September 9, 1760.

Page 197.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS DUNCAN, of New York, merchant, being in good state of health. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to the Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church £500 to be put at interest, and out of the interest £20 are to be paid to my sister, Christian De Kay, widow of Thomas De Kay, lately deceased, yearly during her life. The rest of the interest is to be applied toward the clothing of the poor children belonging to the Charity School in this city; and after the death of my sister, all the interest is to be used for that purpose. I leave to my daughter, Arabella Duncan, £1,000, as an equivalent to the sum of £1,000

which I paid to my son in law, George Duncan Ludlow, on his late marriage with my daughter Frances. I leave to my friend, Rev. Henry Barclay, and my brother in law, Mr. Gabriel Ludlow, £50 each to purchase a suit of mourning and for their trouble as executors. I leave to my executors for the use of my children all that my dwelling house and lot where I now live, lying in the Broadway, which I purchased of the executors of Joseph Murray, Esq., and all the rest of my real estate, and my executors have power to sell. All my negroes and store of goods I order to be sold in convenient time and the proceeds to be paid to my children. The part of my daughter Arabella is to be put at interest until she is 21 years of age, and if she dies without issue, her share is to go to my daughter Frances, and if she dies without issue, her property is to go to my son in law, George Duncan Ludlow. I make Rev. Henry Barclay, and my brother in law, Gabriel Ludlow, and my daughter Frances, executors.

Dated November 9, 1758. Witnesses, Martha Dimock, Margaret Pillson, wife of Richard Pillson, mariner, James Emott. Proved, September 10, 1760. [The house of Thomas Duncan is probably No. 4 Broadway. This in early times was owned by Frederick Phillipse, and in 1830 by David Gelston.—W. S. P.]

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen, May 30, 1760. I, THOMAS BUNCE, of Huntington, Suffolk County, being now sick. I leave to my wife Ruth a riding horse and 2 cows and the use of $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my lands and meadows lying in Crab Meadow Neck, Also her choice of the rooms in my house, and an equal share of my movables with my daughters. I leave to my grand son, Selah Bunce, my house and homestead at Cow Harbor, and all my land at Long Hill which was improved by my son Thomas, with a certain piece of Salt meadow on the east side of Crab Meadow Point, and a £100 right in the Eastern Purchase, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a £100 right in the Old Purchase, And he shall pay to

my two grand sons, Joseph and Edmund Bunce, and to my grand daughters, Hannah and Ann Bunce, £27 among them when of age. I leave to my son, Jesse Bunce, £100. I leave to my son John the house and homestead where I now live at Crab Meadow Neck, and a piece of Plain land which I bought of John Smith, and one and a half £100 right in the Eastern Purchase, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a £100 right in the Old Purchase, with 7 acres due on the same, Also a horse and a pair of steers and all farming utensils. I leave to my daughters Sarah and Mary all the rest of my movable estate. I make my son Jesse executor.

Witnesses, Augustus Bryan, Sarah Bryan, Samuel Allen, Physician. Proved, September 12, 1760.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. "I, SAMUEL CLOWES, of Jamaica, in Queens County, Gent., being now 85 years and 5 months old, and infirm of body, but, Praised be God, of sound mind." I leave to my wife Mary her bed, completely furnished, and all other things and goods that she brought with her, Also my riding chair and her choice of my horses, And my executors are to pay her £12 yearly during her life, Also my easy chair and 6 best other chairs, and the Sconce which hangs in my bed chamber. I leave to Samuel Clowes, eldest son of my cousin, Samuel Clowes, "who now does, or lately did, belong to the Custom House in London, £25 Stirling." I leave to Rev. Samuel Seabury, minister of Hempstead, £5, and to his son, Rev. Samuel Seabury, of the town of Jamaica, £10. "I order my executors to lay out the sum of £15 in Bibles, to be given to all my grand children and great grand children which shall be alive at the time of my decease. I leave to my son John £50, To my son Peter £100, as a recompense and reward for their particular pains and trouble they will be at as executors. All the rest of my estate I leave to my two sons, John and Peter, and my daughters, Alletta, wife of Edward Willett, Melicent, wife of Joseph Sackett, Catharine, wife of Na-

thaniel Mills, Mary, wife of Daniel Thorne, and Juliana Clowes. My estate is to be divided as follows: The tract of 600 acres which I have given to my son in law, Edward Willett, and 400 acres which I have given to my son in law, Joseph Sackett, and a certain tract of land which I have given to my son Peter at the place where he now lives, shall be reckoned as part of their shares. And because the boundaries of the Patents of Wawayanda and Minissink, where the chief part of my land now is, are not yet perfectly settled, if any of the said tracts fall short, it is to be made up. I make my sons John and Peter executors, and in case of their death, my 4 sons in law, And if they die before the estate is settled, then my grand sons, Timothy Clowes, son of my late son Gerardus, and John Clowes, son of my son John, and they shall have so much of the undivided lands as shall be adjudged to them by the Chief Justice of New York. "Written with my own hand this 24 July, 1750."

Witnesses, Benjamin Hinchman, James Cebra, Jacob Ogden. Proved before Thomas Braine, Surrogate, August 28, 1760.

[NOTE.—Samuel Clowes, Jr., who was for many years Surrogate of Queens County, died about January, 1760, and Letters of Administration were granted to his father, Samuel Clowes, February 20, 1760. He was probably son of the testator.—W. S. P.]

Page 207.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER HALEY, of New York, mariner. I leave to my wife Catharine and my son Peter all my estate, except $\frac{1}{4}$ of my $\frac{1}{16}$ of the Brig "George," which I bequeath to my brother, John Healey, Also my wearing apparell, watch, and buckles. I make my wife executor.

Dated August 3, 1758. Witnesses, Nicholas Horton, James Ferguson. Proved, September 22, 1760.

Page 209.—In the name of God, Amen, July 26, 1754. I, CASPER JANSE HALLINBECK, of Loonenburgh,

in the County of Albany, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my wife Magdalena the profits of all my estate, real and personal, during such time as she remains my widow. I leave to my son, Jan Casperse Hallinbeck, £3, "to debar him from making any pretense of Eldership as being my eldest son." I leave to my son, Martin Hallinbeck, my homestead at Coxackie, being 3 acres, and my dwelling house, barn, etc., as now possessed by him, and all the remainder of my lands at Coxackie. I leave to my son, William Hallinbeck, all my farm and Bowery where I now live at the Platts, so called, with the buildings and all waggons and farming tools, "except my pleasure sley, which I give to my son, Jan Casperse Hallinbeck." All the remainder of my right and title in $\frac{1}{12}$ of the lands included in the Patented lands formerly called Canisheek, but now called Loonenburgh, as the same in the year 1750 was divided and laid out, and also $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lands called Freehold which fell to my share, as by a Division and Draft made by Sylvester Salisbury, deceased, will appear, I leave to my 3 sons and all my wearing apparell and guns or Firelocks. To my sons Jan Casperse and William certain negro slaves. To my 2 daughters, Mary, wife of Johanes Klaw, and Rachel, wife of Jacob Hallinbeck, each a negro woman at the marriage or decease of my wife, and all her wearing apparell, silks, linnen, and woollen, and gold and silver jewels and rings. To my grand daughter Catharine, daughter of Johanes Klaw, a negro girl and a bed, iron pots, pewter platters, etc. To my grand son Casper, son of my son, Jan Casperse Hallinbeck, a negro child. To my grand daughter Catharine, daughter of Jacob Hallinbeck, a negro child. To my grand son Casper, son of Johanes Klaw, a negro child, and the same to my grand son Casper, son of William Hallinbeck. I leave to my two daughters all the rest of my household goods, and my sons shall pay them £70 each. All the rest to my wife and 5 children. My son in law, Johanes Klaw, is to have the lot now in his possession. I

make my wife Magdalena and my son Martin executors.

Witnesses, Nicholas Pare, Daniel Pare, Job Freese. Proved in Albany, August 17, 1756. Confirmed by Governor Colden, September 26, 1760.

[NOTE.—Loonenburgh is a large tract of land in Greene County, including the present village of Athens. For an extended account of this family, see "History of Greene County."—W. S. P.]

Page 214.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS HEALY, "lansman," of New York. I leave to my loving friend, Jeane Farrol, of New York, all my estate, And all the Prize money that may be due to me from the Snow "Mercey," Captain Healy, Commander, and I make her executor.

Dated July 29, 1758. Witnesses, Robert Harper, Samuel Francis. Proved, October 3, 1760.

APPENDIX

CORRECTIONS.

The will of John Johnson, of Hempstead, as printed in Vol. III., page 397, should be John Jackson.

The name Matthew Morris, as printed in Vol. IV., page 382, should be Matthew Norris.

See page 335.—In the "New York Mercury" of July 23, 1759, the following notice appears: "Peter Wraxall, Esq., died July 10, 1759. He was Secretary of Indian Affairs and Captain of one of the Independent Companies posted in this Province. On the Thursday following (July 11) his remains were decently interred in Trinity Church Yard."

See page 330.—"New York Mercury," July 19, 1759: "Thursday last departed this life William Kempe, Esq., who for six years last past had been His Majesty's Attorney General for this Province. His remains were decently interred in Trinity Church on Saturday last."

John Tabor Kempe was the last Royal Attorney General of New York. After the Revolution his property was confiscated and he went to England, where he was killed by being thrown from his carriage. He was the Patentee of a large tract of land in the Highlands in Rockland County, N. Y., which included the greater part of the Dunderbergh mountain, and was called the "Dunderbergh Tract" or "Kempe Tract." He sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of this tract to his brother, William Kempe (who is not mentioned in the will), September 22, 1769. The other half was confiscated and sold to Samuel Brewster in 1785. John Tabor Kempe left several children, all of whom died without issue.

The daughters of William Kempe, Sr., were, in 1795, living in the Parish of St. Margaret, County of Hertford, England. They owned a large tract of land on the west side of the Schoharie Kill, which they bought of John Weatherhead, to whom it was Patented.

There are many descendants of William Kempe, Jr., now living in this State. He left sons Thomas and William. Theodore G. Kempe, of Rockland County, was in recent years living on the "Dunderbergh Tract." See "History of Rockland County."—W. S. P.]

See page 298.—The "New York Mercury" contained the following notice: "On Friday, March 16 (1759) departed this life, in the 76 year of his age, Colonel Joseph Robinson, of this city, merchant. A Gentleman of unblemished Reputation, whose memory will allways be honored by all that had the Pleasure of being acquainted with him, and particularly by the members of Trinity Church, to whom he was a most faithful and industrious Steward in receiving and disbursing the Alms of the Congregation. He was chosen Church Warden in Easter week in the year 1724, and was annually elected till 1756, when he insisted on being excused on account of his Age and Infirmities. His Remains were decently deposited in his own vault in Trinity Church yard on Monday evening last (March 19)."

The residence of Joseph Robinson appears to have been what is now known as "Fraunce's Tavern," on the corner of Pearl and Broad streets. The following advertisement appeared in the "New York Mercury," January 22, 1759:

"To be sold at Publick Vendue at the Merchants Coffee House on Tuesday the 30, in the Forenoon, The corner house near the Long Bridge, wherein Colonel Robinson now lives."

On May 28, 1759, appears the following:

"De Lancey, Robinson and Company have removed their Store to the House where the late Colonel Joseph

Robinson lived, being the corner House next the Royal Exchange."

On January 15, 1762, Oliver De Lancey, Beverly Robinson, and James Parker sold the house and lot to Samuel Francis.—W. S. P.

See will of Mary Alexander, Liber 22, page 55.—In 1821 the heirs of John Stevens and his wife, Elizabeth Alexander, were children John Stevens and daughter Mary, wife of John R. Livingston, and grand children Elizabeth, wife of Edward P. Livingston, Margaret Maria, wife of Robert L. Livingston, and John Stevens. They all sold the mansion and lot No. 7 Broadway to William Edgar for \$21,000.

See will of John Walters.—"Mr. John Walters died July 8 (1759), Aged 72. He held many Honorable Posts. His remains were interred with the usual Solemnities in his vault in Trinity Church." ("New York Mercury.") He was son of Robert Walters, who was Mayor of New York 1720–1725.

See Page 417.—Benjamin Nicoll was son of Benjamin and grand son of William Nicoll, the Patentee of Islip. He was born March 17, 1718, died April 3, 1760. He was prominent as a lawyer, and was very influential in the establishment of Kings College. His residence in New York was on the south side of Bridge street, 100 feet east of Whitehall, and was, in the days of New Amsterdam, the home of Cornelius Van Thienhoven. He married Mary Magdalena, daughter of Edward Holland. Their children were Henry, Edward (who died without issue), Samuel, and Matthias.

Henry Nicoll (born December 13, 1756, died April 9, 1790) married, first, Alice Willett, a niece of Governor Colden; second, Elizabeth, only child of General Nathaniel Woodhull. He has many descendants.

See will of Rev. Walter Wilmot, Vol. IV., page 18.—The statement in note, that the only child of Walter

Wilmot probably died young, was based upon a similar statement in Prime's "History of Long Island." Free-love Wilmot, only child of Rev. Walter Wilmot, lived until July 21, 1809. She married, February 4, 1762, James Townsend, son of William and Elizabeth (Cock) Townsend. He was member of Assembly, Trustee of King's College, and very prominent. They were the parents of seven children:

1. Walter Wilmot Townsend, born December 18, 1762.
2. John, born March 17, 1765.
3. Elizabeth, born May 5, 1767; married Major-General Nathaniel Coles, of Dosoris.
4. William, born September 12, 1769.
5. Rosannah, born April 1, 1775; unmarried.
6. Esther, born November 12, 1778; married Thomas Coles.
7. Sarah, born November 12, 1778; married William Frost.

Walter Wilmot Townsend died December 7, 1793. He married Charlotte, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Butler) Coles, May 19, 1785. They had among other children a son, Walter Wilmot Townsend, born January 29, 1794; died April 2, 1860. He married Anne Helme, daughter of Obadiah and Anne Helme, July 24, 1817. Their daughter, Anne Helme Townsend, married Townsend Cox, April 30, 1856. Their eldest son, Wilmot Townsend Cox, is a prominent lawyer in New York. He married, December 26, 1896, Maria Duane Bleecker Miller, daughter of John Bleecker Miller and Cornelia Jones.—W. S. P.

See page 263.—The house of Mary Dunscomb is No. 38 and the north part of No. 36 Broadway. No. 36 was in later years the house of Peter Jay Munro, a noted lawyer in his time.—W. S. P.

The following will, printed as "Prevoost" in Volume II, Page 144, of this series, is here reprinted correctly as Brevoort:

Jan Hendrickse Brevoort. In the name of God, Amen, the 28 October in the first year of the Glorius reign of our Sovereign Lord, George, by the Grace of God, King of England, &c., 1714. I, Jan Hendrickse Brevoort, of the out ward of the city of New York. I make my sons Henry Brevoort, weaver, and Elias Brevoort, carpenter, executors. I leave to my eldest son Henry £20, for his birthright, whereby I do entirely cut him off as being my heir-at-law. I leave to my daughter Janettie, wife of Thomas Seikelson, of the out ward of New York, my new cupboard, commonly called a "kass." I leave all my clothing to my two sons Henry and Elias. I leave to my daughters Maria, wife of Zachariah Seikelson of New Harlem, and Janettie, wife of Thomas Seikelson, all the clothing of my late wife Anettie. All my real estate is to go to such of my children as shall be able and willing to pay £400 for the same, to be paid to the rest of my four children.

Witnesses, Peter Arkell, Jan Willense Room, John Conrad Codwise. Proved, December 21, 1714.

—*Abstracts of Wills—Liber 8, page 366.*