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INTRODUCTION.

This volume contains abstracts of wills recorded in Libers 31, 32, 33, in New York Surrogate's Office. Also of Letters of Administration from January 17, 1779, to February 18, 1783. In these abstracts no proper names are omitted, nor anything that can throw light upon genealogy or real estate. During the Revolution, New York City, Long Island, Staten Island, and the lower part of Westchester County were under British control, and Libers 31, 32 are composed of wills, commissions, and other documents recorded under the direction of the Governor.

In the meantime a State Government had been established, with headquarters at Kingston, and its authority was recognized by the remaining part of the Province. One of the first acts of the State Government was to establish a Court of Probate, of which Thomas Tredwell was Judge, and Joseph Hazzard, Clerk. Liber 33 is composed of wills probated and recorded by this Court in that portion of the State outside of British control. The impression that wills were not recorded during the Revolution is erroneous.

Samuel Bayard was the last Secretary who held office under the British Governor. On November 21,

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1783, he prepared a list of all Public Records and original wills in his possession, and they were duly delivered to Lewis Allaire Scott, Deputy Secretary of the State of New York, on the same day.

The number of original wills thus delivered was seven hundred and nine, and all of them are recorded, with very few exceptions. In addition to these, Mr. Bayard also handed over the volumes of recorded wills, and also of Records, of Letters of Administration, leaving no gap to be filled. As in all the other volumes of this series, the labor of preparing the abstracts has been performed by William S. Pelle-treau, one of the members of this Society, and the index has been prepared by the Librarian.

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LIBER 31.

Page 1.—“New York, 23 November, 1776. Was this Day appointed Deputy Secretary &c. and received a Deputation for that Purpose, from William Knox Esquire, by his Attorney, the Honourable Henry White.
“J. Moore.”

Page 2.—By His Excellency, William Tryon, Esquire, Captain General & Governor in Chief in & over our Province of New York and the Terrytories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. To John C. Knapp, Esquire, of the City of New York, Greeting. *I*, reposing especial trust & confidence in your Loyalty, Knowledge, Integrity & Ability, have nominated, constituted & appointed, and by these Presents do nominate, constitute and appoint You, the said John C. Knapp, to be Publick Notary of the City and County of New York, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office, during Pleasure, together with all rights, powers, privileges, profits, perquisites & advantages thereunto or of Right belonging & appertaining.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in the City of New York, the Tenth day of October in the sixteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

William Tryon.

By His Excellencies Command.

Edmund Fanning, Secretary.

The above-named John C. Knapp was sworn into the above office the nineteenth day of October, 1776.

Before me, Daniel Horsmanden.

This is to certify that Robert Tucker, one of the executors named in the will of Cornelius Wortendyck, appeared before me and qualified as executor. Given under my hand at the Surrogate's office in New York, the 24th day of November, 1776, in the seventeenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

John Moore, Surrogate.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Know yee that Wee, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in the Loyalty, Learning, and Abilities of our Trusty and well-beloved Robert Bayard, Esquire, have nominated, Constituted, and appointed, and by these Presents do Nominate, Constitute, and appoint him, the said Robert Bayard, to be our Judge of our Court of Vice Admiralty of our Province of New York, with full Power and authority to the said Robert Bayard to do, execute, and perform all things whatsoever belonging to the said office. To Have and to Hold, exercise and enjoy the same during our Pleasure, Together with all Salaries, Fees, perquisites, profits, and advantages thereunto belonging or of right appertaining. In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereto affixed.

Witness, our trusty and well-beloved William Tryon, Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America.

Given at Fort George in our City of New York the sixth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

Clarke.

Page 2.—Commission to David Matthews as Reg-

ister of Court of Vice Admiralty, December 6, 1776.

Page 3.—Commission to Benjamin Hilton as Notary, February 1, 1777.

["NOTE.—Mr. Hilton never demanding the Commission, it was cancelled by the Governor's Direction."]

Commission to David Campbell as Notary, March 15, 1777.

Page 5.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 7, 1777. I, AERT MIDDAGH, of Brouckland, in Kings County, on the Island of Nassau, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my wife Magdalena the use of all my estate during her life. After her death I leave to my eldest son, Gerritt, the first water lot as they are laid out on the East River, adjoining to the land formerly belonging to my brother, John Middagh, deceased. To him and his heirs and assigns. The remaining four Water lots I leave to my other children, viz., John, Magdalena, Cornelius and Margarita. I leave to my son Gerritt my Hatters Shop and the ground it stands upon, to run back in the Garden, the breadth of the shop up to the currant bushes. I also leave him the first south room of my house and the little room joining to it. I leave to my daughter Cornelia the remainder of my house and barn, and all the land adjoining to the land of John Hicks and Simon Boerum, late deceased, and also along the land of my son John. To her for life, and then to her sons, but if she gets no son, then to Aert Middagh, son of my son John. If my daughter Cornelia leaves daughters, they are to have £200 each, York Currency. I leave to my son John one acre and a half of land joining to the south side of his land, to begin at the road, and to run up to the land of John Hicks. The rest of my land which joins the said acre and a half, I leave to my daughters, Margarita and Magdalena.

To them for life and then to their children. I leave to my daughter Cornelia all household goods, and the rest of my movable estate to all my children. I make my good friends, Gerritt Rapalye, of New York, and Abraham Snediker, executors."

Witnesses, John Crawley, Patience Titus, Cornelius Wyckoff, Esq.

Page 9.—Bond given by SAMUEL WATERHOUSE, of Boston, to Henry Leddell, of Boston, and John Phillips, of Surrey, England, now in Boston, for £1,500. To secure the payment of £750 to Martha Kilby, widow of Christopher Kilby, of London. Date, December 8, 1774. To secure this bond, Samuel Waterhouse and his wife Hannah convey to Henry Leddell and John Phillips certain tracts of land in Lincoln County, Mass., being part of the estate of Job Lewis Esq., whose only surviving child Hannah is the wife of said Samuel Waterhouse. Namely, 3 lots of 100 acres each in the First Division of Wiscasset Company, on the east side of Wiscasset Bay; 8 Lots of 100 acres each of the 2d Division; 8 Lots of 100 acres each in the 3d Division; 2 Lots of 100 acres each in the Division on Jeremy Squam Island; $\frac{1}{2}$ of a tract of 8,000 acres, lately recovered by Wiscasset Company, at Wiscassat; 4 Lots and 40 acres of marsh in New Castle, of the Division of Job Lewis, David Cargill, and David Allen; A Lot of 1000 acres on the east side of Sheepscut river just below Flying Point, lately improved by Robert Cochran; Also several other tracts in same vicinity. Date December 8, 1774.

Page 13.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MICHAEL C. VREELAND, of Stony Point, Bergen County, New Jersey, being somewhat weak in body. I leave to my wife Yanake £20 a year, to be paid by my six sons. My wife is to live with my son John, upon free cost, and he is to provide her with good board, and all other necessities of life, such as she has hitherto been accustomed to. I leave to my son, Halinagh Vree-

land, £15, in bar to all claim as heir at law; Also all that farm or Plantation where he now lives, on the north side of Staten Island; Also my negro boy 'Seas.' I leave to my son Cornelius all the farm or Plantation which I purchased of Richard Averil, Esq. (except a part given to my son Jacob), situate at Hackinsack Point, in Bergen County; And he is to pay £200. I leave to my son Jacob the farm or Plantation where he lives, which I purchased from Jaspar Farmer, adjoining to the North River, in Bergen County; And also six chains of land off the rear of the farm given to my son Cornelius; Also 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of salt meadow which I bought of Peter Degrote. I leave to my son Derrick all that farm or Plantation where he now lives, purchased from James Duncan, And he is to pay £200 to my executors. I leave to my son Michael all that farm or Plantation where he lives, lying at Pennsepowgh, in Bergen County, between the lands of Daniel Van Winkle and George Colmus, With the Commons of one and a half Patent belonging to the same. I leave to my son John all my farm or Plantation where I now live, with the Commons belonging to the same; Also my lot at Richpocus, which I changed with John Vreeland, of Gomanispond; Also my lot of woodland joining Newark Bay, bought of Henry Fielding, except one acre which I sold to Peter Cole; And he is to pay £250. I leave to my son John a negro boy, horses, wagons, and tools. I leave to the heirs of my daughter Jannetye £200. To my daughter Achsey £200 and a negro girl. To the two daughters of my daughter Matys, namely, Ph. netie and Jannetye, £200. But if their brother, Michael Vanpile, should put my son Halingh to any cost about his farm, then the sum left to his two sisters is to be kept. I leave to Cornelia, wife of my son Johannes, a negro girl. All the rest to all my sons, and I make them executors. If any of my sons attempt to take any advantage of any imperfections, by law or otherwise, they are to be utterly excluded."

Dated June 22, 1776. Witnesses, Ecbert Post, John Freeland, Robert Morris. Proved, April 3, 1777, before Cary Ludlow, Esq.

Page 19.—JOSIAH BARKER, of Sherburne, in Nantucket County, in Massachusetts, being the owner of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Brigantine "Pembroke," now lying at Long Island with a quantity of oil, makes Obed Bunker, a Quaker, his attorney.

October 28, 1776. Witnesses, Jethro Mitchell, Elisha Swain.

Obed Bunker makes John Antill, Esq., his Attorney. December 7, 1776.

Reuben Swain, master of the Brigantine, also makes him attorney.

Page 23.—TIMOTHY COLEMAN, of Nantucket, master of the Schooner "Delight," now lying at the wharf in New York, makes John Antill his attorney to receive all monies due to him from the Captain of any of His Majesty's Ships. November 6, 1776.

Page 24.—Commission to WILLIAM AXTELL, JOHN RAPALYE, and RICHARD STILLWELL, of Kings County, authorizing them to administer to all officers, civil and military, "the Oath of Supremacy and allegiance, mentioned in an Act of Parliament, passed the first year of George I, entitled, An Act for the better security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the succession of the Crown to the Heirs of the Princess Sophia, being Protestant, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors." Also the Oath of Abjuration. April 15, 1777.

Page 25.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VANDERBILT, SR., of Richmond County, blacksmith, being very weak this September 8, 1776. I make my friends, Edward Baty (Beattie) and Jacob Vanderbilt, executors, and they are to sell all my estate and

pay debts and funeral charges. The remainder to be put to interest to best advantage for my children until they are of age, viz., Catrin, John, Aaron, Balitie, and Edward."

Witnesses, Tunis Egberts, John Beatty, Rachel Bodine. Proved, September 14, 1776, before Benjamin Seaman. Confirmed by Governor William Tryon, May 10, 1777.

Page 28.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES SIMONSON, of New Dorp, on Staten Island, yeoman, being weak and sick. I leave to my son Johanes £200 when he is 21, the interest being applied to his bringing up. If he dies, it is to go to my wife Catharina. I leave to my wife the house where I now live, with all lands, negroes, live stock, and household furniture, until my son Johanes is of age, and then the whole to be sold, and the money to be divided among my wife and my son Johanes, and the heirs of my daughter Ann and the heirs of my daughter Gertrye, and my daughters, Allie, Mary, and Zena (or Tena?), and my son Hendrick. I leave to my son Johanes my silver Tankard. To my grandson, John Cruse, my silver watch. To my granddaughter, Ann Martin, my negro wench. I make Cornelius Van Wagenen, Aaron Cortelyou, and Daniel Lake, Jr., son of Daniel Lake, Esq., executors."

March 15, 1777. Witnesses, Samuel Thurston, Christian Jacobson, Ann Lake. Proved, March 24, 1777.

Page 31.—(Mortgage). ROBERT SMYTH, late of Great Britain, but at present of New York, Gentleman, mortgages to Gabriel G. Ludlow, of Hempstead, and George Duncan Ludlow, of Hempstead, in Queens County, executors of Gabriel Ludlow, deceased, "All that certain messuage, tenement or dwelling house and garden piece or farm of land in the Out Ward of New York, on the east side of the Post road or Public high-

way, Beginning at a black walnut tree, and running S. $26\frac{1}{2}$ degrees East 4 chains, 70 links, Then N. $81\frac{1}{2}$ E. 4 chains to the river, then northerly along the river by various courses, about 5 chains, to land of John Provoost, Then along the same northwest 18 chains, 80 links to the Post road, then along the same, S. 23.30 W. 6.25, Then S. 46 E. 12.67 to beginning. Containing 12 acres, 2 roods 4 poles. Bounded northwest by Post road, northeast by John Provoost, southeast by the river, southwest by David Devore. Dated May 10 1777. (To secure £1,000.)

Page 35.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MCKENNEY, of New York, taylor. After all debts are paid, I leave to my eldest son, James, one shilling, Sterling money of Great Britain, in bar of all claim as heir at law. All the rest I leave to my dear and loving wife, Elizabeth, for life, to use the same with discretion for the maintenance of herself, and well bringing up and putting out in the world all my children when of age. After her decease, I leave the whole to all my children except my son James, and my grandson, John Lodowick McKenney, son of my son James. I make my wife, and my son John, and my friends, John Kenney, of New York, taylor, and Francis Panton, peruke maker, executors.” (*The other children not named.*)

Dated October 5, 1776. Witnesses, John C. Knapp, James Deas, hairdresser, Charles Brown. Proved, May 2, 1777.

Page 38.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WALLACE, of New York, mariner, now bound on a voyage to Sea to the Island of Jamaica. I direct all debts to be paid, and all the rest of my estate I leave to my beloved sister, Isabella Wallace, of the Parish of Shines, in County of Aberdeen, Great Britain. I make Samuel Franklin, of New York, merchant, and Lewis Raligh, cordwainer, executors.”

Dated January 13, 1769, in the 9th year of George

III. Witnesses, Rudolphus Ritzema, attorney at Law, Joan Ritzema, Andrew Stockholm. Proved, June 3, 1777.

Page 40.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIAS BREVOORT, of New York. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Henry, £5, in bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave to my wife Leah the rents and profits of my real estate, and my negro wench “Susan,” and the use of all household furniture for life or during her widowhood, and she is to support my youngest child till of age. If my wife marries, she is to have £6 yearly. I leave to my daughter Leah £100 for an outset. I leave to my son Henry a part of my land lying at the Place called the meadows, in New York, bounded east by Roosevelt street, south by Rutgers street, the lot being 44 feet wide and 62 feet long, with the buildings, which I value at £250, which with £150 already received is to be so much of his portion. After his death it is to go to his children. I leave to my son John all the rest of my lands and buildings at the meadows, adjoining the above lot, which I value at £500, as part of his portion; Also a negro man. I leave to my daughter Leah and my son Henry each a negro wench. I leave to my daughter Jacamytie, wife of Benjamin Stout, Jr., my dwelling house and lot in Queen street, and one-half the party wall between this and my other house. The said lot is $15\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide, which I value at £700. I leave to my daughter, Leah Brevoort, my other house adjoining and half of the party wall, the lot being $15\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide, valued at £500. I leave all my personal property, after my wife's death, to my four children. I make my son John, and my son-in-law, Benjamin Stout, Jr., and my kinsman, Henry Brevoort, of New York, Iron monger, executors.”

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Dated May 3, 1777. Witnesses, Martha Mortier, Henry Roome, Andrew Marschalk. Proved, May 15, 1777.

Page 52.—An informal will of CAPTAIN ERASMUS JOHN PHILLIPS, of His Majesty's 35th Regiment. His accounts showing that he had received about £300 as pay, etc. “If during this Service any accident should happen to me, all my effects and ballance due to me, to be sent to my mother, Mrs. Ann Phillips of Annapolis, in Nova Scotia.” No date.

Proved as a will, July 15, 1777, upon oath of William Graham and Edward Hubbard, both Captains in the 45th Regiment, as to handwriting, etc.

Page 53.—Commission. George III, &c., To SAMUEL VETCH BAYARD, Esq., as Surveyor and Searcher of Customs, of the Port of New York. Dated August 16, 1777.

Page 55.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, QUINTEN KENNEDY, of Knockdour, County of Ayr, Scotland, shipwright, at present and for some time past a resident of New York, and in good health. I leave to my wife Catharina all household furniture, and my executors are to sell the rest of my estate, real and personal. If my estate exceeds £7000, then I give to Rev. John

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the Island of Jamaica, a part of which is now legally vested in me, my executors are to sell the same and all the rest of my estate. I leave to my friend, Thomas Fyers, of Edinburg, Scotland, and to his wife Elizabeth £100; Also a certain trunk with clothes. All the rest of my estate I leave to my nephew, Alexander Ross, son of my late brother, Alexander, by his wife Sarah, when he is of age. If he dies, then to William, Walter, and Sophia Ross, children of my brother, William Ross, of North Carolina. I make William McAdam, of New York, and John Ross, of Philadelphia, executors.”

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Page 64.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 25, 1777. I, FREDERICK SIMONSON, of Richmond County. I leave to my wife Helitya all the estate I had with her, including negroes, Horses, cattle, etc., and £100. I leave to my eldest brother, Simon Simonson, £5. To his daughter, Ann MacClean, £50. To Catharine, daughter of John Bedell, Jr., £20. To Frederick, son of James Seguin, £20. All the rest, real and personal, to my brother, Jeremiah Simonson, and he is to pay all debts, and I make him and my nephew, Goersz (?) Simonson, and my trusty friend, Harmanus Garrison, executors."

Witnesses, Isaac Simonson, Heleke Simonson, Benjamin Seaman. Proved, June 12, 1777.

Page 67.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN LEGGETT, SR., of the West Farms, in the Borrough Town of Westchester, farmer. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my son John all that farm he now possesseth, also a piece of meadow ground lying in the Planting Neck, near the Fox Hills; Also another piece of meadow by Robert Hunt's meadow; Also one-half of a piece of meadow lying on Cow Neck, between Nathaniel Underhill and the meadow of Cornelius Hunt; Also two negroes and my silver Tankard. I leave to my son Cornelius the farm where I now live, with all the improvements; Also my piece of meadow lying on the Causeway on the Neck; Also a piece of meadow lying on the Island, adjacent to a piece of meadow late of John Hedger's; Also one-half of a piece of meadow lying on Cow Neck between the meadow of Nathaniel Underhill and Cornelius Hunt; Also my meadow on the east side of Cow Neck, adjoining the Commons, and is now without my fence; Also a negro man and boy, and four cows and all my teams and farming utensils. I leave to my daughter Eleanor, wife of Thomas Lawrence, a negro girl and my silver cup. To my daughter, Ruth Leggett, three negroes and a bed and furniture, a large looking glass and a table, and all my silver spoons.

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and my desk and cupboard, and the use of a room and fire place till she is married, and fire wood. I leave to my sons, John and Cornelius, the use of my farm or neck of land, called Cow Neck, for 17 years. And they are to pay to my daughter-in-law, Mary Leggett, the widow of my son, Isaac Leggett, £20 yearly for 17 years. And if she wishes to live on the farm, she is to have the use of the house and 20 acres of land, and they are to pay her £10 yearly. I leave to my grandson, Stephen Leggett, son of my son Isaac, deceased, all of the said farm not disposed of, and he is to pay to my granddaughter, Sarah Leggett, daughter of my son Isaac, £250. And my sons John and Cornelius shall bring up, educate and maintain in a decent and Christian like manner, my son Stephen for 17 years. The rest of my personal property I leave to my daughters, Eleanor Lawrence, Ruth Leggett, and the children of my daughter, Susanah Embree, deceased. I leave to said children a negro girl. I make my sons, John and Cornelius, executors."

Dated June 28, 1777. Witnesses, Sephaniah West, mason, Thomas Hedger, Daniel White. Proved, August 28, 1777.

Page 71.—"In the name of God, Amen, October 22, 1777. I, SAMUEL BRITTEN, of Richmond County being very sick. I direct all debts to be paid. To my wife Mary the use of all my estate, real and personal, while she remains my widow or until my youngest child is 21, she bringing them up and schooling them. If she marries, she is to have £100 and a negro wench, and as much household furniture as will furnish a room. I leave all the rest of my estate to all my children, reconing for one, the child my wife is now pregnant with. Only to my eldest son, James, £20 before any division. [Other children not named.] I make my wife and my uncle, John Poillon, and my brother-in-law, James Guyon, executors."

Witnesses, Thomas Frost, Joseph Lake. Proved, November 22, 1777.

Page 74.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 30, 1777. I, MATTHIAS DECKER, of Richmond County, farmer, being very sick. I leave to my wife Margaret the use of all houses, lands, and chattels during her widowhood, and I make her executor. I leave to my eldest son, Matthias, 40 shillings more than my youngest son, Richard. I leave to my said two sons all my houses and lands. My son Matthias is to pay to his sister Jenny £30, and my son Richard to pay the same. All the rest I leave to my two sons. My eldest son, Matthias, is to take 20 acres adjoining to Matthias Decker, and my son Richard is to have my homestead lot."

Witnesses, Thomas Kingston, Benjamin Prall, David Cannon. Proved, June 21, 1777.

Page 77.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PAUL MERSEREAU, of Staten Island, shipwright. I leave to my cousin [*nephew*], Daniel Mersereau, son of my sister Elizabeth, a bond of £55 which is due from him. I leave to my cousin, John La Tourette, £10. To my cousin, Mary La Tourette, daughter of my sister Mary, deceased, £10. To my cousin, David Mersereau, son of my brother Daniel, £200 when 21; Also my watch and silver bowl, and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen silver spoons for tea, and my gun and silver shoe buckles. To my cousin, Daniel Mersereau, son of my brother David, £100 when of age. To my brother, David Mersereau, whom I make executor, all the rest of my estate."

Witnesses, Henry La Tourette, John La Tourette. Proved, December 10, 1777.

Page 80.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH ROLPH, of Richmond County, Esquire, being in perfect health, May 10, 1764. My executors are to sell enough personal property to pay debts and discharge what

may remain unpaid of the sums of money charged by my father-in-law, Hendrick Kraesser, on the lands devised by him to his daughter Nealtie. I leave to my son Lawrence the land I bought of Mr. Dongan, lying on the south side of the mill brook, excepting the mill lately erected and the stream, reserving for the mill the privilege of digging and damming where necessary, and as much land as may be necessary for a log yard and for a road to said mill; And he shall pay to his sisters, Mary and Ann, £200. I also leave to my son Lawrence a sufficient road from the northeast part of said land, crossing the mill brook where it is now used, and from thence northeast to the Clove road; Also four acres of salt meadow which I bought of Frederick Burger, together with a right which I purchased of Colonel Dongan for four acres to be taken up where most convenient. I leave to my son Abraham all those lands and tenements on the north side of Staten Island at present in my possession; Also those several pieces of meadow lately devised by Hendrick Kraesser to his daughter Nealtie. But his mother Nealtie is to enjoy the same for life. And he shall pay to his sisters, Cornelia and Elizabeth, £400. My old wench Lydia is to have a good support for life. I leave to my son Abraham my silver tankard, and the rest of my personal estate to my four daughters, Mary, Ann, Cornelia, and Elizabeth. I make my friends, David Mersereau and Joshua Mersereau, Esquires, executors."

Witnesses, Richard Lawrence, Daniel Salter, Hankey Elliss.

Codicil, October 26, 1765. "My son Abraham has power to sell so much wood land as will raise £400, to be paid to my two daughters. I leave to my sons, Lawrence and Abraham, all my reserved rights in my saw mill, and six acres of land on the north side of the mill brook."

Witnesses, Richard Lawrence, shipwright, William Fraser, Lawrence Murray. Proved, October 6, 1777.

Page 87.—"Long Island, Newtown, 14 September, 1776. I JOSEPH BANKS, Lieutenant in the 35 Regiment, do leave and bequeath unto James Knowles, Quarter master Sergeant in the 35 Regiment, £400 sterling, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal."

JOSEPH BANKS.

Witnesses, Thomas Cropper, Robert Austin, both soldiers in 35 Regiment. Proved, January 13, 1778, and James Knowles appointed executor.

Page 89.—"In the name of God, Amen, August 26, 1767. I, JOHN LEFFERTSE, of Flatbush, in Kings County, on the Island of Nassau, being sick and weak. After paying all debts and funeral charges, I leave to my wife Lammitye the use of all my estate for life. If she marries, she is to have £120. I leave to my eldest son, Gerrit, for his birth right, and also to open trade with, £32, now in his hands, and £68 more. I leave to my son Peter all my real estate in Kings County, except what lies in Brooklyn, and he shall pay to my estate £1600. I leave to my son John all the rest of my real estate in Brooklyn and in Albany County. I leave all my personal estate to all my children, Gerrit, Peter, John, Ida, and Sarah, and such child or children as I may lawfully beget. I make my brother, Jacob Lefferts, and my two brothers-in-law, Gerrit Cowenhoven and Leffert Martense, executors."

Witnesses, Jeremias Vanderbilt, Evert Hegeman, P. Van Steenbergh. Proved, January 6, 1778.

Page 92.—(Commission.) George III, etc., To JOSEPH READE, of New York, as Publick Notary, February 19, 1778. Also to Terence Kerin, as Publick Notary, February 25, 1778.

Page 94.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN WOOLLY, of the town of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey, farmer, being infirm and in a

bad state of health. My executors are to sell all lands, also a tract of meadow on Raccoon Island, and the proceeds to be divided among my eight children when the youngest is of age. I leave to my wife Eliza all personal estate, and I make her and Joab Cook, executors."

December 25, 1777. Witnesses, George Remsen, James Cooper, John Brinley. Proved, January 30, 1778.

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Dated October 25, 1777. Witnesses, Thomas Embree, trader, Edward Buckbee, Daniel White. Proved, November 1, 1777.

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she shall have £100. I leave to my sons, William and Peter, all my lands and meadows and buildings on the south side of Bestovers Kill, equally. I leave to my son Gerritt the land commonly called Steenbackheny, except $\frac{1}{2}$ of the woodland lying on the northwest side thereof. The west side joins the road from Flatlands to Flatlands Neck, from thence to a certain brush fence, called the Molleheining, running from a small swamp to a Big Swamp, and so with a straight line through the middle of the Big Swamp, to Crane Vly; And likewise the equal half of a lot of salt meadow lying between Denisha Denyse and Johanes Ditmars; And also $\frac{1}{2}$ of a lot of salt meadow in New Utrecht meadows. I leave to my son Luke my land called Plantase, and $\frac{1}{2}$ the woodland lying on the northwest side of Steinbacken, and $\frac{1}{2}$ the lot of salt meadow between Denisha Denyse and Johanes Ditmars, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a lot of salt meadow lying in New Utrecht meadows. I leave to my four sons a piece of land called Fessenhoek, lying on the east side of the Big Swamp, and from the Swamp down south to an old ditch, which runs up east to the salt meadows. I leave to my four sons, a piece of fresh and salt meadow and low land, lying on the south and west side of Fessenhoek, against Bestovers Kill; Also two lots of woodland in Flatbush Neck woods, one lot of 40 acres and one lot of 6 acres. I leave to my son Gerritt £100 for a building at Steinbacken. To my son Luke £150 for a building at Plantase, the wood for the buildings to be taken out of my woods. My four sons shall each pay to my five daughters £300. When my youngest child is of age, my wife Antie is to have one room for her to live in, and two cows and free planting in the Garden, and two negro wenches to serve her, and £30 a year. And each son is to pay her one bushel of corn, rye, and wheat yearly. I leave to my son Peter for his birthright, all my Patentee right in the Commons and undivided lands in Flatbush, which my father William Kowenhoven, did make over to me, and which

he received from his father William Gerrittse Van Kowenhoven, by a certain Instrument, dated July 28, 1727. I leave all my personal estate to all my children, and I make Nicholas Schenck, John Remsen, Peter Kowenhoven, and William Kowenhoven, executors."

Witnesses, Abraham Voorhees, Peter Wyckoff, Johanes Ditmars. Proved, January 15, 1778.

Page 111.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID SETON, of New York, late gunner of his Majesty's Ship 'Preston.' After all debts are paid, I leave to John Betts, Jr., of New York, all my real and personal estate and all due me from his Majesty's service, and I make him executor."

February 14, 1778. Witnesses, Braughton Reynolds, Thomas Duckworth, taylor, James Penny, Gent. Proved, April 14, 1778.

Page 112.—Commission to ELIAS HARDY, Attorney and Solicitor, as Publick Notary, April 18, 1778.

Also to JOHN LE CHEVALIER ROOME, same date.

Page 114.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JESSE BUNCE, of Huntington, in Suffolk County, being very sick, February 12, 1776. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of all my lands and tenements for her to improve, so long as she remains my widow. But she is not to plow more than three acres yearly, of planting ground. After her death I leave all the remainder of my estate to my nephew, Joseph Bunce, second son of my late brother, Thomas Bunce, To him and his heirs and assigns. If my wife marries, her interest is to cease, and my nephew, Joseph Bunce, is to pay her £100, for which she is to quit the place. I leave to my wife Sarah a negro man, two cows, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the sheep, and my Large Bible, and all the furniture she brought with her, and all farm tackling and all my grain of every kind, on the ground and in the barn, and $\frac{1}{2}$ the hogs, and all

meat, the weavers and shoemakers book debts and John Bunce's book debts. I leave to Edmond Bunce, son of my brother Thomas, and to William Rogers, son of Josiah Rogers, and Thomas Bunce, son of my brother, John Bunce, and Augustine Arthur, son of Reuben Arthur, to each £5, and all the rest of my personal estate. I make Melanethon Bryan and Henry Sneden, executors."

Witnesses, Isaac Bunce, Joseph Higbee, John Stratton. Proved, November 9, 1776.

Page 115.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BARENT JOHNSON, of Brookland, in Kings County, yeoman, being Healthy in Body. It is my desire to be buried with a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors. I leave to my son John all my estate, both real and personal, as soon as he is of age or sooner if he is able to manage it. If I should die while my son is very young, and incapable of taking care for himself, my will is that all personal property and negroes and negro wenches be sold, except my negro Jack. The money is to be put at interest for my son. If my son dies without issue, then I leave to my nephew, John Johnson, son of my brother John, £50. To Sarah De Peyster and Margaret De Peyster, daughters of my late niece, daughter of my brother, George Johnson, and late wife of Nicholas De Peyster, each £100. All the rest to my two nephews, John, son of my brother, John Johnson, and George, son of my late brother, George Johnson. I make my loving cousin, Rem Rapalye, of New York, and my nephews, John Johnson and George Johnson, and my loving friend, John Pierson, of the Wallaboght in Brooklyn, executors."

Dated August 19, 1773. Signed "Barent Jansen." Witnesses, Reinier Suydam, Phebe Suydam, Thomas Jones. Proved, April 2, 1777.

Page 118.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH MOTT, of Richmond County, widow, being sick.

All debts to be paid. I leave to my grandson, Richbell Mott, son of my son Richard, deceased, £160, when he is 22. I leave to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Seaman, daughter of my daughter Elizabeth, my bed and furniture, and my cupboard and my silver shoe buckles. All the rest of my estate, let the same consist of what it may be and where it may be, I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Seaman. I make my trusty friend, John Micheau, and my grandson, Richard Seaman, executors."

Dated January 30, 1777. Witnesses, Paul Micheau, Esq., Mary Poillon, widow, Benjamin Seaman, Jr. Proved, April 2, 1778.

Page 121.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD COLE, of Richmond County, yeoman, being in a middling state of Health. I leave to my wife Ester my best bed and bedding, and my cupboard and all linen and my cow. All my houses and lands and the rest of my personal property to be sold at public vendue, and after debts are paid I leave all the rest to my wife, and I make her and Cornelius Cole, executors."

Dated January 13, 1776. Signed "Isaac Cole" (*probably this is an error*). Witnesses, James Forrest, Dowe Johnson, David Hooper. Proved, December 24, 1777.

Page 123.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 23, 1778. I, ADRIAN LAForge, weaver, of Staten Island. All debts to be paid. I leave to my brother, John Laforge, all my estate, real and personal. And he is to pay to my sister Mary £50 in three months. I make my brother John and Henry La Tourette, executors."

Witnesses, John La Tourette, Owen Limner, Rebecca Limner. Proved, February 2, 1778.

Page 125.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ADRIAN LAForge, of Richmond County, farmer, being very sick. All debts to be paid. I do order that my daughter

Mary shall have a maintainance out of my estate. I leave to my two sons, Adrian and John, all my real estate, lands, meadows, and houses; Also two horses and wagons and tackling, and four cows. I leave to my son Adrian my negro boy Warrick. To my son John a negro man Ben. I leave all the rest to my son David and the children of my son Charles, deceased [not named]. A bond is to be given for the support of my daughter Mary. I make my friends, Benjamin Seaman and his son Richard and James Latourette, executors."

Dated November 1, 1777. Witnesses, Richard Mersereau, shoemaker, John Silvester, taylor, Owen Limmers. Proved, December 31, 1777.

Page 128.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 4, 1778. I, JOHN BODINE, of Richmond County, farmer, being weak in body. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Dorcas full possession of all lands and tenements until my youngest child is of age. And she is to keep my children together with her until they come of age, viz., James, Martha, Vince, and Ann. My wife Dorcas is to give to my son Vince and my daughter Ann Learning as to read and write. And when my youngest child is 18, then to make a vendue to sell all my personal property, lands and tenements, and the whole to be divided among all my children, viz., Rachel, James, Mary Egberts, John, Martha, Vince, and Ann. I leave to my eldest son, John, he being heir at law, 8 shillings more than the rest. I make my wife Dorcas and my son James, executors."

Witnesses, Thomas Kingston, schoolmaster, William Smith, Nathaniel Lokerman. Proved, March 27, 1778.

Page 129.—Commission. George III, King, etc., To BARTHOLOMEW CRANNELL, of New York, as Public Notary, May —, 1778.

Page 131.—"An Acknowledgement made by CAPTAIN JOHN MOFFITT, of the King's Own Royal Artil-

lery, do lye here sick in my Bed, and in my proper sences. My son Robert is to enjoy my land which I now hold under the Right Hon. Nathaniel Clemmons, called Dowgh Robin, in the County of Donegal. After all debts are paid, I leave to Mary Hopper, as my nurse, £100. All the rest of my estate in North Carolina, which is well known to his Excellency Governor Josias Marting and his Secretary, Mrs. Begelston, and Captain Blackmoor and Anthony Ward, I leave to Jacob Hooper. Only a sute of mourning for Captain James Barton. My debts in this city should be paid out of a debt due to me from Edmund Winslow, Muster Master General, and Colonel Edmund Fanning owes me £23. Witness my hand September 5, 1777, in New York. Present Captain James Barter."

"N.B.—A debt due from John Pingle, merchant in Philadelphia, of 9800 weight of raw Hides." "A sute of clothes proper mourning for Mr. Thomas Steel, Tailor. Signed John Muffit."

Proved as a will, November 1, 1777. Confirmed, May 2, 1778, and Administration granted to Jacob Hooper, of New York, bricklayer, principal creditor.

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June 17, 1777. Witnesses, Henry Bellew, Hugh Gould, Purser, David Pottwell. Proved, May 6, 1778.

Page 136.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN CARR, carpenter of his Majesty's Ship Preston. I leave to my loving friend, Elizabeth Higgins, all my wearing apparell and all wages due to me, and make her executor."

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fore Daniel Campbell, attorney at Law and Notary Public, in New York, upon oath of "John Bennett, seaman on board the 'Rose,' man of war, May 6, 1778. The said John Bennett, being about to depart, and no other witness to be found."

Page 137.—DEED. This Indenture made the 18th of February, 1773. WILLIAM GILBERT, of New York, baker, sells to Benjamin Underhill, merchant, A certain Water Lot, No. 10, granted by the Mayor and Corporation of New York, to William Gilbert, February 12, 1750, lying in Montgomerie Ward, opposite to the house and lot of said William Gilbert, Bounded north by a street formerly called Queen street wharf, now Water street, east by Lot 11 of John Bogert, south by the East river or Harlem, west by Lot 9 of Cornelius Van Ransst. Being 25 feet wide and 200 feet long. The Quit rent being £1, 17s. The said William Gilbert agreed to make a good and sufficient wharf or street 15 feet wide, so as to make the said Water street 15 feet wider; Also to make a street 40 feet wide at the rear end. And the Mayor and Corporation granted to him, October 4, 1757, a lot at the rear end of said lot, 25 feet wide and 35 feet long, and he is to make the street at the rear 45 feet wide. He sells the whole to Benjamin Underhill for £570.

Witnesses, Saul Jones, Clement Cooke Clarke, John Gilbert.

[NOTE.—This lot is now No. 233 Water street and No. 218 Front street.—W. S. P.]

Page 147.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 4, 1774. I, SAMUEL DAVIS, of the town of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, blacksmith. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Isaac, all my land lying in the Town Hills that I bought of Samuel Thompson and Jonathan Thompson, being 40 acres. I leave to my second son, Samuel, all the rest of my lands and meadows, and he shall pay to my two youngest sons,

William and Andrew, each £100 when of age. I leave to my eldest daughter, Susanah Homan, my negro girl Phillis. All the rest of my movable estate I leave to my wife Hannah. I make my brother-in-law, Joseph Brewster, executor."

Witnesses, Gilbert Smith, John Smith, Stephen Woodhull. Proved, May 2, 1777.

Page 149.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 15, 1775. I, DANIEL DAVIS, of the town of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, Gentleman, being in years and weak in body. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Abigail all my estate, real and personal, for bringing up my children until my son David is of age. And after that she is to have the east room in my dwelling house, with the bedroom and a privilege in the chamber, during her widowhood. I leave to my wife and my daughter Abigail all my movable estate. I leave to my two sons, David and Joseph, all my lands and buildings, and my right in the meeting house and school house. I make my wife, and David Overton, Jr., and Isaac Overton, executors.

Witnesses, Martha Hulse, Ruth Hulse, Henry Robins. Proved, June 2, 1777, before Nathan Woodhull, Surrogate.

Page 152.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELISHA HOWELL, of the town of Southampton, in Suffolk County, yeoman, calling to mind the mortality of man, although well in body. I leave to my wife Mary all my wrought silver and my best bed and furniture, and the improvement of all the lands which I leave to my son, Jesse Howell, until he is of age, and then the use of all the rest of my lands during her life. I leave to my son, Matthew Howell, all that Neck of land commonly called Fourth Neck, that I bought of my brother, Arthur Howell; And the land lying against said Neck, in the upper Division, between the land of Captain John Post and the creek called Anock creek, with the

buildings on said land; Also $\frac{1}{3}$ of my land at Pon Quogue, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my meadows lying on West Beach, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my right in the Cedar Swamp, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a £50 right of Commonage east of Canoe Place, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my Commonage west of Canoe Place, And $\frac{1}{3}$ of my land in Occabog Division. I leave to my son, Philip Howell, my house and lot at Meacox, in Bridge Hampton, and all my lands lying at a place called Mecox Plain, and all my land in Lot 10 in Great South Division, and one acre of Orchard land in Lot No. 16 in Great South Division, and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a £50 right of Commonage east of Canoe Place, and all my land in Lot 16 in the Great Division. I leave to my son, Lewis Howell, my Neck of land I now live on, commonly called Little Fourth Neck, with all buildings, and all my meadow on the great point in Asops Neck, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my meadow on the West Beach, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my land at Pon Quogue, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my share in the Cedar Swamp, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a £50 right of Commonage east of Canoe Place, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my Commonage west of Canoe Place, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my land in Occabog Division, and all my land lying against Little Fourth Neck in the Upper Division, between Anock and the land of Captain John Post. I leave to my son, Edmond Howell, all my lands and meadows in Asops Neck, except the Great Point that is before given away, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a £50 right of Commonage east of Canoe Place, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my land in Occabog Division, and all my land and meadow in Pine Neck, and all the land lying against Third Neck in the upper Division, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my land at Pon Quogue, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my meadow on the West Beach, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my right in the Cedar Swamp. I leave to my son, Jesse Howell, all the lands and buildings that my brother, Jesse Howell, gave me in his will, lying at a place called Mecox, Namely, the house and home lot, and a lot called Miles Close, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of a £50 right of Commonage east of Canoe Place. I leave to my 5 sons all my land in Colebrook, Connecticut. I leave to my daughter, Mary Howell, £10.

To my daughters, Hannah and Patience, £60 each when 18. My executors are to sell all my land at Winchester, Conn. All the rest of my estate to my 5 sons, and I make my four eldest sons, executors."

Dated May 15, 1771. Witnesses, Paul Halsey, Hannah Sandford, Thomas Sandford. Proved, September 15, 1777, before Nathan Woodhull, Surrogate.

[NOTE.—Elisha Howell was the first settler on Fourth Neck, afterwards called Atlanticville, and now East Quogue. His tombstone, in Quogue burying ground, states that he died September 7, 1777, in the 73d year of his age. His wife, Mary Howell, died October 9, 1792, in the 77th year of her age. He was son of Elisha Howell, who lived at Meacox, or Bridge Hampton. His homestead there, which he leaves to his son, Philip Howell, is where Mrs. Chatfield now lives on the north side of Mecox street. The land on Mecox Plain is on the east side of the road to the ocean, and extends east to Sagg Pond. Asops Neck is now called Quiogue. The house and lot left to his son, Jesse Howell, is the homestead of the late Charles A. Pierson, near the railroad station in Bridge Hampton. The "Mills close" is near Swan creek, at Mecox. That this will was proved before Nathan Woodhull was because the surrogate in the eastern parts had fled to Connecticut.—W. S. P.]

Page 155.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 25, 1777. I, NATHANIEL BALIS, of the town of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to the Presbyterian Church in the town of Brookhaven, whereof Benjamin Talmadge is at present, minister, £50, to be put in the hands of the Deacons and Elders, and put at interest for the support of the minister. I leave to my well beloved sister, Sarah Clark, the privilege of living in my house as long as she pleases. I also leave her £20. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my brother, John Balis, and my two sisters,

Phebe Hawkins and Sarah Clark, and I make them executors."

Witnesses, Alexander Hawkins, Nathaniel Hawkins, Samuel Thompson. Proved, January 2, 1778.

Page 157.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 1, 1775. I, WILLIAM PHILLIPS, of Suffolk County, being well in body. I direct all debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my son William all my lands and houses and movables, except what I give to my other sons. I leave to my son John £50. To my son Zebulon £50. To my son James £100. To my son Ebenezer £100. To my son Philetus (Philelus) £100. I leave to my two daughters all household goods and silver. When they marry, my son William is to give them 2 cows and 10 sheep each, and they are to have a room in my house, and each a cow and pasture and firewood. And if my wife will live with them, be kind to her, let her not want for anything. I give all my Law Books to that son that shall be first in Commission of the Peace, in the mean time my son William is to keep them. My other books to all my children. To my son William my desk and case and my stock of cattle, except a horse to each of my sons, Ebenezer and Philetus, to be worth £10 each. All the rest to my son William, and I make him executor." I have hereto set my hand in Smittown, March 1, 1775. (*Name of wife not given.*)

Proved, January 10, 1778.

[NOTE.—William Phillips was probably son of Rev. George Phillips, of Smittown.—W. S. P.]

Page 160.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 5, 1777. I, ABRAHAM CROCHERON, of Richmond County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife the best room in my house while she remains my widow, with furniture and firewood, and two cows and a horse whenever she wants to ride, and £8 a year, and to have full possession of all lands until my sons are of age.

I leave to my eldest son, Jacob, £5 more than the rest. All the rest of my estate to my four sons, Jacob, Nicholas, John, and Abraham. I leave to my grandson, Jacob Wynant, £150, and to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Wynant, £100. I make my wife Elizabeth and son Jacob, executors."

Witnesses, Thomas Kingston, Isaac Simonson, Moses Clendening. Proved, May 5, 1778.

Page 163.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MCCOY, seaman, now belonging to His Majesty's Ship Liverpool, Henry Bellew, Esq., commander, Being in bodily health and considering the Perils and Dangers of the Seas. I leave all goods and wages due me to Niel McKenzie, Dennis Cremer, and Niel Benner, now belonging to said ship. And I make Niel McKenzie, executor."

Dated April 24, 1778. Witnesses, Henry Bellew, Thomas Bushell, David Pottville. Proved, May 16, 1778.

Page 165.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES KING, of his Majesty's Ship Liverpool. I commit my Body to the Earth or Sea, as it shall please God. All money and wages due me I leave to my good friends, William Johnson and John McCoy, of said ship, and make them executors."

Dated November 25, 1777. Witnesses, Henry Bellew, Hugh Goold, David Patterla. Proved, May 16, 1778.

Page 167.—Commission, To WILLIAM BUMAGE, "for several years a practitioner of Law, in North Carolina." To practice Law in New York. Dated May 19, 1778.

Page 167.—Commission from Governor Tryon to WARD CHIPMAN, Gentleman, of Massachusetts, to practice as attorney at law in New York. May 25, 1778.

Page 169.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAH WALLIS, of his Majesty's Ship Brune, James Ferguson, Esq., commander. I leave to my friend, Mr. George Meuris, gunner of said ship, all wages, etc., due to me, and make him executor.”

Dated November 24, 1777. Witnesses, James Ferguson, Samuel Payne, Patrick Gordon, Captain's Clerk. Proved, May 25, 1778.

Page 171.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, SILVANUS SANDFORD, of the town of Southampton, Suffolk County, being weak and in a low state of health. I leave to my loving brother, Thomas Sandford, £10. To my sister, Mary Miller, £10. I leave to my wife Damaris all the rest of my estate, and make her executor.”

Dated January 25, 1778. Witnesses, Stephen Halsey, Jr., David Rogers, Jr., Samuel Hutchinson. Proved, March 24, 1778.

Page 173.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL DURNFORD, Boatswain of His Majesty's Sloop Otter. I leave my body to Earth or Sea as it shall please God. I leave all my wages and property to George Gray, of Portsmouth, gunner of said Sloop, and make him executor. And he is to pay to my brother, Richard Durnford, of Wiltshire, £20.”

Dated November 22, 1777. Witnesses, John Dawson, purser, J. A. Atkinson. Proved, May 22, 1778.

Page 175.—“I, FRANCIS HUNT, seaman on board his Majesty's Ship Otter. I leave to John Leaver all wages and Price money.”

April 30, 1778. Witnesses, John Carmont, William Joseph Banks. Proved, May 22, 1778.

Page 177.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER LOTT, of Flatlands, in King's County, being sick. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my sons, Jan

Lott and Johannes Lott, all my dwelling house, barn, orchard, lands, and meadows, and all personal estate. My son Jan is to have £10 for his birthright, and they are to maintain my loving wife Janattie so long as she continues my widow, and my daughters, Jannatie and Antie, until married, and then each is to have £60, to enable them to set out for housekeeping. And my sons are also to pay to my daughter Lamitye, wife of Petrus Wyckoff, and my daughters, Jannatie and Antie, £200. I make my son Jan, and my son-in-law, Petrus Wyckoff, and my brother, Johannes Lott, executors.”

Dated November 19, 1773. Witnesses, Johannes Remsen, John Remsen, Johannes Lott, Jr. Proved, May 25, 1778.

Page 180.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COWENHOVEN, of Brookland, in Kings County, being in good and perfect health, and understanding and considering the many evil consequences of deferring the disposition of our worldly affairs to a sick bed. I leave to my wife the use of all my estate during her widowhood. I leave to my son, Rem Cowenhoven, all the salt meadow which I got in the first purchase of Robert Pickerman, as will appear by deed; Also £50 before any division, he being my eldest son. I have already given him by deed all the lands I bought of Garrit Rapalye, and the Arme Landt, so called, with the buildings. I leave to my sons, Nicholas and John, the two Home Lots, so called, whereon I now live in Brookland, with all buildings, bounded north by the Arme Landt, so called, as the fence now stands, east by land formerly of Johannes De Bevois, deceased, son of Joost De Bevois, south by the Kings High road, that leads from New York to Bedford, and west by the highway by my house to the Arme Landt, being 45 acres. I leave to my son Nicholas the small lot of woodland which I purchased of the Trustees of Captain Jacques Denyse, lying in New Utrecht, wood-

land, containing 4 or 5 acres; Also £350. I have hitherto given him by deed the house and lot which I purchased of Samuel Farnar and his wife, situate in New York, next door to Whitehead Hicks, Esq. I leave to my son John all that tract of land and premises which I bought of Stephen Terhune, being 20 acres; Also all that certain small tract of land which I purchased of Christian Dederick, being six acres, and adjoins the tract I bought of Stephen Terhune. I leave to my son John all the meadows I purchased of the heirs of Jacobus De Bevois, son of Carel De Bevoise, adjoining the land and meadow that my son Rem bought of them, and partly adjoining the upland or my part of the Hook so called, which said part of the Hook, commonly so called, with all buildings, I have given by deed to my son John. The house and lot which I purchased of Godfred Lydebagh, situate in New York, near Mr. Cuyler's Sugar House, I give to all my children, Rem, Nicholas, John, Elsie, Dorothea, Catharina, and Dina. All the rest to my sons, Rem and John, and my son Rem shall pay to Nicholas £50. And whereas I have made a Ditch Dock, and Landing Place, to carry things to and from New York, on my land and meadows at Wallaboght, my sons are to have the use of the same, and to pass and repass from the Kings High road. I leave to my sons, Rem, Nicholas, and John, £1,500 in trust for my daughter Elsie. My daughters, Elsie and Dina, are to have a choice of rooms in my house, or the whole of the house which I purchased of Joseph Keys, with firewood and use of a horse and chair, and one wench to wait upon them. I leave to my daughter Dorothy, wife of Lefert Lefferts, Esq., £1,000. I have hitherto given her £500 and an outset. I leave to my daughter Catharine, wife of Abraham Luquere, Esq., £1,420. I have given her £30 and an outset. I leave to my daughter Dina £1,500, and £150 for her outset. I suppose my personal estate will be more than enough to pay all legacies. The rest I leave to all my children."

Dated August 28, 1775. Witnesses, Johannes Vanderveer, Simon Lott, Engelbert Lott. Proved, May 29, 1778.

Page 186.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE MIDDLETON, of New York, mariner, being sick. I leave to my wife Ann all my estate, and make her executor."

Dated April 4, 1778. Witnesses, John Alstyne, blacksmith, William Pierss, Jeremias Alstyne. Proved, May 22, 1778.

Page 187.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN DYCK, of the township of Brookland, in Kings County, on Nassau Island, being weak and in a bad state of health, and knowing this transitory life to be very uncertain. All my real estate which I have lying in Kings County, commonly called Red Hook, I give to my loving sons Matthias and Nicholas, together with my mill boat, my negro man named 'Tipp' and all my farming and milling tools, and horses and cows. And they are to pay all my just debts, viz. my son Matthias to pay £114, and my son Nicholas to pay £386, which two sums will pay my whole debts. My sons are to allow my wife Margareta two of the best rooms in my house, either house she likes, on Red Hook, and a horse and chair for her use, during the time she remains my widow, and no longer. And in case she likes, she may take my daughter Nelly with her, so long as she remains unmarried. I leave to my wife the use of all silver plate and as much household and kitchen plate as she thinks proper. The rest to be divided among my children, except a clock which I give to my son Matthias as an Extra Gift. The farm or Plantation which I have in Queens County I leave to my daughter Annettie, wife of Isaac Snediker, and my daughter Nelly. But my daughter Annettie shall pay to my daughter Nelly £260, in consideration that she has had an outset, a negro wench, and other things to that amount. I leave to my son-

in-law, Isaac Snediker, the bond for £115 which he owes me, and he is to give up a bond of £40 which he has against me. All of my children are to pay to my wife the sum of £10 each yearly for her support. All the rest to all my children. I make my two sons and my son-in-law, Isaac Snediker, and my friend, Nicholas Cowenhoven, Esq., executors."

Dated April 17, 1778. "N.B. The wood lot lying at Gowanus is meant as belonging to Red Hook." Witnesses, John Suydam, Simon Duryea, miller, Nicholas Cowenhoven. Proved, June 2, 1778.

Page 190—"No. 811. Lottery for the year 1777. The Bearer of this Ticket will in pursuance of an Act made in the 17 year of His Majesty's Reign, be entitled to such beneficial chance as shall belong thereto in the Lottery to be drawn in pursuance of the said Act."

THOMAS THOMPSON.

[Same entry in relation to Tickets No. 812-813.]

Page 191.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS CLARKE, of the city of New York, Gentleman, being aged and infirm but of good sound and disposing mind, this 6 day of November, 1776. My executors are to pay off and discharge all my just debts and funeral charges. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Richard Vassal, Esq., £1,000. I leave to my daughters, Charity and Maria Theresa, each £1,000. All the rest of my personal estate, wheresoever and whatsoever, and all my real estate and my Pew in Trinity Church, I leave to my wife Mary and to her heirs and assigns forever. If she dies before giving away the said estate, by deed or will. In that case I leave to my son, Clement Cooke Clark, the sum of £3,000, and all the rest of my real and personal estate to my said son and my three daughters, each one-fourth. If all my children should die, then I leave $\frac{2}{3}$ of my estate to the children of Deborah Smith, my wife's sister, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the children of Ann Devism, my wife's sister,

and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the children of Lydia Williams, my wife's sister, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the children of my niece, Hannah Rye, wife of Dr. Rye, of Bath, England, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the children of my deceased nephew, Edward Jekyll, Esq., of Great Britain. I make my wife Mary, and my son, Clement Cooke Clarke, and my brother-in-law, John Watkins, and my sister-in-law, Elizabeth Maimsell, executors."

Witnesses, William McAdam, David Jones, merchant, Charles Morse, scrivener. Proved, October 21, 1777.

[NOTE.—Captain Thomas Clarke was the owner of the farm which he named "Chelsea," and still retains the name. It extended from east of 8th avenue to Hudson river, between 21st and 30th streets. The greater part of this tract eventually came in possession of the daughter Charity, who married Rev. Benjamin Moore, Bishop of New York, and the mansion, built on this estate, was the home of their son, Clement Clarke Moore, author of the famous poem, "The Night before Christmas." The buildings of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church stand on this tract.—W. S. P.]

Page 194.—(Mortgage.) THOMAS PEARSALL, of Flushing, late of New York, merchant, and wife PHEBE, mortgages to Richard Willits, of Islip, in Suffolk County, "All that certain messuage and lot in New York, bounded south by Queen street, west by lot of Samuel Burling, east by the house and lot of William Butler, north by Orange street" [now Cliff street], being 28 feet 4 inches wide and 193 feet 6 inches long. This was to secure the payment of £1,850, with interest at 3 per cent.

Dated June 24, 1778.

[NOTE.—The above house and lot is the second lot from the northwest corner of Pearl and John streets. Samuel Burling owned the corner lot, and from him Burling Slip was named.—W. S. P.]

Page 198.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ZEPHANIAH PLATT, of Smithtown, in Suffolk County, being sick and weak. I leave to my son Jeremiah a negro wench named Jude, and all the live stock and utensils on my farm. I leave to my wife Ann a negro wench named Sib. To my granddaughter Charity a negro girl called Esther. I leave to my sons, Jeremiah and Daniel, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, in Smithtown. My said sons are to pay to my grandson, Zephaniah Platt, son of Jonas Platt, £100 when he is of age. My estate in Huntington is to be sold by my executors, and from the proceeds £100 are to be paid to each of my daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Dorothy, and the rest to my sons, Jeremiah and Daniel. I make my wife, and Richard Smith, and Jeremiah Platt, executors.”

February 25, 1778. Witnesses, Jacob Conkling, Jesse Arthur, William Griffes. Proved, April 15, 1778.

Bill of Exchange for £50 Sterling, payable to James Seagrave, by THOMAS WILK, Captain in the 23d Regiment.

Dated Philadelphia, May 22, 1778. Assigned to John Moore.

Page 202.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARCLAY, of New York, mariner. I direct debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my wife Ann all the rest of my estate, and make her executor.”

Dated December 1, 1775. Witnesses, John Jauncey, John Henderson, pilot. Proved, August 13, 1778.

Page 204.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JELLIS MANDEVILLE, of Greenwich, in the city of New York, in the Out Ward, farmer, being sick and weak. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Matthew Buyce, ten acres off the south part of my land, bounded by the estate of Sir Peter

Warren and the Hudson river; And 6 acres of woodland on or about the middle of the Weyland, bounded southwest by land now or late of Matthew Ernst, running from thence to the salt marsh or meadow, and then northwest along the marsh or meadow, till a southwest course, running to the division line of Matthew Ernst, will contain 6 acres. A sufficient cart road to be left through the said Weyland from the highroad to the Hudson river. I leave to my 4 grandchildren, the children of my daughter Hannah, deceased, viz., Jellis Gilbert, Aaron Gilbert, Mary Gilbert, and Rachel Gilbert, 10 acres of land lying on the northeast side of the 10 acres left to my daughter Mary, and running parallel therewith from the highroad to the Hudson river. I leave to the children of my daughter Mary, and the children of my son Matthew, and the children of my son Jeremiah, deceased, and the children of my daughter Hannah, deceased, all the rest of my estate, real and personal. I bequeath and devise my vault, together with the ground thereabout, beginning at Sir Peter Warren's corner, and running along the boundary line 60 yards, then northwest 15 yards, then southwest to the road, and then along the road to the place of beginning, to all my children and grandchildren. To remain and continue a burying place for my children and grandchildren. I make my loving friend, Nicholas Stuyvesant, and my loving son-in-law, Matthew Buyce, executors.”

Dated February 6, 1778. Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gautier, John Bussing, blacksmith, Samuel Delamater. Proved, July 27, 1778.

[NOTE.—The farm of Jellis Mandeville is a very important part of the city of New York. It was bounded on the east by the Fitzroy road, which was a little east of 8th avenue. The south boundary was the Great Kill road, which ran from the junction of Greenwich avenue and 8th avenue to the junction of Greenwich street and 9th avenue, and the same course to the river. It was bounded west by the river, and

the north line was about 21st street. The part north of 19th street was sold to Bishop Benjamin Moore, and was added to his farm of "Chelsea." The remainder, which was 38 acres, was in later years sold to Governor George Clinton, who about 1805 sold half of it to John Jacob Astor. The streets and avenues were afterwards laid out, and a portion made between them. The Astors still retain a very large part of their share. The Mandeville Vault, reserved, appears to have been near Washington street, at the southwest corner of the farm.—W. S. P.]

Page 206.—To LIEUT. ANDREW PARKS, Paymaster to Kings, or 8th Regiment. Twelve months after date pay to Messrs. King and McCord, £26, 3s. 5d. Halifax Currency. EDWARD WILLIAM GREY."

Dated Montreal, June 6, 1774. Transferred to Simon Rees and Nicholas Bayard.

End of Liber 31.

LIBER 32.

Page 1.—"I DAVID CAMPBELL, Attorney at Law, and Notary, do declare that on August 6, 1778, appeared before me Mrs. Sidney Palfrey, spouse to John Palfrey, mate of the Sloop 'General Gray,' who being sworn saith, that David Rowley, deceased late mate of the Sloop 'General Gray,' and formerly mate of the schooner 'Lucy,' being sick in the house of Jacob Lewis, in Beekmans Slip, where he commonly resided, sent for deponent to come to see him. That deponent accordingly came, when the said David Rowley, informed her that he thought he could not live, and that his time was come, and that in case of his death he desired that all his effects of whatever kind, should, after paying his funeral charges, belong to, and be delivered to Melletiah Nye, mate to Captain Morris of the Sloop 'William.' That this happened about 11 o'clock of the forenoon of the 4th instant, and that the said David Rowley died at 8 of the clock of the evening of that day."

The above was proved as a will August 11, 1778. Confirmed by Governor William Tryon, at Fort George, in New York, August 15, 1778, and letters of Administration granted to Melletiah Nye.

Page 3.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH BOWMAN, of New York, shipwright, being at present weak in body. After all debts are paid, I leave to my wife Sarah all my estate, real and personal, and all notes and debts due to me, and make her executor."

Dated April 2, 1777. Witnesses, Jacob Taylor, schoolmaster, Oliver Hobbs, Benjamin Elsdon. Proved, July 15, 1777, before Cary Ludlow, Surrogate.

Page 4.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CLARK, mariner, belonging to His Majesty's Ship ‘Emerald,’ Benjamin Colwell, Esq., Commander, and at present in His Majesty's Hospital. After all debts are paid, I leave all my wages and goods to my friends, Garret Oakes and Mary Oakes, Innholders of New York, and make them executors.”

Dated July 28, 1778. Witnesses, John Hore, Robert B. Patterson. Proved, August 24, 1778.

Page 5.—(Commission.) Governor William Tryon appoints Mr. WILLIAM COOK, of New York, Gent., “Proctor in the Court of Admiralty.” September 15, 1778.

Page 6.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC WINSLOW, now residing at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, in perfect health, being now just about to embark with my family for New York. From the doubtful state of my affairs, and the uncertainty whether I shall ever be able to secure the debts due to me in New England, and in consideration also that I received my wife's legacy left her by her brother, being about £350 Sterling, I leave to my wife £1000. All the rest to my children and grandchild George Erving. And my said grandchild is to account for what his mother, Lucy Winslow, stands charged on my books, at the time of her marriage, being £803, 19s. 8d. I make my nephew, Isaac Winslow, Jr., and my nephews, Jonathan Clarke and Isaac Winslow Clarke, executors.” (*Names of children not given.*) (*Not dated.*)

Witnesses, George Deblois, Sr., George Deblois, Jr., Charles Apthorp, wheelwright. Proved in Halifax, May 2, 1777. Proved in New York, August 24, 1778, upon oath of George De Blois, Jr., that he saw the will executed December 1, 1776.

Page 8.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GOLT, of His Majesty's Sloop Otter, now in the Hos-

pital on board His Majesty's Ship Jersey. I leave all money and wages to my friend, John Gibbons.”

Dated August 21, 1778. Witnesses, Richard Hiron, surgeon, Thomas Settle, purser's steward. Proved, September 21, 1778.

[NOTE.—The ship “Jersey,” then used for a hospital, was in later years the notorious “Prison Ship,” on board of which so many American prisoners died. —W. S. P.]

Page 9.—Commission granted to WILLIAM COCHS, Esq., as Public Notary. September 30, 1778. Also to JAMES HEPBURN.

Page 10.—A Bond from WILLIAM GARDINER, of Boston, to Christopher Killly and Jonathan Barnard and Benjamin Parker, of London, merchants, To secure the payment of £2,261 2s. 7d. sterling.

Dated July 1, 1776. Endorsements showing payments. Agreement by Silvester Gardiner to pay the bond of his son, William Gardiner.

Page 11.—Commission To WILLIAM SETON, as Public Notary. October 7, 1778.

(Deed.) SAMUEL NOTTINGHAM and wife MARY, of Newtown, Queens County, sell to “John Shelton of the Island of Tortola, one of the Virgin Islands in the West Indies,” for £3,000, A Plantation, House, and Sugar House on said Island.

Witnesses, Benjamin Kissam, Cornelius I. Bogart. Acknowledged before John Alsop, Justice.

Page 13.—Commission to RICHARD SWAMWICK, late of Pennsylvania, now of New York, as “Publick Notary.” October 16, 1778.

Page 14.—(Commission.) George III, etc., To ROBERT BAYARD, of New York, as “Commissary in Court

of Admiralty." A long list of the duties of the said office is appended. "Given at London February 26, 1778."

Page 17.—"New York, May 29, 1777. It is my desire that what I die possessed of is disposed of in the following manner. To my child which is with Corporal Bolster's wife £100. To my brother O'Bryan the same. To Sarah Jenkins the same, and to the child she now bears, the same sum. Jonah Jenkins to keep all my riding furniture. To my father I leave £300. To my brother John £200."

E. DRURY.

(No witnesses.) Proved, October 23, 1778, on oath of Captain Henry Lysaght, of His Majesty's 63 Regiment, That the said Edward Drury was late Captain in said Regiment, and that he knew his handwriting, etc. Letters of Administration granted to his brother, James Drury, Lieut. of the 57 Regiment.

Page 18.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 14, in the 16 year of His Majesty's Reign. I, ARIS REMSEN, of Broucklin, in Kings County, yeoman, being at present weak in body. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. My executors are to pay to my son, Rem Remsen, £300 before any division, for his first birthright, and other services done to me. My children, Rem, Jeromus, and Johannes, shall pay to my wife Janetee £35 yearly while she remains my widow, and my wife is to have liberty to choose one of my rooms for her use in my dwelling house; And she is to have one of my negro wenches, and my large cupboard, with the linnen in it, and all her wearing apparell and her choice of bedsteads, with the furniture belonging to it. If she marries, she is to have £200, and my large cupboard and linnen and her wearing apparell, and quit all pretensions to my estate. I leave to my said three sons all my real estate where I now live and all in Broucklyn, and all personal estate, and make them executors."

Witnesses, Engelbert Lott, Abraham De Lamater, Johaness Duryea. Proved, September 7, 1778.

Page 19.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARRY, of New Utrecht, in Kings County, farmer, being sick, August 1, 1776. I leave to my wife Deborah the use of all real estate during her widowhood for the support of herself and children. I leave to my son Charles all those two pieces of woodland, I purchased of Nicholas Cowenhoven and John Van Duyck. All the rest of estate I leave to my wife Deborah and my children, Charles, Elizabeth, and Abigail, when of age, except a horse and colt which I have given to my son Charles. My executors may sell my estate whenever a good opportunity offers. I make my trusty friends, Isaac Cortelyou and Adrian Hageman, and my son Charles, executors."

Witnesses, Adrian Van Brunt, Johaness Emans, John Blake, weaver. Proved, May 12, 1778.

Page 21.—JARED INGERSOLL, Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty in Philadelphia, gives Power of Attorney to Richard Jackson and James Brown, of London, to collect his salary as Judge.

"Given in New Haven, October 28, 1778." Witnesses, William Franklin, Joseph Nebb. "Recorded at request of His Excellency William Franklin, Esq."

[NOTE—William Franklin was son of Benjamin Franklin, and Governor of New Jersey.—W. S. P.]

Page 22.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MUSGROVE, seaman, of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus, Charles Hudson, Esq., commander. I leave to my good friend, Mr. John Scott, assistant Surgeon of the Naval Hospital, in Nova Scotia, all wages and property, and make him executor."

February 2, 1778. Witnesses, — Dickinson, John Rundle. Proved in Halifax, February 11, 1778. John Scott makes Robert West his attorney to collect wages, etc. February 3, 1778.

Page 23.—“I ROGER BARNES, of New Dorp, in Richmond County. After all debts and funeral charges are paid, I leave to my daughter Bethiah £200. To my daughter Margaret £200, when 21. To my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Paul Mersereau £170. To my daughter Mary, wife of Leggett Lawrence, £170. If I die before my daughter Mary has had her outset, my executors shall make it equal to that of my daughter Elizabeth. I leave to my wife all my silver spoons, and a bed and furniture. I leave to my two sons Robert Barnes and John Weston Barnes, all my lands and meadows and real estate. My children George and Margaret shall have their schooling out of my estate, and be clothed until married. All the rest I leave to my two sons, and they are to support their mother. My daughter Margaret is to be brought up out of my estate. My executors may sell estate if for the benefit of my sons. I make Aaron Cortelyou, and my brother, George Barnes, and my son Robert, executors.”

Dated January 5, 1777. Witnesses, Benjamin Hutcheson, Isaac Cubberly, Thomas Cubberly. Proved before Benjamin Seaman, August 15, 1778.

Page 25.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB PARLEE, of Richmond County, at present in good health. I leave to my wife Catharine and my children, Abraham and Margaret, all my estate. I make my wife and my friend, John Bedell, executors.”

Dated August 19, 1776. Witnesses, Benjamin Seaman, Benjamin Seaman, Jr. Proved, August 19, 1778.

Page 26.—“In the name of God, Amen, August 29, 1772. I, PETER WINANTS, son of Daniel Winants (son of Daniel Winents), of Richmond County, being very weak and low in body. I leave to my wife Christian my best bed and one set of Chinces, and a horse, saddle and bridle, and one set of silver teaspoons, marked S. W. C., and £150. And she is to live on my Plantation and reap the benefit thereof until my

youngest child is of age. If she marries, she is to quit my farm, and all my real estate is to go into the hands of my executors for the use of my children. And my wife shall keep and maintain my children, and give them suitable schooling, fitting and necessary for them. All the rest of my estate, both here and in New Jersey, is to be sold when my youngest child is of age. And they shall sell my boat and other personal estate at their discretion, and they are to pay the proceeds to my three sons, Peter, Cornelius, and George. I make my trusty friends, John Micheau and Henry Perine, executors.”

Witnesses, Benjamin Seaman, Anthony Stoutenburgh, John Stoutenburgh.

Codicil. “Whereas since making my will I have had another son born, viz. Isaac Winants, he is to have an equal share, and if my wife Christian should be with child, the same shall have an equal share.”

Dated July 11, 1778. Witnesses, Ephraim Johnson, James Stoutenburgh, Benjamin Seaman, Jr. Proved, July 27, 1778.

Page 29.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, EDMUND GOODWIN, son of Edmund and Ann Goodwin of Nausemond County, Virginia, now Ensign in the Catholick Volunteers, under command of Col. Clifton, being sick and weak. I leave all my stock of slaves, and all personal estate to my aunt Teresa Agnew, as a proof of the love I bear her, and her motherly care since the death of my parents.”

Dated in New York, July 20, 1778. “I appoint my cousin, Stair Agnew, my executor.” Witnesses, Niel McLeod, James Brooks, Collin Shaw, Catharine Jones. Proved, October 19, 1778.

Page 30.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, GYSBERT BOGART of Bushwick, in Kings County, yeoman, being very sick. Knowing that it behooveth every man to set his worldly estate in such order if possible before

he departeth this life, that no strife or Debate may arise. I direct all debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Antje all my real and personal estate, during her life. My executors may sell property to pay debts, and may sell real estate. After the death of my wife I leave to my brother in law, Monueris Lott, and my sister in law Maria Lott each £100. To my sister Neeltie £25. To my cousin Joris Rapalye son of my brother in law Jacob Rapalve, deceased, all the rest of my estate. And whereas he is now absent from home, if he is dead or happens to die before he returns home, I give all the rest of my estate to his brothers and sisters (*not named*). I make my wife and my brother in law Monueris Lott, and my cousin Peter Rapalye, son of my brother in law Jacob Rapalye, and my neighbor Jacob Suydam executors."

Dated September 14, 1778. Witnesses, Andrew Stockholm, Andrew Stockholm, Jr., Johanes Lott. Proved, November 6, 1778.

Page 32.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, TIMOTHY WADHAM of the Island of New Providence, one of the Bahamas but at present of New York, mariner, being sick and expecting shortly to depart this life. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah $\frac{1}{4}$ of my house and lot in New Providence. The other $\frac{3}{4}$ I leave to my three children, Timothy, John, and Harriet, when 21. And whereas I have the sum of £844, 16s. 8d. New York Currency in cash, being the gross sales of a cargo lately imported from New Providence, belonging to Nicholas Garner, Esq. and consigned to me. I appoint Asher Cook and Robert Gibbs of New York, trustees of the same to receive the money and sloop Dragon belonging to the said Nicholas Garner. Wife Sarah and Nicholas Garner, executors."

Dated November 21, 1778. Witnesses, Cornelius I. Bogart, merchant, Ethan Sickels, Asher Cook. Proved, December 7, 1778.

Page 33.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID HUNT, of the Borough Town of Westchester, weaver, being infirm. My body to be decently buried and all debts paid. I leave to my two sons James and Jacob, all my lands on Minifords Island, in the Manor of Pelham. I leave to my wife Lydia the use of all my movable estate during her life. I leave to my son Alsop Hunt, £10. To my son James, £50. To my son Jacob, £200. To my daughter Lydia, £200. I make my wife and my son Alsop, and my friend Robert Hunt Jr., executors."

Dated November 23, 1777. Witnesses, John Leggett, Cornelius Leggett, Daniel White. Proved, December 11, 1778.

Page 35.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 14, 1778. I, MICHAEL KEYSER, of New York, Innkeeper, being very sick. The Debts or Duties I owe in right or conscience to be paid. I leave to my son George £10, for his birthright, when of age. I leave to my wife Barbara all her clothes and bedding. That is to say, if she should marry again; but if she remains my widow, I will that she have the use of all my houses, lands, and property so long as she remains my widow. I make my wife and my trusty friend, Mr. Michael Weaver, executor."

Witnesses, John Osterman, baker, Henriën Faeh, Peter Sparling, schoolmaster. Proved, December 7, 1778.

Page 36.—Commission from Governor Tryon to JAMES HEPBURN, "for some years practitioner of law in North Carolina," as Attorney at Law in New York. December 25, 1778.

Also to DANIEL COXE, late of Pennsylvania, as Attorney and Advocate in Court of Admiralty. February 4, 1779.

Page 37.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, OSWALD FORD of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to William Ford, son of Samuel Ford, son of my elder brother, William Ford, late of Woodbridge, deceased, 5 shillings when he is 21. I leave to my nephew, John Ford, son of Samuel Ford, the elder, also of Woodbridge, all my movable estate of what nature or kind soever. I leave to my nephew, John Ford, all my lands in Woodbridge, and make him executor."

Dated September 22, 1777. Witnesses, Isaac Prall, Lewis Prall, Ebenezer Foster. Proved, January 2, 1779.

[NOTE.—The witnesses were all residing on Staten Island. The name of Oswald Ford frequently appears as schoolmaster.—W. S. P.]

Page 38.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH DE BEVOIS, widow of Jacobus De Bevois, of Brooklyn, in Kings County, being in perfect health. As my son George under my late husband's will, is to possess all my real estate. I leave to my granddaughter Ann, daughter of my late son Jacobus De Bevois, now Ann Degraw, wife of Isaac Degraw of Brooklyn, all my ready money, plate, rings, and household furniture and wearing apparel, and all personal estate, and make her executor."

Done at Bedford, July 2, 1776. Witnesses, Barnardus Vandewater, John Vandervoort, John Harris, innkeeper. Proved, August 2, 1777.

[NOTE.—The above is the first instance in which Brooklyn is thus spelled.—W. S. P.]

Page 41.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL MARSTON, of New York, merchant, being at present in good health. I direct all debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to the Rector and Inhabitants of New York in Communion of the Church of England £500 for the use of the Charity school. I leave to my daughter-in-law, Ann Van Horne, wife of Augustus Van Horne, £100 for a suit of mourning. I leave to Stephen Kibble the house he now lives in,

and the lot on which it stands, as far as the well, and the stable on the same. To him and his heirs during my right in the same. I also leave him £100. I leave to my daughter, Margaret Ogilvie, the house and ground where she lives, and one-half of the coach house and stables lately built, in Smith street, during her life, and then to her son, Nathaniel Philipse, and if he dies without issue, then to his brother, Frederick Philipse; but if the Frederick Philipse should die in the lifetime of his brother without issue, then to his brother, Adolph Philipse; Also a negro girl named Nancey, being the daughter of my negro George at Prospect Farm. I leave to my son, Thomas Marston, the house where he now lives, and the house David Matthews lives in, with the storehouses and water lots belonging thereto; Also the Farm called the Prospect Farm, with the still house and buildings, and furniture and utensils, and the negroes, and all cattle and horses on said farm, and the boat, sails, and furniture. Except that part of the farm adjoining to Jacob Le Roy, containing about 8 acres. That is to say, that part of the said farm formerly belonging to Waldron, of Hornes Hook, and purchased by him of John Brown. I also leave to my son Thomas the coach, coach house, and stables, with the lot they stand on, in King street, adjoining to the lot late of James Jarvis, deceased; Also my coach and chariot horses. I leave to my grandson Nathaniel, son of my son Thomas, a negro boy at the Prospect Farm. I leave to my son, John Marston, the dwelling house where I now live, with the storehouse adjoining, and the land belonging to the same; And the Still house on the rear of the lot now possessed by Stephen Kibble, with all the utensils; Also that part of Prospect Farm adjoining Jacob Le Roy and running up to Benjamin Waldron's land, being 8 acres; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of the coach house and stables and land lately built in Smith street. I leave to my grandson Nathaniel, son of my son John, a negro boy. I leave to my granddaughter, Frances

Marston, one of the daughters of my son Nathaniel, deceased, the house and lot in Hanover Square formerly occupied by Ann Grant, and adjoining to the house of John Troup, deceased. I leave to my grand daughter, Mary Marston, the other daughter of my son Nathaniel, deceased, the house and lot in Hanover Square occupied by Seabring, and adjoining the house and lot given to her sister Frances. I leave to all my children my plate and furniture. And the rest of my slaves shall be at liberty to go to such of my children as they shall choose. I leave all the rest of my estate to my children and grandchildren, viz., my children, Thomas, John, and Margaret Ogilvie, and my grandchildren, Frances and Mary Marston. If the residue of my estate should exceed £40,000, clear of all legacies and incumbrances, then all over that sum is to go to my two sons, whom I make executors. And I recommend them to support my two sisters, Mary Marston and Anne Grant, during their lives in a handsome manner, with what they may want."

Dated February 8, 1776. Witnesses, James Jauncey, Evert Bancker, Zacharias Sickels.

Codicil, September 12, 1778. "The sum of £500, left to the Rector and church for the Charity School, is to be paid within six months out of the bonds due me from Beverly Robinson. I leave to my grandsons, Nathaniel, son of Thomas, and Nathaniel, son of John, £500 current money of the Island of Jamaica, out of the money due me on a bond of Nathaniel Grant, late of Kingston, Jamaica."

Witnesses, Beverly Robinson, Robert R. Waddell, Samuel Jones. Proved, February 1, 1779.

[NOTE.—Nathaniel Marston, a very prominent citizen, was born March 27, 1704, and died October 21, 1778, and was buried in Trinity Church. He was the son of Nathaniel Marston and Anetje, daughter of Abel Hardenbroeck. He married Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Crook. Their children were (1) Margaret, born March 14, 1728. She married Philip

Philipse, who died May 9, 1768. After his death she married Rev. John Ogilvie. She died February 11, 1807. (II) Nathaniel, born December 1, 1730. He married Anna, daughter of Jacobus Van Cortlandt. He died before his father, leaving two children, Frances, who married Rev. Charles Morgan, afterwards Warburton, Bishop of Limerick, and Mary, who married her cousin, Frederick Philipse, son of Philip Philipse. (III) Thomas, born April 16, 1739. He married Amelia Lisperard, and died January 11, 1814. (IV) John, born December 6, 1742. Graduated from Kings College, 1760. He married Rachel Lawrence, and had children, Mary, wife of Thomas White, Nathaniel, Rachel, wife of Nathaniel Grant, Thomas, and John. The residence of Nathaniel Marston was a wide lot on the east side of William street, and extending from Wall to Pine street. The north part, which was left to Mrs. Ogilvie, descended to her son, Frederick Philipse, and remained in his family till very recent years. The lots and houses on Hanover Square left to his granddaughters are now No. 129-131 Pearl street. The "Prospect Farm" was in the vicinity of 85th street. The water lot and stores left to son Thomas are on the south side of Water street, and the second lot west of Pine street. After the death of Nathaniel Marston, Sr., his widow Anna married Augustus Van Horne, and had children Augustus Vallette, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas S. Clarkson, Frederick, Ann Mary, wife of Levinus Clarkson, and James P. Van Horne. The house and lot at the corner of Wall and William streets, which was left to John Marston, was sold to William Constable, who sold it to the Bank of New York in 1796, and a new building was erected in 1797. W. S. P.]

Page 45. Commission To JOHN KELLY, Esq., as Public Notary. February 13, 1779.

Page 46.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, WILLIAM MOYLES, of Oysterbay, in Queens County,

being this 7 day of the 6 month, 1776, in tolerable health. All debts to be paid, and my executors are to settle all controversies between me and my neighbors respecting the titles to my lands. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, except my negroes, I give them their freedom, to be divided into three parts. I leave $\frac{1}{3}$ to the children of my last deceased wife, which is the wife of William Willis and the wife of John Hewlet, their names being Mary Willis and Sarah Hewlet. I leave $\frac{1}{3}$ to Sarah Latting, wife of Benjamin Latting, Sr., living at Matinawe. And $\frac{1}{3}$ I leave to John Furman, of Bedford. I appoint John Hewlett, John Furman, of Bedford, and Nathan Horton, of Oysterbay, executors."

Witnesses, Matthew Prior, Samuel Cock, Quaker, Henry Prior. Proved, March 2, 1779.

Page 47.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 8, 1777. I, DIRCK SCHUYLER, being sick and weak. I leave to my wife Ann Mary all my estate, real and personal, and make her executor."

Witnesses, Thomas Witter, William Cockroft, Gent., Daniel Coen, silversmith. Proved, March 8, 1779.

Page 49.—"I, DANIEL CHARMIER, of Baltimore, Maryland, preparing for a journey to Boston, do make this my last will. I direct all debts to be paid. My bond to General Haldinand for £1,000 before all others. All the rest of my estate I leave to my beloved wife, Achsah Charmier, and I make her executor."

Dated December 1, 1774. Witnesses, Richard Parkin, Robert Long, Henry Woodcock. Proved in Baltimore, January 9, 1779. Proved in New York, upon oath of Robert Alexander and Henry Stevenson, Gentlemen, March 15, 1779.

Page 50. Commission to CORNELIUS DUANE as Public Notary. March 25, 1779.

Page 51.—"In the name of God, Amen. I JOHN CROOKSTON, of East Chester, in Westchester County, being of a sound body and a perfect mind. I direct all debts to be paid. My executors are to sell all movable estate as soon as I am deceased; Also my house and lot in East Chester, now possessed by Henry Marsh. The proceeds to be divided as follows. To Martha Brown £20 and a feather bed. To my grandson, John Crookston, all the rest. If he dies without issue, then to George Briggs. I make my grandson, John Crookston, and George Briggs, executors."

Dated February 10, 1779. "Martha Brown to have the use of one room in my house for life or till she marries." Witnesses, Caleb Pell, Abraham Fincher, John McNaughton. Proved, April 13, 1779.

Page 52. "NARRAN Island. In the name of God, Amen. I, JORIAN MARTIN, Esq., being in perfect health. I leave my body to the Earth by a decent burial, not to exceed the sum of £50. I leave to my wife Mary one half of all household furniture, plate, coach and horses, and a negro man John, and my Postilion named Quam, with my Indian woman, Sue; And £150, to be paid immediately after my decease, and £200 yearly for life. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth £60 to buy her mourning, having already paid to her husband her fortune, as may be seen by my book. I leave to my daughter Alice £1,000. To my daughter Rachel £1,000, and I confirm a verbal gift to her for a mulatto woman with her children. I leave to my son, Charles Yeamans, £500 and a negro boy and a horse, of the value of £40 each. To my son William £1,000 and a negro boy and a horse, of £40 value each. All the rest of my estate to my eldest son, Samuel. I leave to my granddaughter, Mary Martin, £200 to buy her negroes. I make my wife and my son Samuel, executors."

Dated March 30, 1773. Witnesses, Jacob Hicks,

Silas Hicks, Austin Hicks (all Quakers). Proved, January 22, 1779.

Page 54.—“I, CADWALLADER COLDEN, ESQUIRE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New York, do make and publish this my last will and Testament. All my just debts to be paid by my executors. Whereas I have a right to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the minerals and ores in a tract of 12,000 acres of land on the Mohawks river which I formerly held in common with Lewis Morris, James Alexander, and others; And likewise $\frac{1}{4}$ of the ores and minerals in several tracts of land on the west side of the Catskill Mountains which I held with Vincent Matthews and others, and I have reserved the minerals and ores in several tracts of land which I have sold. I leave all said rights to my grandson, Richard Nicolls Colden. I leave to my son, David Colden, my negro slaves, horses, oxen and cattle, and all carts and wagons and implements of husbandry, and all household furniture and silver plate; Also all my manuscripts and printed books. The bonds which are owing to me from my sons, Alexander and Cadwallader, are to be cancelled, and they are to make no claim to my estate. All the rest of my personal estate I leave to my children, Cadwallader, David, Elizabeth De Lancey, and the children of my son Alexander, deceased, and the children of my daughter, Alice Willett, deceased. And whereas I have conveyed to my son Cadwallader my lands at Coldenham, and to my son David my lands in Flushing. I leave all the rest of my lands to my sons, Cadwallader and David, and to my daughter, Elizabeth De Lancey, and the children of my son Alexander, and the children of my daughter, Alice Willett. My executors are to divide my estate as soon as possible. Whereas I did convey 400 acres of land to my granddaughter, Alice Willett, by mistake, which ought to have been conveyed to her sister Anne, £400 are to be taken from the share of Alice Willett and given to her sister Anne. Lastly,

my will is that my Body be interred in a private manner, with as little expense as with Common Decency may be. I make my sons, Cadwallader and David, and my daughter, Elizabeth De Lancey, executors. All written with my own hand.”

May 20, 1775. Witnesses, Goldsbrow Banyar, Thomas Lawson, Robert Cornell. Republished and declared as his will, August 7, 1776. Witnesses, Robert Doughty, Quaker, Benjamin Underhill, Edmund Underhill. Proved, March 15, 1779.

Page 55.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL HORSMANDEN, of New York, Chief Justice of said Province, being in good health. I direct all debts to be paid. Whereas my sister, Ursula Horsmanden, spinster, deceased, by her will left me £2,500, which she had invested in the joint Stock of the South Sea Company, and made Lucretia, widow of my brother, Rev. Samuel Horsmanden, executor, and part of said legacy has been received. I leave to the Rector of St. Giles Cripplegate, London, £1,000. I leave to Mr. Olive, of Goodhurst, Kent, England, who agreed with me for the purchase of my farm at Goodhurst in Kent, £600. I leave to the said Lucretia Horsmanden £400. To Elizabeth, wife of my worthy friend, Miles Sherbrook, of New York, merchant, my chariot and horses. My executors are to sell all my estate. I leave to my Goddaughter, Maria Horsmanden Bayard, daughter of Col. William Bayard, of Virginia, £500 Stirling. I leave to the Rector and Inhabitants of New York, in Communion with the Church of England, £1,500 New York money, £1,000 to be laid out in rebuilding the Rector's house, lately destroyed by fire, and £200 for rebuilding the Charity School House, and £100 for a bell for St. Paul's Chapel, and £200 for building a Pulpit and Desk in Trinity Church when the said church shall be rebuilt. I leave to the Governors of Kings College £500. I leave all the rest to my executors, to be divided between them. I make

Miles Sherbrook, and Thomas Hayes, of Bristol, England, executors."

Dated February 5, 1777. Witnesses, James Desbrosses, Jr., Samuel Jones, Jacob Rhineland. Proved, May 3, 1779.

Page 61.—"In the name of God, Amen. I ARCHIBALD McVICKAR, of New York, merchant, being weak in body. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my brother, John McVickar, of Antrim, Ireland, all my right to lands in Antrim; Also £500 sterling. I leave to Archibald Gardener, son of Thomas Gardener, of New York, shopkeeper, £100. All the rest of my estate I leave to my nephew, John McVickar, who now lives with me, as a mark of affection for his care, and I make him and Daniel McCormick, of New York, merchant, executors."

Dated March 22, 1779. Witnesses, Hugh Gaine, bookseller, Smith Ramage, Henry Maxwell. Proved, May 10, 1779.

Page 63.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH ALSOP, widow of Richard Alsop, Esq., late of Newtown, in Queens County, being in my usual health. After all debts are paid, I leave to my two daughters, Hannah, wife of Dr. Joseph Sackett, and Mary Leslie, all my sheeting and table linnen and wearing apparell, and £10 each for a suit of mourning; Also £50 each. All the rest I leave to my son, Richard Alsop, and make him executor."

Dated June 8, 1774. Witnesses, Nathaniel Marston, James Stewart, Daniel Dunscombe, Jr. Proved, March 1, 1779.

Page 64.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNE DE LANCEY, of New York, widow of Hon. James De Lancey, Esq., being now sick and weak. My Body to be buried with as little expense as Decency will admit of. I leave to my eldest son, James De Lancey, £20,

to be laid out in a suit of mourning, and as this is the only disposition I make in his favor, I think it proper to assign my reason for it, which is, that I think him well provided for by the estate which he takes as heir at law to his father, who died intestate, as I believe. I leave to the Poor of New York £100, without any regard to their religious denominations. My executors may sell land to pay debts and legacies. All the rest of my estate I leave to my daughters, Mary Walton, Susanah, Anne, and Martha, and to my sons, Stephen and John Peter De Lancey. I make Peter De Lancey, Oliver De Lancey, and John Watts, my brothers-in-law, and my son (in law), William Walton, and his wife Mary, executors."

Dated August 12, 1760. Witnesses, William Smith, Jr., Tunis Somerindike, Caleb Hyatt.

Codicil. "Whereas my daughter, Mary Walton, is dead, I leave her share of my estate to her children, Mary, William, James De Lancey, Anne and Jacob Walton."

Dated September 7, 1767. Witnesses, Daniel Latham, Quaker, James Hedger, Thomas Hodgson. Proved, February 8, 1779.

Page 67.—"I, MARTHA ADAMS, of New York, spinster. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my sister, Mary Townsend, all my wearing apparell. I leave to William Backhouse a bedstead and bed, and a one-armed chair which I had of his brother, John Backhouse, deceased; Also my silver spoons, tea tongs, china bowl, and clock. The surplus of my estate to be given to such poor persons as my executors may think proper. I make William Backhouse, executor."

Dated November 23, 1778. Witnesses, Thomas P. Hewlings, John Glover, Samuel Burling, Quaker. Proved, May 3, 1779.

Page 68.—Commission to THOMAS WILLIAM WILLETT BEAVAN as Notary Public. May 8, 1779.

Page 69.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE MARSCHALK, of New York, blockmaker, being sick and weak. I leave to my son John a large two-handled silver bowl, given me by my father, and marked A. E. M. I leave to my wife Hester all the rest of my estate during her life, and then to my son John and my daughters, Ann Mann, Katharine Robinson, Hester and Mary Marschalk. I make my son John and my trusty friend and son-in-law, John Mann, executors.”

Dated November 25, 1778. Witnesses, John Sanders, cooper, William Allen, Robert Bruce. Proved, April 13, 1779.

Page 70.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES HILDRETH, of the town of Southampton, in Suffolk County. I leave to my wife Phebe £20, and all her household furniture she brought with her; likewise the use of west room. I order my sons, Noah and David, to cart her what firewood is necessary. I leave to my son James 10 acres of land at a place called Windmill Hill, bounded north by David Woodruff, east by highway, west by Maltby Gelston. I leave to my son Joshua 10 acres of the same lot on the south side of it, bounded south by Matthew Halsey, west by Maltby Gelston, east by highway; Also a lot of 15 acres by Theophilus Halsey's, except 4 acres on the northwest side which I give to my son Levi. I likewise order that a road of two rods wide be made between the land of my son James and the 4 acres. The whole of said lot is bounded south by widow Sarah Rogers, north by James Hildreth, Jr., east by highway, west by Theophilus Halsey. I also give him 10 acres on the east end of my home lot, next to the narrow lane, and to be measured so as to run through a waterhole in it. I also leave to my son Joshua a tract of woodland bounded north by Abram Halsey, west by the Halsey's land, east by Jonah Sandford, and south by the middle line; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of the £50 lot lying by Edward

Perry's. It lies with the land that Mr. David Corwith bought of Jesse Halsey; Also a piece of meadow at Rugs pond, it runs from the west side of Rugs pond north to the beach, and so on to the gut or flat; Also $\frac{1}{4}$ of a share on Montauk. I leave to my son, Noah Hildreth, $\frac{1}{2}$ of my home lot on the north side, and running up to the 10 acres I give to my son Joshua, and bounded north by highway, east by Joshua Hildreth, and south by David Hildreth. I also leave him $\frac{1}{2}$ of my lot of 20 acres at Sagg Pond, the north half, bounded north by Elias Halsey, east by Sagg Pond, west by highway; Also 3 acres at the north part of a lot of 6 acres which I bought of Mr. Nathan Halsey, bounded north by Abram Halsey, east by Captain John Sandford, and west by highway, and $\frac{1}{2}$ the lot we call the Orchard, the whole lot is 20 acres, bounded west by Matthew Halsey, north by Samuel Howell and Nathan Halsey, east by Captain John Sandford, and south by my son, David Hildreth; Also the south half of 8 acres lying below Stephen Sandford's, bounded west by the Halsey's land, south by Nathaniel Woodruff, east by Jonah Sandford, west by Theophilus Halsey; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of a lot lying near the Brick kiln, bounded north by the middle line, and south by the bounds, east by David Haines, and west by my son David; Also $\frac{2}{3}$ of a £50 lot lying by Edward Perry's, in the lot that Mr. David Corwith bought of Jesse Halsey; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of a tract on the east side of Budds Neck, bounded west by John Budd, south by the same, north by the sound (Peconic Bay), east by Joshua's meadow; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my west meadow, bounded south by Captain William Rogers, north by the sound, east by the woods. I leave to my son, David Hildreth, the south half of my home lot, to run from the street east to join my son Joshua's 10 acres. Bounded south by David Sandford, north by my son Noah, east by my son Joshua, west by the highway, and all my build- ings, except what is already given to my wife; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 6 acres I bought of Nathan Halsey, Jr., and

half of the piece we call the Orchard, and half the lot at Wind Mill Hill; And the north half of a lot lying below Stephen Sandford's, bounded north by Samuel Howell, west by Theophilus Halsey, east by Jonah Sandford, south by Noah Hildreth; And half the lot at Brick kilns, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a £50 right in the lot lying near Edward Perry's; And half the tract on the east side of Budds Neck, and half of my west meadow. I leave to my son, Levi Hildreth, the 4 acres which I excepted from the lot given to my son Joshua, and the south half of my lot at Sagg Pond, and 18 acres of woodland. I leave to my three daughters, Mary, Rebecca, and Phebe.

Dated September 7, 1778. Witnesses, Ezekiel Sandford, Moses Halsey, Jr., Joseph Gibbs. Addition to will dated September 12, 1778, same witnesses. Proved, April 1, 1779.

[NOTE.—The will of James Hildreth covers several pages, and its careful minuteness commands admiration. His Homestead was at Bridge Hampton, bounded west by the road to Mecox, now called Atlantic Avenue, and north by the road to Sagg. The north half which was left to his son, Noah Hildreth, was sold by him to his brother, David Hildreth, October 1, 1783, for £360 (or \$906). This is now, or late, the homestead of the heirs of Gordon Corwith. The 10 acres left to Joshua Hildreth is at the east end of the home farm, on the south side of the Sagg road. Rugs pond and Budds Neck are at Nyack. The Sagg pond lot is south of the farm of Hon. Henry P. Hedges. Levi Hildreth was the father of James M. Hildreth, whose son, James A. Hildreth, is a well-known citizen of Southampton.—W. S. P.]

Page 74.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS JORDAN, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Galatea, being sound in mind and pretty well in body. I commit my Body to Earth or Sea, whichever way it may best please Him to dispose of me. I leave to my wife

Mary all my worldly substance, either lands or money or goods, during her life, and then to my three children, Thomas, Charlotte, and Elizer. If they die, then I leave the same to my brothers, William and Richard, and my sisters, Frances, Katharine, and Alice. I also leave them £50 each as a testimony of love. I request my worthy friend, Captain Macbride, to accept of my large Spy Glass, made by Dolland, and either of my Guns he pleases. I leave to Captain Raynor my Gold Headed Cane and a pair of my best pistols as the only testimony of my esteem that I can think of.”

Dated June 18, 1778. Witnesses, William Aug. Meninck, Robert Cowyar, Lieutenant, John Fisher, Captain's Clerk. Proved, May 25, 1779.

Confirmed by Governor Tryon, and there being no executors in this Province, Letters of Administration granted to Henry White, Esquire.

Page 76.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, NEAL McDONALD, of New York, direct all debts paid. I leave to Renier Williams all my estate, real and personal, and make him executor.”

Dated December 6, 1777. Witnesses, Richard Hollansby, George Shell, pilot, George Gray, Innkeeper. Proved, March 31, 1779. Renier Williams being dead, Letters of Administration are granted to his wife Elizabeth.

Page 78.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DOW DITMARS, JR., of Jamaica, in Queens County, being weak in body. My executors are to sell my tract of woodland lying in the Bog Lots, so called, and my salt meadow lying in Old Town Neck, in Jamaica. I leave to my son Abraham my silver-hilted sword. To my son John my gun and all my wearing apparel. I leave to my wife Maria and my three daughters, Bridget, Catharine, and Maria, all my linnen. After the death of my wife, my executors are to sell all real and personal estate. I leave to my wife the use of

all my estate while she remains my widow, and no longer, for her support and for educating my children. After her death, I leave to my son Abraham £150. To my son John £140, and all the rest to my five children. I make my wife, and my brother, Abraham Ditmars, and my brother-in-law, Barent Johnson, executors."

Dated June 5, 1775. Witnesses, Andrew Oakley, Abraham Colyer, Robert Hinchman. Proved, December 9, 1775.

Page 80.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 25, 1758. I, THOMAS THORNE, of Flushing, in Queens County, on the Island of Nassau, blacksmith. I leave to my wife Hannah my best bed and furniture and my riding chair. My negro man Tom is to serve my legatees for 15 years, and then be free to work for himself, on condition that he pay to my executors £3 for ten years, and after that £1 a year for life. And my negro man Jonah is to work on the same terms. My executors are to sell all the rest of my estate, and I leave all to my two sons I now have and the child my wife is now with child. I make my uncle, Thomas Thorne, executor."

Witnesses, Samuel Borden, John Farrington, trader, John Thorne, Jr., William Field. Proved, August 29, 1778. The executor, John Thorne, was then dead. Letters of Administration granted to Abigail Thorne, widow, and Oliver Thorne, boatman.

Page 83.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 16, 1769. I, PETER WYCKOFF, of Flatlands, in Kings County. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah my whole estate, real and personal, while she remains my widow, except £800 and a piece of meadow in Flatlands at a place called Varkes Hook. I leave to my son Petrus a piece of meadow land in Flatlands at Varkes Hook, bounded west by Peter Lott, east by a small creek, south by Rastevens Kill, so called, north by the upland. I leave to my sons, John and Nicholas,

each £400. After the remarriage or death of my wife, I leave all my estate to my son Petrus, except £800, which is the legacy of my other two sons. And my son Petrus is to pay to my daughter Sarah, wife of Direk Amerman, £200, and to my grandchildren, Cornelius Luyster and Elbert Luyster, children of my daughter Willemptie, deceased, each £100. I leave to my grandsons, Petrus and John Luyster, sons of my daughter Neeltie, deceased, each £100. I make my sons, Petrus and Nicholas, executors."

Witnesses, Johannes Lott, John Lott, John Strycker, Jr. Proved, May 23, 1779.

Page 87.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN INGHAM, of New York. After paying all debts, I leave the rest of my estate to my mother, Elizabeth Ingham, of Hallifax, England. If she be dead, then to my two brothers and my two sisters (*not named*). I make William Millburn and Edward Agor, executors."

Dated March 12, 1779. Witnesses, Thomas Man, James Ettridge, Viner Mitchell. Proved, May 17, 1779.

Page 88.—"I, THOMAS DENTON, of Jamaica, in Queens County, blacksmith. My executors are to pay all debts, and to sell all real and personal estate, except as mentioned. My executors are to keep two feather beds, with a sufficient quantity of bedding of all kinds for the use of my four children, one of which, with bolsters and pillows, I leave to my daughter, Martha Denton. I leave to my sister, Deborah Denton, the interest on £30 during her life, and then to my four children, Martha, Thomas, Nehemiah, and Samuel. My executors are to invest all my estate for my children until they are of age, but they are not to be in haste to sell, but to use discretion. Whereas I owe to my sister Deborah £70, for which she has nothing to show, my executors are to pay the same. My negro Jack is to live on my place as long as my

family live here, and then he is to choose his master. I make my brother, Amos Denton, and my brothers-in-law, John Seidmore and Samuel Seidmore, Jr., executors."

Dated April 16, 1777. Witnesses, Othniel Smith, Amos Denton, Jr., Robert Hinchman. Proved, May 6, 1777.

Page 90.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN ROGERS, of the town of Southampton, in Suffolk County, being sick and weak. I leave to my wife $\frac{1}{2}$ of my estate, as the law directs. I leave to my eldest son, Vincent, all my homestead southward of the road, lands, meadows, and buildings. I leave to my son Stephen 45 acres of my upper land north of the road, beginning at the south end where my orchard now is and taking the whole breadth northward till it makes 45 acres; And all my meadow at Speonk river, and my meadow and Commonage on the Beach; Also my negro Robinson and £30, and my shop and loom, and tackling and a bed. I leave to my daughter Phebe £35 and a bed and a cow. I leave to my daughter Martha 5 shillings. I leave to my two sons my Commonage, and the rest to my son Vincent. I make my wife Martha and my son Vincent, executors."

Dated July 30, 1778. Witnesses, Henry Ludlam, George Ludlam, Stephen Jagger. Proved, April 1, 1779, before Nathan Woodhull.

[NOTE.—Stephen Rogers was one of the first settlers in Speonk, at the west end of the town of Southampton. He was son of Zachariah Rogers, of Bridge Hampton. The homestead which he left to his son, Vincent Rogers, is on the south side of the street in Speonk, was left by him to his son, Thomas Rogers, who sold it to Oliver Tuthill. It was afterward sold in parcels to Charles Halsey, Warren Ruland, Henry Fordham, and Philip Brady, who all had houses upon it in recent years. The land on the north side of the road, left to his son Stephen, was sold by him to

Henry Corwin, who gave it to his son Henry, who sold it to Captain John Rogers and Noah Tuthill. Captain John Rogers left his part to his son, Gilbert Rogers, who now owns it.—W. S. P.]

Page 91.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS STEPHENS, of the town of Southampton, Suffolk County, being in a poor state of health. I leave to my wife Abigail one bed and bedstead and bedding, and such part of my land and tenements as the law directs. And I order my son William to give her a comfortable and honorable maintainance. I leave to my son Thomas my silver-hilted sword, and all my divided lands and meadows east of the brook called Tiana, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 of Commonage throughout the town. I leave to my son William all my divided lands and meadows at Potunk, from the west bounds of the town to the brook called Aspatuck, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 of Commonage, and my silver tankard. I leave to my son Edward all my lands and meadows from the brook called Aspatuck to the brook called Tiana, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 of Commonage; Also my team and wagons. I leave to my son Abraham £100. To my daughter Abigail £50. The rest of my movables I leave to my six daughters, Hannah Squires, Elizabeth Squires, Ann Gould, Susanah Green, Abigail, and Phebe Durling. I make my sons, Thomas and William, executors."

Dated January 11, 1779. Witnesses, John Cooper, Thomas Jessup, Jr., Stephen Rogers. Proved, April 1, 1779.

[NOTE.—In the burying ground at Quogue is a tombstone bearing the inscription, "Capt. Thomas Stephens, who died March 20, 1779, in the 74 year of his Age." He was generally known as Capt. Thomas Stephens, and was an extensive landowner and man of importance. His homestead in Southampton village, which he left to his son Thomas, was sold by him to Micaiah Herrick, and it is now owned by his

descendants. The descendants of the son, William Stephens, are still living in the western part of the town, but the name has disappeared from the eastern part.—W. S. P.]

Page 93.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC HAWKINS, of the town of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my son Aaron all my lands in Old Field, Crane Neck and West Meadow Neck, with all houses and home lot, and my meadow at the West meadow. My executors are to take care of my son Aaron and improve the estate to best advantage until he is of age. My executors may sell all the rest of my estate, except my wearing apparel, which is to be kept for my son Aaron, and my household furniture for my daughter Rachel. I make my loving kinsman, Eleazar Hawkins, and Jacob Mills and Alexander Hawkins, Jr., executors.”

Dated June 16, 1778. Witnesses, Daniel Satterlee, Selah Smith, Samuel Thompson. Proved, June 23, 1778.

Page 95.—“In the name of God, Amen, June 5, 1777. I, EDMOND SMITH, of Smithtown, in Suffolk County. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son, Nathaniel Smith, all my lands in Brookhaven, with all buildings, and my grist mill and saw mill and stream in Stony Brook; And all my lands in Stony Brook Neck and all my lands at Rasapeage; Also a certain tract of land, being 70 acres, lying southward of the mills; also a tract called the Long fields, and all my meadow and creek thatch in Stony Brook Harbor and in Smithtown Harbor, and my creek thatch; Also 2 negroes, and my oxen and horses and farming tackling, and my silver tankard and silver-handled cane. My executors are to sell all lands west of Smithtown river, and my meadow at Sunken meadows, and a tract near Ronconcomie Pond, about 100 acres, and all my land on Ronconcomy Plains. I leave to my daughter,

Charity Smith, £200 and 2 beds, a silver tankard and 5 spoons, a large table and looking glass, a negro boy and all my linnen. I leave to my two grandsons, Micah Smith and Edmund Smith, all that lot of land adjoining Micah Smith's. I leave to the Presbyterian Church in Smithtown £50 for the support of the ministry. I leave to the Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven, whereof Benjamin Talmadge is minister, £25 for the support of the minister. I leave to the town of Setauket a burying cloth (pall), to be procured for their use by my executors. All the rest of my money I leave to my daughters, Sarah and Charity, and my granddaughters, Tabitha Smith and Charity Smith and Susannah Smith. All the rest of my estate to be sold and the money paid to my children and grandchildren. I make my sons, Nathaniel and Richard, and my friend, Daniel Smith, executors.”

Witnesses, Samuel Smith, Isaac Davis, Richard Smith. Proved, April 5, 1779.

Page 98.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CREED, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being far advanced in years and weak in body, I leave to my wife Phebe all of my indoor movables as are now in being, which she brought to me when I married her. My executors are to sell all the rest of movables and all messuages and lands at vendue. I leave to my wife £9 yearly, to be paid by my sons, William and Benjamin. I leave to my daughter, Mary Ballard, a cupboard and £6 a year while she remains a widow. I leave to my son George a bond for £100 which I now have against him. I leave to my son Benjamin £50 and a bond of £50 which he gave to Nehemiah Ludlam in his life, and which was assigned to me. All the rest of my estate to my sons, William and Benjamin. I make my wife and sons, executors.”

Dated February 14, 1774. Witnesses, John Thurston, William Thurston, Robert Hinchman. Proved, April 9, 1778.

Page 101.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT FENWICK, Captain in the Royal Artillery. I leave to my wife Anne all household furniture, plate, and all money and Government securities now in the hands of Mr. Benjamin Allen. After her death, I leave all my estate to all my children who shall then be alive (*not named*). I have hereunto set my and in Boston, June 17, 1775. I request that my brothers, E. I. Phillips and Captain R. G. Bruce, will assist in putting this will in execution.

“Halifax, June 1, 1776. I leave to my wife £150, to be at her immediate disposal, as she may be left alone abroad.” Proved in New York, June 14, 1779, upon the affidavit of Robert Samson, Captain Lieutenant of the Royal Artillery, as to handwriting, etc. The wife Anne was made Administratrix.

Page 102.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT BELL, of New York, taylor, being very sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Magdalen all the rest of my estate, the better to enable her to educate, maintain, and bring up my son James. I make my wife and my father, Samuel Bell, and my father-in-law, James Lowrens, executors.”

Dated September 2, 1778. Witnesses, Hannah Lownds, Thomas Lownds, Taylor, Bartholemew Crannell. Proved, June 14, 1779.

Page 103.—Commission, George III, To all, etc., Appoints JOHN WOODS Public Notary. June 7, 1779.

SAMUEL OAKLEY, aged 13, son of John Oakley, late of the Borough town of Westchester, and having a title to the estate of his father, chooses Isaac Willett as Guardian. Approved by Governor William Tryon, June 30, 1779.

Mortgage.—JOHN DUDLEY, of New York, Baker, mortgages to Wandel Boos, baker, “A house and lot in New York, fronting east to a certain street called

Maiden Lane, bounded south by lot of William Dudley, north by lot in tenure of Thomas Rice, west in the rear by the widow Middleton. Being 30 feet front and 110 long.” July 21, 1779.

This was to secure the payment of £1,200, to be paid in Spanish Dollars at 8 shillings per dollar. Note on margin of page states that it was paid February 6, 1781.

Page 106.—“In the name of God, Amen, October 12, 1778. I, JOHN HOPPER, of the Out Ward of New York, farmer, being sick and weak. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Mary all the use and profits of my estate. After her decease, I leave all my lands and estate to my children, Matthew, John, Andrew, Jellis, and Jemima, wife of John Hoorn, and to my grandchildren, Mary, Ann, John, and Nicholas, children of my son, Wessell Hopper, deceased. Three men of good understanding and judgment are to make division of my estate, and there is to be a free cart road from Hudson river to the Commons through each lot. All my rights of land in Bergen County, New Jersey, I leave to all my children. I make my wife and sons, Matthew and John, executors.”

Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gautier, Jacobus Van Norden, and Cornelius Hansen. Proved, July 19, 1779.

Page 109.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE CRAVEY, seaman on board His Majesty's Ship Dolphin, Sir John Chinnery, Esq., Commander. I leave to my affectionate brother, James Cravey, of Aberdeen, all my wages, clothes, etc., and make him executor.”

Dated June 23, 1779. Witnesses, Sir John Chinnery, William Hart, John Linton, Daniel McKinley, midshipman. Proved, August 2, 1779.

Page 110.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES McQUILLAN, late mariner on his Majesty's Ships Rose

and Experiment, Sir James Wallace, Commander, and now of Plymouth. I leave all my estate to my friend, Barnaby Drew, mariner of the ship Experiment, and make him executor."

Dated March 20, 1777. Witnesses, John Jayne, William Jump.

Certificate of "Frederick, by Divine Permission Archbishop of Canterbury," that the will was proved in London, January 29, 1779.

Page 111.—Commission of Governor Tryon, etc. AMCS BATCHFORD as Attorney and Advocate in Court of Admiralty. October 4, 1779.

Page 112.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DEBORAH STEAD, of Jamaica, in Queens County, widow, being in good health. I leave to my son William 5 shillings in bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave to my mulatto slave Nanny £25 and a bed on which I commonly lye; Also my black gown and liberty to live with such of my daughters as she may choose. I leave to my daughter Ruhannah, wife of Benjamin Haviland, the interest on £25, and the same to my daughter Sarah, wife of John Rapalye. All the rest of my estate to be kept at interest for my daughters, Deborah, wife of Thomas Smith, Ruhannah, wife of Benjamin Haviland, Sarah, wife of John Rapalye, Amy, wife of William Wisner, and my daughter Martha. The principal to be paid them upon the death of their husbands. I make my son-in-law, William Wisner, and William Furman, executors."

Dated March 7, 1771. Witnesses, Daniel Kissam, Mary Kissam, Sarah Betts.

Codicil, dated March 3, 1773, appoints daughters Ruhannah Haviland and Sarah Rapalye, executors in place of William Furman and William Wisner. Proved, August 6, 1779.

Page 116.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM McADAM, of New York, being, thank God, in health

of Body. To prevent any disputes that may arise in case of my death. I leave to my brother, James McAdam, of Ayrshire, in North Brittain, £10, to be paid out of the readiest part of my personal property. To my brother Gilbert £10. I leave to my wife Ann, in consideration of her affection, confidence, and attachment, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, and make her executor."

Dated September 20, 1766. Witnesses, Goldsbrow Banyar, Dr. Peter Middleton, John McDowall. Proved, October 2, 1779.

Page 118.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL CAMPBELL, of New York, being in sound mind. I desire my executors to inter my body in a decent but plain manner, with as little expense as possible, and pay all debts as soon as possible. I leave to my wife Susanna, and my son Archibald, and my daughters, Jane, Mary, Margaret, and Catharine, all my estate, except my silver plate which is in Europe and in my own possession here, which I leave to my son Archibald. I make my wife and my friend, William Campbell, executors."

Dated September 4, 1779. Witnesses, Stephen Skinner, Gent., Andrew J. Skinner, Joseph Housey. Proved, September 20, 1779.

Page 119.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN MARTINE, of Old Town, on Staten Island, April 13, 1779. I leave to such children as are single and live with me at the time of my departure the use of all my estate for two years, and then to be sold by my executors. I leave to my son Stephen £40. To my two daughters, Charity and Elizabeth, £20 each. To my three sons, Cornelius, Abraham, and Benjamin, £30 each, and the same to my three daughters, Eleanor, Cornelia, and Sarah. All the rest I leave to my eleven children, Ann, Mary, Charity, Elizabeth, Cornelius, Abraham, Benjamin, Sasanah,

Eleanor, Cornelia, and Sarah. I make my four sons, executors."

April 13, 1779. Witnesses, John Wilson, Christian Jacobson, Mary Vanderbeck. Proved, August 4, 1779.

Page 121.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 20, 1777. I, EDWARD PERINE, of Richmond County, farmer, being very sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Ann the use of all my estate till my youngest child is of age. I leave to my son Joseph all the farm I now live on, except 6 acres of salt meadow. And he is to pay to his brother Henry £450. I also leave him my bay mare. To my son Henry £450 and a colt. I leave to my son Edward all that farm or Plantation I purchased of Captain Stanton, and 6 acres of salt meadow out of the farm left to my son Joseph, bounding on the rear of the land of Lewis Ryerz, of the same width, and to extend southeast to make 6 acres. I leave to my four daughters, Mary, Sarah, Ann, and Margaret, all my money in cash, and due to me, when they are of age or married. All the rest I leave to my wife Ann. I make my brother, Henry Perine, and my brother-in-law, Richard Conner, Esq., executors."

Witnesses, Eliha Lawrence, Benjamin Seaman, Patience Rolph, George Taylor, Jr. Proved, September 2, 1779. Patience Rolph was then the wife of Cornelius Cole.

Page 123.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GREY, at present of New York, merchant, eldest son of Thomas Grey, Esq., of Belfast, Ireland, being very sick this 20 of August, 1779. I leave to my honored father all my estate, real and personal, and make him and Hugh Wallace and Daniel Squires, executors."

Witnesses, John Kelly, John Milner, Israel Bedell. Proved, October 11, 1779.

Page 125.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS VEGHTE, of Gowanus, in the township of Brook-

land, in Kings County, being sick in body. I leave to my daughter Gerretie, wife of Mr. Teunis Tiebout, the small farm or Plantation which I purchased of Simon Boerum, Esq., so far till where it meets the wood lots, bounded as follows: Beginning at my swinging gate which stands on the road some distance out before my door, and from thence southeast along a stone fence, which used to part my old farm, where I now live, and the said small farm, and so as the fence runs to the southeast corner of the land of Rem Adriance, and then northwest along the land and meadow of Rem Adriance to a ditch, and then along the south side of said ditch, easterly and southerly to a fence, and then southerly and southeasterly along the same to the swinging gate where it begun. I also give her a certain tract of woodland, beginning near the Mill road that leads along my land to Flatbush by the southeast end of the furthest bridge on said road, at a large stone which is flat on the top and lies against the line between the land of John Rapalye, Esq., and mine, and thence as my line runs, southeast to Flatlands woodlands, then southwest along lot of woodland No. 12, and so along the breadth of 21 wood lots to the east corner of Rem Adriance woodland, then northwest along a fence to a stone set up about 4 feet long and stands near the middle of the length of the wood lots, against Lot No. 33, thence northeast pretty near right across the 21 wood lots to the aforesaid flat stone where it begun; Also a parcel of land and meadow called the Hook, beginning at the Linthorn, which is to the house of Jacob or Jury Bennett, thence northwest to a ditch, then along a little creek that runs between my meadow and Jacob Van der Hoeve's meadow, to a stake on the edge of my meadow, and thence to a creek that runs between my meadow and that of my son-in-law, Rem Cowenhoven, thence by the road that runs past Jacob Van der Hoeve's blacksmith shop, then along the road to beginning. I also leave her £200 and my Dutch cupboard, and my

blue-painted wagon and four negroes. I leave to my grandson, Nicholas Cowenhoven, my old farm or Plantation, with buildings, where I now live, beginning at my swinging gate at the School House that stands by the mill road, and then southeast along the road to the woodland of John Rapalye, and thence along the tract given to my daughter Gerritie, and from thence to the mill pond, and so to beginning. I orde that my Oyster bed lying within the bounds of my farm shall be for the use of my daughter Gerritie and my grandson, Nicholas Cowenhoven. I also give to my grandson, Nicholas Cowenhoven, a piece of meadow. I also leave to my said daughter and grandson my Fishing Place, commonly called Boomjies Hook, which I purchased of Tyce Van Eyck and others. I also leave to my said grandson a negro man and six cows. I leave to my wife Abigeltie two best beds and all that belongs to them, and as much household furniture as she may want, while she remains my widow, and then to my daughter and grandson. I leave to my grandson all farming utensils, and he shall pay £1,000 to his brother John and his sister, Cornelia Cowenhoven. I leave to my grandson, John Cowenhoven, £50. To my granddaughter, Cornelia Cowenhoven, two negro men." Leaves legacies to "my three grandchildren, children of my deceased daughter Magtelie, viz., John, Nicholas, and Cornelius" (*family name not given*). "My daughter, Gerritie Tiebout, is to pay to my wife $\frac{1}{2}$ of the marriage articles which I entered into with her. And my grandson, Nicholas Cowenhoven, shall pay $\frac{1}{2}$. And my wife's daughter Bennitie may live with her. My executors are to take charge of my estate till my grandson is of age. My daughter, Geritie Tiebout, may have the north part of the burying place on the farm. I make my respectfull friends, Martin Schenck, Thomas Rapalye, and John Johnson, all of Brookland, executors."

Dated August 24, 1779. Witnesses, Rem Adriance, Thomas Pearsall, Henry Van Dyck, "late of Albany

but now of Kings Co., Physician." Proved, October 4, 1779.

Page 132.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES HOLLANBY, late of London, coachmaker, but now in New York, being in health, but knowing the Dangers I am now exposed to in my present calling as a Soldier in his Majesty's service. Whereas by the will of my late Honored father, William Hollanby, I am now entitled to £900 Sterling, which is in the hands of John Palmer, of the Black Ball Inn, Whitechapel, London, and James Hollanby, of Kent. I leave to my friend, Luke Bird, of New York, wheelwright, £350. To Thomas Grundge [or Goudge] £50. To my sister Elizabeth £200. To my sister Sophia £200. To my friend, Isaac Taylor, £50. I make Luke Bird and Thomas Grundge, executors."

Dated August 4, 1779. Witnesses, George Warden, William Hill, Bartholemew Cranell. Proved, October 25, 1779.

Page 135.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHAN SMITH, of Flushing, being sick, September 8, 1779. I leave to my daughter Mary the use of £10, and after her death to her son, James Craft, I leave to my son Nathan all my estate, real and personal, and I make him and his wife Milicent, and James Mackrell, executors."

Witnesses, James Mackrell, shopkeeper, Nathan Smith, Emila Smith. Proved, October 16, 1779.

Page 136.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ANN SCHENCK, widow, of the Wallaboght, in Kings County, being sick and weak this 30 of September, 1779. I leave to my son, Martin Schenck, the oldest mare that I possess. I leave to my youngest son, John, all my lot of woodland lying in the Hills in the Second Division of Brookland woodlands, being No. 32, and is 10 acres. Bounded east by Martin Schenck, west by

Jeromus Rapalye, south by John Lefferts, north by Cornelius Vandervoort; Also a horse and a pair of silver sugar tongs. I leave to my daughter Hellitie, wife of Jacob Ryerson, a negro woman and her two children; Also my gold locket to wear round the neck, and a silver milk pot, 6 silver tablespoons, three teaspoons, one large Hogg, and a fine Hetchell and a cradle. I leave to my daughter Ann, wife of William Boerum, 5 tablespoons, 3 teaspoons, a negro boy and girl, a silver sugar pot, one large Hogg and a new Dutch Testament, silver bound, and £100. I leave to my two daughters all beds and bedding, and all household furniture and twelve cows. I leave to Martin, son of Jacob Ryerson, a horse. All the rest to my children. I make my two sons and Jacob Ryerson, executors."

Witnesses, Nicholas Shuby, John Corty, Elizabeth Alstyne. Proved, October 25, 1779.

Page 139.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SCHENCK, yeoman, of the Wallaboght, in Kings County, being sick. I leave all my estate of every kind to my brother Martin and my sisters, Helitie, wife of Jacob Ryerson, and Ann, wife of William Boerum. If my brother Martin takes advantage of the terms of my father's will in regard to my dying without issue, then I leave him One English Shilling, and no more. I make Jacob Ryerson and Rem Remsen, executors."

Witnesses, Samuel Burling, Quaker, Nicholas Stuby, James Brevoort. Dated October 3, 1779. Proved, October 25, 1779.

Page 140.—William Tryon, Governor, etc. Whereas JOSEPH GOLDTHWAIT, of New York, Gent., died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to Richard William and Sarah, his wife, who is sister of said Joseph Goldthwait.

Dated October 12, 1779.

Upon the petition of Philip Goldthwait, a brother,

the Letters are revoked and new Letters granted to Frederick William Geyer. October 29, 1779.

Page 143.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CHAMBERS, of New York, mariner, considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life. I leave to my mother, Helena Chambers, of New York, all my Prize money and goods, and make her executor."

Dated April 14, 1779. Witnesses, Israel Munds, Elizabeth Clarke, John Dunscomb. Proved, November 1, 1779.

Page 144.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEW HOPPER, of the Out Ward of New York, farmer, being sick and weak. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife, Elizabeth Hopper, all my estate, real and personal, situate in the Out Ward, and known by the name of the Great Kills, during her life, and then to my sons, John, Matthew, and William. I leave to my son John £5 more than his share. My estate is to be divided within three months after the death of my wife. I make my wife and sons, John and Matthew, and my friend, Jacob Van Orden, executors."

Dated October 17, 1778. Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gautier, Innkeeper, George Higday, Elizabeth Higday. Proved, November 1, 1779.

Page 146.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL HOLMES, of the South Quarter, of Richmond County, yeoman, being aged and infirm. I leave to my grandson, Samuel Holmes, all the lands, meadows, and buildings belonging to the place which I live on, during his life, and then to his next heir, and so from heir to heir forever. I leave to my grandson, Thomas Holmes, all that farm with the meadow where he and his mother now live; She having the right to live on the farm with him for 10 years. After his death, to his next heir, and so from heir to heir forever. I leave to my grandchildren, Joseph and Sarah Barton, all the land

below the road now in their possession, and 20 acres of meadow fronting the lower side of the land, so as to take in the first Hommock; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my woodland above the road. The other half I leave to Thomas Holmes, to extend northwesterly no farther than Isaac Lewises or Nelly's brook. To them for life, and then to their next heirs. I leave to my grandson, Isaac Lackman, and Martha his wife, all the lands above and below the road, with the meadow. I leave to my grandchildren, Abraham Burbank and Ann his wife, the west half of my Plantation in the Manor (of Castleton), and a lot of salt meadow on the Great Kills, lying east of that above mentioned, and now in possession of Mr. John Beatty; Also a great Hommock, which Abraham Burbank has in his possession. All the meadow adjoining I leave to Abraham Burbank and Anthony McNiel. I leave to Anthony McNiel and Mary his wife a small piece of land northwest of Nelly's Brook. I leave to my daughter Mary £150. To my granddaughters, Lucy and Mary Holmes, each £100. To my granddaughter, Ann Lee, £200. I make my friends, Lewis Du Bois, Sr., and Lewis Du Bois, Jr., and Hendrick Perine, executors."

Dated July 9, 1778. Witnesses, Hector Gamboild, Mary McNiel, Peter Durand. Proved, October 19, 1779.

Page 148.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GARRET COZINE, of the Province of New York, now bound to Albany in the King's Service. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Jane all my estate, real and personal, while she remains my widow, but if she marries, she shall have only one-third. I leave to my son Cornelius all my apparell, and £5 more than one-third of my estate. I leave to my daughter Catrina $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate. To my daughter Hannah £100 more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate. I make my wife Jane, executor."

Dated February 16, 1759. Witnesses, Morris Warle, Crossfield Thurston, Nicholas Fletcher. Proved, Oc-

tober 22, 1773, before Moses Grumley, Esq. Confirmed by Governor Tryon, November 9, 1779, and Jane Cozine being dead, Letters of Administration are granted to Catharine, wife of Jacob Harsen, late Catharine Cozine.

Page 149.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ARTEMAS WHITE, of New York, mariner. I leave to my friend, John Keady, of New York, tavern keeper, all my estate, and make him executor."

Dated November 3, 1779. Witnesses, John Aymar, Melnes Concklin, James Crawford. Proved, November 8, 1779.

Page 150.—Commission. George III, etc. To JAMES CREIGHTON, Esq., of New York, as Public Notary. November 12, 1779.

Also to DANIEL HUMPHREYS, the same. November 15, 1779.

Page 152.—"This is the last Will and Testament of me, ROBERT WILSON, of Greenwich, on the Island of New York, Gentleman, in the Province of New York. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of George Barwick, £3. To my daughter Ann only 50 shillings a year during her natural life. To my son Edward £60. To my daughter Jane £5. To my daughters, Sarah and Barbara £20 each. To my wife Mary $\frac{1}{2}$ of all household furniture and £10 a year. All these legacies to be paid by my executor, Christopher Wilson. But if there are any Law Expenses concerning money due me in Nova Scotia or elsewhere, the legatees are to bear the expenses. The legacies are to be paid in Stirling money out of money for lands which I sold in Nova Scotia. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my son, Christopher Wilson, and make him executor."

Dated March 20, 1778. Witnesses, John Keily, Robert Laffan. Proved, November 15, 1779.

Page 153.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BOGART, of New York, shipwright, being in bodily health. I leave to my wife Ann all my estate and all wages due me, and make her executor.”

Dated August 10, 1779. Witnesses, Jacob Taylor, schoolmaster, Seamsur Stout, cordwainer, John Booker. Proved, November 15, 1779.

Page 155.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES CHESHIRE, mariner, formerly master of the Brigantine Bella, at present not being in bodily health, and considering the perils and dangers of the Sea. I commit my body to Earth or Sea. After all debts are paid, I leave all my estate to my wife Betty Cheshire, of Liverpool. I make David Hall of New York, executor.”

Dated October 26, 1779. Witnesses, Thomas Wright, Richard Jones, Richard Lightfoot. Proved, November 22, 1779.

Page 156.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH PETERS, widow, of New York. I leave to my son, Peter Peters, and my daughter Magdalena, wife of Henry Bebout, and my daughter Catharine, wife of Nicholas Hoeselgos, to each an equal share of my estate of House and land and £40 in hard cash; Also a large chest and a feather bed, valued at £5. I make Henry Bebout, executor, and he is to be paid all charges he may be at.”

Dated March 15, 1779. Witnesses, John Gamgl, Jacob Zortz, John Jacob Hartz, John Clarke Cooke, schoolmaster. Proved, November 22, 1779.

Page 158.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, MOSES DUPUY, of Richmond County, blacksmith, September 16, 1776. I leave to my wife Leah the possession of all lands and estate during her life or widowhood, and then all to be sold and divided among my children, John, Nicholas, Moses, and Leah. I make Stephen Bedell and Anthony Egberts, executors.”

Witnesses, Barent Simonson, Abraham James, Jacob Decker. Proved, November 24, 1779.

Page 159.—“In the name of God, Amen. Be it known and manifest unto all People that I, BARENT VAN HORNE, of the township of Bergen, in New Jersey, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Jacob, £5 in bar to all claims as eldest son. I leave to the three other children of my first wife, viz., Andries, Jenny, and Gertruyd, all the estate which now remains unsold of their grandfather, Andries Van Buskerk. I leave my whole Plantation or tract of land in Bergen to my sons, Barent, John, and Cornelius. My son Barent is to have the Old Homestead and lot beginning at the southwest corner and running along the meadow, past the house, till it comes to a mulberry stump opposite the Split rock. I leave to my son Cornelius all that lot running from the Split rock along the river to a large rock, and 3 acres of woodland out of the west corner of my son Barent's lot. My son John is to have all the house and lot beginning at the large rock and running to the line of George Cadmuse. I leave the front meadow to my sons, John and Cornelius, and the back meadow to my son Barent. My son Barent is to pay to his sister Mary £150, and £50 to my son Cornelius. My son John shall pay to his sister Fity £150. I leave to my wife Eva the use of my estate during her life or widowhood. My son Cornelius is to have £50. I leave my personal estate to my children, Barent, John, Cornelius, Mary, and Fity. My executors may sell Lots 13 and 4 and $\frac{1}{8}$ of the Ferry Lot, which said lots were granted to my father by Hendrick Cuyper and his wife Catharine. I make my wife and trusty friends, Jacobus Van Wageningen and Peter Van Buskerk, executors.”

Dated January 16, 1779. Witnesses, Simon Van Antwerp, shopkeeper, Robert Steel, innkeeper, Abraham Gouverneur. Proved, November 30, 1779.

Page 162.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, KESIA DEAN, of Jamaica, in Queens County, spinster, being in perfect health. First of all I bequeath unto my negro man Jacob his absolute freedom from Slavery and bondage forever. I leave to my negro woman Letitia her freedom, and also to my negro girl Jerusha. I leave to them all such beds and bedding they call their own, and all my wearing apparell, and all my pots and kettles, etc. My executors to sell all my estate, and from the proceeds pay to my negroes £50 each. The remainder I leave to my cousin, John Dean. The £50 left to my negro woman Lettice is to be put into the hands of Nathaniel Mills. I make Jonathan Thurston and John Dean, executors.”

Dated October 15, 1774. Witnesses, Thomas Woodward, Joana Hinchman, Robert Hinchman. Proved, September 15, 1778.

Page 164.—“I, MARY CARMAN, daughter of Thomas Carman, deceased, of Hempstead, in Queens County, single woman, finding old age upon me, and willing to make my will before I depart this life. I leave to my three sisters, Hannah Van Wyck, Ruth Hicks, and Phebe Townsend, all my household goods, and to each of them £50. I leave to Abigail Carman, my brother's daughter, £20. To Stephen Powell's daughter Mary £10. I leave all the rest to the sons of my brother, Thomas Carman, viz., Thomas, Samuel, and Joseph. My executors are to sell my estate. I make my brother-in-law, John Townsend, of Westbury, and my kinsman, Stephen Powell, and Abraham Van Wyck, executors.”

Dated January 18, 1775. Witnesses, Samuel Van Wyck, Daniel Pine, Sarah Pine. Proved, December 18, 1776.

Page 165.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH PETTITT, of Hempstead, in Queens County. I leave to my two sons, Amos and Benjamin, my dwelling house,

mill, and all homestead lands where I now live; Also 5 shillings Patent Right in the undivided swamps in the township of Hempstead, where my mills now stand. And they are to pay to my wife Alice £300 at the end of three years. I leave to my wife the use of all my lands, buildings, and meadows lying at Hempstead South, which I purchased of Isaac Balden, for three years after my decease, and she is to support my daughter Alletta and my sons, William and Silas, in a Christianlike manner during said term. After the three years are expired, my executors are to sell the same. From the proceeds they are to pay to my son William £250. To my son Silas £250. To my daughter Alletta £30. I leave to my wife a bed, six chairs, and all linnen, iron, and pewter, a warming pan, two cows, and a negro girl. To my daughter Alletta a bed, cupboard, looking glass, etc. To my son Amos three cows, five young cattle, and ten sheep. To my son William three cows, two steers, and ten sheep. To my sons, Amos, Benjamin, and William, all farming utensils. I make my son Samuel, and Michael Pettitt, and my son-in-law, Thomas Durlen, executors. Rest of my estate to all my children.

Dated October 19, 1776. Witnesses, Samuel Langdon, Sylvester Bedell, James Searing. Proved, November 20, 1776.

Page 167.—“Know all men by these Presents that I, ABIGAIL WOOD, of Hempstead, April 19, 1779, being sick in body. I leave to my cousin, Sarah Rainer, widow, my feather bed and my blue and white coverlid. I leave to Abigail Allen, daughter of Andrew Allen, my blue gown and looking glass. I leave to Sarah Rainer and Mary Burr, wife of Isaac Burr, all the rest of my household goods and wearing apparell, excepting my Great Bible, which I give to my sister, Charity Baldin. I leave to Sarah Rainer £6 out of the money due me and on a bond from Samuel Burr. The rest of my money I leave to Elizabeth, Abigail,

Sarah, and Phebe Allen, daughters of Andrew Allen. My dwelling house and land adjoining where I now dwell, situate in Hempstead South woods, is to be sold by my executors. After all debts are paid, the remainder is to be placed in the hands of Charles Feeks and Henry Ludlam, of Oyster Bay, for the use of the Anabaptist Church or Society that belongs to the Association at Philadelphia, for the support of the minister. I make my trusty friends, Silvanus Smith and Stephen Powell, executors."

Witnesses, Mary Rainer, Samuel Mott, Quaker, Richard Ellison. Proved, November 9, 1779.

Page 169.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN KIBBLE, of New York, merchant, being sick. I leave to my beloved mother, Martha Kibble, now of London, 100 Guineas. To my sister-in-law, Mrs. Jane Wallace, 100 Guineas. To my niece, Dorothy Wallace, 50 Guineas. I leave to my niece, Dorothy Wallace, $\frac{1}{4}$ of all that dwelling house and lot in Wall street now in possession of Thomas Leonard. All the rest of my estate to be disposed of by my executors for the support of my wife, Catharine Kibble, and my daughter Catharine. I make my wife and my friends, William Butler, Esq., James Dale, and Benjamin James, executors."

Dated August 7, 1779. Witnesses, Richard Bayley, surgeon, John L. C. Roome, Thomas Wright. Proved, December 14, 1779.

Page 170.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 7, 1779. I, MICHAEL GAUTER, of New York, gunsmith, being sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son Frederick Michael £200 when of age; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my real estate, and my mahogany desk. I leave to my wife Mary Magdalene the rest of my movable estate and the use of all real estate until my son is of age, and then the use of half. I make my wife and Samuel Magee, shopkeeper, and Jacob Rastner, tallow chandler, executors."

Witnesses, Michael Weaver, Blasi Mohr (Moore), tobaccoist, John Woods.

Codicil, October 22, 1779. The £200 are to be put at interest and paid to my son when of age.

Witnesses, Jacob Ruekler, William Hunkney, John Woods. Proved, January 6, 1780.

Page 174.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VAN WAGENEN, of Richmond County, blacksmith. I leave to my son John all my real estate, viz., the place I now live on, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Woodland, and all my salt meadow lying on the Great Kill and on the New creek, and all my tools and horse and wagon. All the rest to be sold and turned into money, except one bed for my daughter Gertruy. My negro woman Susan may live with any one of my children she may choose, but if she chooses to be sold to any other person it shall be at her option. I leave to my grandson, Abraham Crocheron, £25. All the rest of my personal estate to my five daughters, Anne, Hannah, Catharine, Helena, and Gertruy. My son John shall pay to his five sisters £250. I make my trusty and well beloved son-in-law, Daniel Leake, Simon Swain, and my son John, executors."

Dated September 22, 1779. Witnesses, Peter Cortelyou, James Colan, John Beatty. Proved, December 23, 1779.

Page 175.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES DECKER, of Richmond County, March 16, 1779. I leave to James Simons Decker, son of my son John, deceased, 10 shillings. To the other children of my son John, deceased, viz., Rebecca, Jemima, Moses, and Silvanus, £100 between them. I leave to Mary Decker, daughter of my son Moses, and to Isabel Wood, the money that John Decker, son of Peter Decker, owes me. I leave to my son Moses £50; also a lot of 15 acres, bounded by the road and Barent Dumny. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Edmund

Christopher, and Eve, wife of Benjamin Cole, 19 acres of land adjoining the above. All the rest of my lands to my sons, Matthew and Matthias, and Matthias to have the north part. The house of Matthias is to be made equal to that of Matthew. My three sons, Matthew, Matthias, and Moses, I make executors."

Witnesses, Peter Hausman, Aaron Dupuy, Barent Dupuy. Proved, December 27, 1779.

Page 178.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES CAREW, late of Bristol, but now of New York. My executors are to sell all my estate and pay all debts and funeral charges. All the rest to be transmitted to my well beloved brother, Thomas Carew, and I make him and my friend, Stephen Skinner, of New York, executors."

Dated December 15, 1779. Witnesses, Dr. Richard Bayley, John Clark, knife case maker, Francis Grooms, shopkeeper. Proved, January 12, 1780.

Page 179.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC BLANCK, of New York, cordwainer. My body to be decently but not expensively interred. All my estate, houses, lands, and goods, to be sold for the good of my children, and my executors are to pay all debts. All the rest I leave to my beloved son, Abraham Blanck, and my beloved daughter, Edan Blanck, both lawfully begotten in wedlock. I make my daughter Edan and my friend, David Grim, executors."

Dated October 20, 1777. Witnesses, William Swanson, wheelwright, John Cox, James Ward. Proved, January 24, 1778.

Page 181.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS HALLETT, of Flushing, in Queens County, yeoman, being sick. My executors are to sell all real and personal estate at public vendue and pay all just debts and funeral charges. I leave to my son, Benjamin Hallett, £200. To my son Thomas £100. To my son John

£200. To my daughters, Mary Hallett and Hannah, wife of William Waters, each £200. To my sons, Thomas and John, each a negro boy. To my daughters, each a negro girl. All the rest of my estate I leave to my said children and to my daughter Lidia, wife of Joseph Burroughs. The share of my son Benjamin is to be put at interest for him. My children are to support my negro man Mingo during his life. I make my sons, Thomas and John, and my son-in-law, Joseph Burroughs, executors."

Dated August 11, 1779. Witnesses, John Willett, James Merrell, Robert Hinchman. Proved, August 16, 1779.

Page 183.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY GROESBECK, of New York, spinster. I leave to my sister, Susanah Groesbeck, wife of Terrence Reilly, of New York, merchant, all my estate, of what nature soever, which came by the will of my father, John Groesbeck, deceased, and I make Terrence Reilly and his wife, executors."

Dated May 12, 1779. Witnesses, Terrence Kerin, Esq., Ninian Holmes, Peter Poillon. Proved, February 7, 1780.

Page 184.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM NICOLL, of Islip, in Suffolk County, being in an infirm state of health. I make my son, William Nicoll, and my friends, Richard Willett, of Islip, and Benjamin Floyd, Nicoll Havens, and Thomas Hicks, executors, and they are to pay all debts. I leave to my son William all my lands and tenements in Islip not herein disposed of to my daughters, during his natural life, without impeachment of waste, subject to the authority given to my executors. With remainder unto the Honorable George Duncan Ludlow, Esq., and Hon. Whitehead Hicks, Esq., both of Queens County, to preserve the contingent remainders. With remainder to the first son of my son William for life, with

remainder to his eldest son. [The will then goes on at great length to entail the estate from heir to heir forever.] I leave to my son William all my negroes and live stock on the estate at Islip where I now reside. I leave to my son, Samuel Benjamin Nicoll, all my lands at West Neck and Sachems Neck and Shelter Island. With remainder to the above mentioned Trustees. [This part of the estate is also entailed from eldest son to eldest son forever.] If the succession comes to the issue of females, they are to take the name of Nicoll in addition to their surname. And that my meaning may be better understood, and to give a reason for the same, I think proper to declare that after considering my estate and family, I think it will be best not only to entail the estate, but to prevent the too hasty docking of the entail, and it shall not be in the power of my descendants, before my great-grandchildren, to break the entail. The estate at Islip I declare to include all lands north, west, and south of the River Nanke, that runs by Blue Point, as described in the Patents to my honored grandfather, William Nicoll, deceased, except as given to my three daughters. I leave to my son, Samuel Benjamin Nicoll, my negroes and live stock on Shelter Island, and thirty head of cattle on my farm in occupation of James Smith; Also my Library. I leave to my three daughters, Charity, wife of Garrett Kettletas, Gloriana Margarita, wife of John McAdam, and Joanna Rachel, each £42 yearly for twelve years. I leave to my son Samuel Benjamin £100 a year for twelve years, to be paid by my son William. I leave to my three daughters one of my rights to land at West Neck on Shelter Island; Also all that Neck of land adjoining to Blue Point in Islip, to them and their heirs and assigns forever. And as my beloved wife, now deceased, was entitled to some lands in Brookhaven, which she always designed for her daughters. If my son William, to whom they descend, shall refuse to give them a deed for the same, he shall pay

them £200. Having purchased of Samuel Avery $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14,000 acres of land in the town of Whippleborough, which was bought with the money of the estate of Rachel D'Honneur, who means, as I do, that it descend to my children and her grandchildren, my daughters, I give the same to them; Also all my household furniture, plate, linnen, and apparell, on the Neck where I live, and the stock on the farm leased to James Smith, when the lease is expired. I also give them nine negro slaves. I leave to my three nephews, Samuel, Henry, and Matthias Nicoll, £100 each. I leave to my honored mother-in-law, Rachel D'Honneur, and my daughter Joanna Rachel, while unmarried, the use of $\frac{1}{2}$ of my dwelling house, and the use of two horses and three cows, well kept the year round. All the rest of my real and personal estate I leave to my three daughters."

Dated August 19, 1778. Witnesses, Andrew Underhill, silversmith, Stephen Keley, Deborah Underhill, Rachel D'Honneur. Proved, March 15, 1780. (Andrew Underhill and his wife Deborah were both Quakers.)

[NOTE.—William Nicoll was the third owner of the manor of Islip, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1683 and confirmed by Patent 1684. William Nicoll, the testator, was the son of Benjamin Nicoll and Charity Floyd, daughter of Richard Floyd. He was born October 7, 1715, and died March, 1780. He married Joanna D'Honneur, daughter of Samuel D'Honneur, and Rachel Strono, of Setauket. The daughter, Joanna Rachel, married clerk Kilby McAdam. The Neck of land left to the three daughters is now the village of Bayport, Long Island.—W. S. P.]

Page 189.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL MILLER, of Jamaica, in Queens County, farmer, being sick in body. My executors are to sell all my estate in Jamaica at public vendue and pay all debts, and I leave all the rest to my three sons, Peter, Nathaniel, and Caleb. As to my lands, houses, and estate

in the Island of Jamaica, in the West Indies, or in Orange and Ulster Counties, in New York, I leave them to my three sons. I make my sons and my friend, Charles Arding, executors."

Dated August 16, 1779. Witnesses, Daniel Lamber-son, Othniel Smith, Edward Willett. Proved, Decem-ber 23, 1779.

Page 190.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, AMOS SOPER SR., of Huntington, in Suffolk County, being in health, September 14, 1778. I leave to my wife Bethia £40 and two cows, ten sheep, and a horse and chair, and all household furniture during her life; Also the choice of one room in my house, with the use of her third, as the Law directs. I leave to my two sons, Lemuel and Josiah, £20 each, and to my son Josiah £5 more. I leave to my son Jesse £10. I also give to my son Jesse ten acres of land in the northwest corner of my homestead, commonly called the Long Lot. All the rest of my lands and meadows I leave to my son Amos, and a team of oxen and horses and farming utensils, and all the rest of movable estate. I make Platt Carll and F. enetus Conkling and my wife, executors."

Witnesses, Elisha Gillett, Tredwell Platt, Stephen Vedet. Proved October 22, 1779.

Page 192.—"I, SAMUEL SMITH, of the Long Swamp, in the Town of Huntington, in Suffolk County, Feb-ruary 16, 1779. My executors are to sell enough to pay debts. I leave to my wife Esther the use of all estate during her life. After her death, I leave to my son Nathaniel £5. To my son Daniel £30. I leave to my granddaughter, Eanor Smith, daughter of my son Samuel, and to my granddaughter, Essene Lewis, daughter of Samuel Lewis, each five shillings. All the rest I leave to my son David and my five surviving daughters, Esther Fleet, Sarah Skidmore, Martha Mills, Elizabeth Ireland, and Anne Smith. I make

my friends, Ananias Carll and Micah Hart, execu-tors."

Witnesses, Ezekiel Conckling, Thomas Sands, Solo-mon Ketcham. Proved, September 27, 1779.

Page 194.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB MILLS, of Smithtown, in Suffolk County, being sick. I leave to my wife all my movable estate, except my negro Gustine, during her life or widowhood, and then to my eldest son, Israel Mills. And when he comes of age he is to have one pair of oxen and eight horned cattle, and a sufficient supply of farming utensils to carry on the farming business, and a horse. I leave to my wife the use of one room and $\frac{1}{3}$ of my lands. After her death, I leave to my son Israel all my houses and lands. To my youngest son, Jacob, I leave £400, to be paid by my son Israel. My executors are to sell 126 acres of land at a place called No. 6, left to me by my father; Also my meadow at West Meadow Beach. My wife is to bring up my son Jacob with learning and a trade. I make my wife and my friends, Alex-ander Hawkins and Samuel Philips, merchant, ex-ecutors."

Dated May 14, 1771. Witnesses, John Davis, Jona-than Mills, Jonas Mills. Proved, October 28, 1779.

Page 195.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, RICH-ARD HICKS, of His Majesty's Ship Rose. I leave all my estate to my friend, Edward Serjent, of New York, especially all wages and Prize money due me, and make him executor."

Dated April 19, 1779. Witnesses, John Martin, mariner, Thomas Coats. Proved, March 8, 1780.

Page 196.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ADRIAN RYERSE, of Richmond County, farmer, being in perfect health, February 16, 1773. I leave to my wife Esther the use of one-third of all my estate during her life, and all the rest to my three sons, Gozen, Lewis, and

Auris, only Gozen is to have £50 of New York money more than the rest. And they are to pay to their sister Fametye £150 per annum for three years, and they are also to support her for one year after my decease. I make my three sons, executors."

Witnesses, Johanes Simonson, Cornelius Cortelyou, Joana Simonson. Proved, February 22, 1780.

Page 198.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS SMITH, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being weak and low, March 27, 1777. I leave to my wife Phebe two best cows. I leave all my indoor moveables and furniture to my wife and to my five daughters, Patience, Priscilla, Elizabeth, Mary, and Phebe, when of age. All my lands, negroes, and outdoor movables are to be sold at the discretion of my executors, and all debts paid. The remainder I leave to my sons, Benjamin and Noah. My wife to have the use of all until all of the children are of age. My sons are to be put to trades. I make my wife Phebe and my friends, Noah Smith and Benjamin Everitt, executors."

Witnesses, Hendrick Hendricksen, Bernardus Hendricksen. Proved, April 14, 1777.

Page 199.—"On the 21 day of September, in the year of our Lord Christ 1772. I, CATHARINE COLYEAR, of Hempstead, in Queens County. I direct all debts to be paid, and funeral charges. I leave to my cousin, Catharine Carman, daughter of Samuel Carman, Jr., my cupboard, with all pewter, and £10, when she is 18. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my sister Maria, wife of John Demott. I make my brother-in-law, John De Mott, and my friend, Patrick Mott, executors."

Witnesses, Stephen Powell, Samuel Van Wyck, Daniel Pine. Proved, March 6, 1780.

Page 201.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, OBADIAH SMITH, of Jamaica, in Queens County, weaver, being

in good health, June 20, 1770. I leave to my two sons, Obadiah and Daniel, all my lands and tenements lying at a place called Rockaway, in Hempstead. All the rest of my estate I leave to my wife while she remains my widow, and no longer. I leave to my son Thomas 50 shillings. After the death of my wife, I leave all to my sons, Obadiah and Daniel, and I make my wife Grace and sons, Obadiah and Daniel, executors."

Witnesses, Peter Smith, Benjamin Hinchman, Robert Hinchman. Proved, April 18, 1778.

Page 202.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 8, 1774. I, GEORGE RIERSON, of Hempstead, in Queens County, being weak in body. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah one bed and furniture for the same, compleat for one bed, and a horse and chair. I leave to my son Peter £50. All the rest to my wife and children, Peter Cornelius, Martin, Jane, wife of Henry Hendrickson, and Sarah. I make my wife Sarah, and my son Peter, and my friend, Gilbert Van Wike [Wyck], executors."

Witnesses, Benjamin Everitt, Abraham Van Nostrand, James Everitt. Proved, October 1, 1777.

Page 204.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PATIENCE LUDLAM, of Jamaica, in Queens County, widow, being in good health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my granddaughter, Patience Ludlam, daughter of my son, William Ludlam, £5. To my granddaughter, Mary Ludlam, daughter of my son, Daniel Ludlam, £5. To my granddaughter, Patience Ludlam, daughter of my son, Nicholas Ludlam, £5. To my great-granddaughter, Patience Smith, daughter of my grandson, Ludlam Smith, £5. All these to be paid when of age. I leave to my son, Daniel Ludlam, 20 shillings current money of New York for and towards buying him a Large Bible. And to my son Nicholas 20 shillings for the same purpose. I leave to my son Nicholas £10. To my daughter Judith £20. To my grand-

daughter, Patience Ludlam, my black silk cloak, best pair of gloves, and a white apron. All the rest of my wearing apparell to my three daughters, Mary, wife of Amos Denton, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Everitt, and Judith, and to my granddaughter Patience, wife of Andrew Oakley. All the rest to my three daughters. I make my son-in-law, Daniel Everitt, and my cousin, Moses Higby, executors."

Dated February 18, 1775. Witnesses, William Ludlam, Jr., Robert Hinchman. Proved, March 10, 1777.

Page 206.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM MORRELL, of Newtown, in Queens County, being sick and weak October 19, 1779. My executors are to pay all debts and funeral charges. I leave to my son Jonathan £5 for his birthright. I leave to my grandson, Abraham Morrell, and to my son Jonathan my homestead lot, with house, barn, and buildings. I leave to my grandson, Abraham Morrell, four acres of cleared land and two acres of woodland. My wife Mary is to have a maintainance for life. I leave to my grandson, Abraham Morrell, all my personal estate. I make my son Jonathan and my grandson, Abraham Morrell, executors."

Witnesses, James Harper, Christopher Remsen, Alexander McMullin. Proved, November 29, 1779.

Page 207.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GERRET DORLAND, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being in perfect health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my 5 grandchildren, the children of my daughter Auriantie, deceased, late wife of Johanes Snediker, viz., John, Gerrett, Rem, Abraham, and Tunis, $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate. That includes a bond of £65 due from my son-in-law, Johanes Snediker. I leave to my daughter Anetje, wife of Rem Lupardus, of New Jersey, $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate, which includes a bond from him of £100. I leave to my six grandchildren, children of my daughter Sarah, deceased, late wife of Rem Lott, viz.,

Anatje, Abraham, Maria, Auriantie, Charity, and Rem, $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate. And to my grandson, Gerrett Dorland, son of my daughter Janetie, deceased, late wife of John Dorland, Jr., deceased, $\frac{1}{4}$ of my estate. And whereas my grandson, John Dorland (eldest son of my daughter Jannettie and John Dorland, Jr.), as heir at law to his father, is entitled to one-half of a messuage and farm whereof my brother, John Dorland, died possessed; my grandson, John Dorland, shall give his brother Gerrit $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same. I make my sons-in-law, Johanes Snediker and Rem Lupardus, and my cousin, Gerrett Dorland, and my grandson, Abraham Lott, executors."

Dated June 30, 1773. Witnesses, Joana Hinchman, William Thurston, Robert Hinchman. Proved, January 25, 1777.

Page 209.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC ROADS, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being very sick. All debts to be paid. All my estate to be sold at the discretion of my executors, except such things as are necessary for family use, such as flax, grain, negroes, horses, cattle, and hogs. All the rest I leave to my wife and children in such a manner that each son shall have double, or twice as much, as each daughter or my wife. The part of my wife is to be paid when she quits my estate of her dower, and the children when of age or married. I make my wife Hannah and my friends and neighbors, Nathaniel Carpenter and Waters Lamberson, executors."

Dated April 15, 1777. (*Children's names not given.*) Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, innkeeper, Ludlum Smith, cutler, Judith Everitt. Proved, April 2, 1778.

Page 212.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HORE RHODES, yeoman, and by trade a weaver, in Queens County. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth a certain bed and bedding which she at present sleepeth in. I leave to my wife my best bed, with bedding. All the

rest of movables to be sold at publick vendue, and all debts paid. I leave to my daughter Mary £20. To my second daughter, Elizabeth, £40, with the privilege of living on my estate until sold. I leave to my third daughter, Hannah, £20. Now the rest that remains, the use of it is to be for my wife while she remains my widow, but if she is married to another husband, or when she is dead, the money to be divided among my three sons. The first is Hope, the second Richard, and the third Nathaniel. I make my wife and my son Richard and Walter Smith, executors."

Dated May 11, 1777. Witnesses, John Brenner, William Forbes, Nehemiah Ludlam. Proved, April 20, 1778.

Page 213.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN FURMAN, of Newtown, in Queens County, yeoman, being sick. My executors are to sell all lands in Newtown or elsewhere and all personal estate within twelve months after my decease. My son Gabriel is to have the use of all until sold, and he is to provide for my children sufficient clothing, schooling, and all other necessities, and he is to keep all buildings in repair. When sold, the proceeds are to be divided into nine parts and divided among my children, Gabriel, Samuel, William, James, Paul, Joseph, John, Elizabeth, and Abigail. And whereas I do expect that my father-in-law, Samuel Burtis, will give something considerable to one or more of my children, whatever he shall give them shall be added to my whole estate, and the whole divided as above. My executors are to put my sons to trades, when of proper age and good places can be found for them. I make my brother, William Furman, and his son, Robert Furman, and my sons, Gabriel and Samuel, executors."

Dated September 17, 1773. Witnesses, Benjamin North, Ezekiel Furman, Phebe Sackett. Proved, June 3, 1776.

Page 215.—"Whereas I, SAMUEL PLACE, being very sick in body. All funeral charges and all other charges to be paid. I leave to my wife two beds, two cows, two hogs, two horses, one plow and set of geers, and one cupboard, and after her death to my children. And then my farm and goods to be sold and all debts paid, and all the rest to my two children, and my son is to be put to a trade. I make my brother, Thomas Place, and Benjamin Vandewater, executors."

Dated October 18, 1779. (*Children not named.*) Witnesses, John Dickson, Richard Smith Place, Richard Spragg.

Codril, October 19, 1779. Executors to have power to sell and give deeds.

Witnesses, John Dickson, Elizabeth Smith, Richard Spragg. Proved, November 22, 1779.

Page 217.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JUDITH QUEREAU, of New York, widow of Joshua Quereau, being in good health. I leave to my grandson, Joshua Quereau, the eldest son of my eldest son, Elias Quereau, deceased, £5 before any division. All my real and personal estate and my lot of ground in Montgomerie Ward, No. 130, and all my goods to be sold. All the money is to be divided into six parts. $\frac{1}{6}$ to be put at interest for my two grandsons, Joshua and Elias, sons of my eldest son, Elias Quereau, deceased. $\frac{1}{6}$ to my son Benjamin. $\frac{1}{6}$ to my son Isaac. $\frac{1}{6}$ to my daughter, Elizabeth Kare. $\frac{1}{6}$ to my daughter Frances, now Frances Joans. $\frac{1}{6}$ to my daughter, Jane Quereau. I make my son Benjamin, and my daughters, Elizabeth Kare and Frances Joans, executors."

Dated June 5, 1764. In the 4th year of George III. Witnesses, John Bergen, baker, Agnes Dow, George Gordon. Proved, March 20, 1780.

Page 218.—Commission. To BENJAMIN JOHN JOHNSON, of New York, as Clerk of the Peace and Court of sessions for Suffolk County. March 22, 1780.

Page 219.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM NICOLL, of Islip, in Suffolk County, being in an infirm state of health, do make this Codicil to my will. I make my sons-in-law, Garrett Kettletas and John Loudon MacAdam, executors. I leave to my daughter Charity a negro boy. I leave to my three daughters, Charity, Glorianna, and Joanna Rachel, ten years' rent of the farm that James Smith now leases. If my honored mother-in-law and my daughter Joanna do not choose to live in half my house, they are to rent it.”

Dated February 22, 1780. Witnesses, Rachel D'Honneur, Floyd Smith, William Smith, Elizabeth Hackstoft. Proved, March 23, 1780. Confirmed by Governor Colden.

(See will of William Nicoll.)

[NOTE.—The Confirmation of the above will was one of the last official acts of Cadwallader Colden as acting Governor. William Tryon was the last British Governor whose power extended over the whole Province. He became Governor in 1771. In 1773 the Government house in the fort was burned, and he and his wife narrowly escaped. In 1774 he went to England, but returned 1775. He resigned his office as Governor, March 21, 1778, and Lieut. Governor Colden held the place till the coming of Governor James Robertson. During the war Tryon was in command in various parts. In 1779 he burned Danbury, Connecticut. In 1782 he was made Lieutenant General. He returned to England and died there. His remains are buried in a tomb at Twickenham, which bears the following inscription:

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Dated February 22, 1780. Witnesses, Rachel D'Honneur, Floyd Smith, William Smith, Elizabeth Hackstoft. Proved, March 23, 1780. Confirmed by Governor Colden.

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Page 222.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET WILLIAMSON, of Jamaica, in Queens County, widow of Johannes Williamson, being very sick. I leave to my sisters, Antie, widow of John Neefyes, Maria, wife of Cornelius Ostrander, and Willemptie, wife of Petrus Luyster, £30. I leave to my cousin [nephew], Peter Neefyes, son of my sister Antie, £30; also a negro boy. I leave to my said sisters all my wearing apparell, and all the apparel of my daughter Helena, deceased. I leave to my brothers and sisters, viz., Matthias Luyster, John Luyster, Peter Luyster, and my said sisters, Antie, Maria, and Willemptie, and to my cousin [nephew], Peter Holst, son of my sister Cornelia, deceased, all my dwelling house, farm, orchard, land and meadows, and all the rest of my goods. I make my brothers, Matthias and John, and my cousin, Peter Neefyes, and my neighbor, Dowe Ditmas, executors.”

Dated February 8, 1780. Witnesses, Hendrick Emans, Jr., Gerrit Dorland Snediker, Johannes Lott. Proved, March 31, 1780. Confirmed by Governor James Robertson, April 3, 1780.

Page 224.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GIFFORD, of Staten Island, weaver, being very sick. My executors are to sell all real and personal estate at discretion. I leave to my daughter, Mary Dubois, during her life with her husband, John Dubois, in peace, and no longer, one feather bed, bedstead, and

pillows, a pair of sheets and blankets, a small mahogany bureau, one black walnut bureau, a round table and a square table, a pint silver cup, six spoons, silver tea tray. After her death, to her children. I leave to my grandson, Edward Dubois, all my right to the lands granted by his Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esq., Governor of New Hampshire, in 1763, and since granted by the Governor of New York, it being in this Province to the eastward of Wood creek; Likewise an Island called Gifford's Island in Mahone Bay, granted by Governor Lawrence. All the rest of my estate I leave to my wife, and after her death to my daughter Mary if she is a widow. Furthermore, if after my death my executors see any hopes of John Dubois using his wife Mary with tenderness and kind usage, without any abuse, then the said John Dubois is to give good bonds to keep good my estate, and he is to have the use of her share, but my executors are to be very cautious about making over my estate to him. It is my desire that my daughter is not to suffer, but should be glad if she could live a peaceable, quiet, sober, Godly life with her husband, but if she cannot, then to live with her mother. I make my wife executrix, with Captain John Journey and Joseph Bedell, Sr., executors.”

Dated this — day of —, 1776. Witnesses, Jacob Reyau, Stephen Mercereau, Catharine Burrowe, wife of Dr. Burrowe. Proved, March 28, 1780.

Page 226.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BOUINESS, formerly of Virginia, but now of New York, merchant. I order the schooner Banner to be sold, after taking out of her such materials as may be necessary for the use of the Brig Matilda, now owned by Mr. Thomas Farrer and myself. I also recommend the Brig Matilda to be kept one-half at my expence, for the use of carrying my family to Virginia, if there is a possibility of going there in a reasonable time. If not, to be sold, rather than keep her too long upon

an uncertainty. My negro Philip is to be sold in New York, and the others to be carried to Virginia. Five negroes are to be sold in Virginia, provided they can be kept in New York at easy expense until Virginia is open. My negro man Providence is to have his freedom. I leave to my friend, Hugh Kennedy, one-third of the proceeds of the Schooner Banner. To my friend, Tabitha Kennedy, £10 as a free gift for her good services. To my Goddaughter, Mary Chisholm, £10. I leave to my friend, Mary Sparrow, a negro girl; Also my Plantation called and known by the name of Paradise, adjoining Paradise creek, in Norfolk, Virginia. But if my brother George desires to keep it, he is to give me something equivalent. The said Mary Sparrow is a young girl I have brought up from a child. I leave to my brother George all the rest of my estate. The debts of my brother Robert are to be paid out of my Virginia estate. I make my friends, George Bouiness, Thomas Ferrer, and Jonathan Eilback, executors."

Dated January 4, 1780. Witnesses, Joseph Cory, merchant, Lancelot Farrer, James Cann. Proved, April 10, 1780.

Page 228.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 11, 1777. I, ABRAHAM EMANS, of Gravesend, in Kings County. I leave to my wife Sarah the full possession of all my estate while she remains my widow, except fishing nets and canoes, which I give to my three sons, Abraham, Steven, and Johanes. I also give them my horses and wagons and farming utensils. I leave to my son Steven £25 before any division. I leave to my daughter Margaretta £200. To my daughter Antie £200. My daughter Margaretta is to have as good a setting out as my daughter Antie has had. I leave to my three sons all the rest of my estate. And whereas we have at present times of Calamaties and Troubles by a lot of rebellious People, who might destroy or take away my movable estate; if this is so, my two

daughters are to bear an equal share of loss. I make my three sons, executors."

Witnesses, Cornelius Emans, Court Lake, Richard Stilwell. Proved, April 17, 1780.

Page 229.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN ANDREVET, of Richmond County, being sick. I leave to my two sons, John and Lewis, all my lands and messuages and improvements in Richmond County. I leave to my son John a negro boy, my wagon, two horses, one plow, and my Sloop called the Susannah, with all the appurtenances, and he is to pay to his brother Lewis £50. But if he lose the Sloop by accident within five years he is not to pay. I leave to my son Lewis a negro boy. To my daughter Susannah £30 and a bed and a negro girl, and I have given to my four other daughters each a negro girl. The rest of my personal estate is to be sold and the money paid to my five daughters, Elizabeth, Ann, Rebecca, Tabitha, and Susanah. I leave to my son John the possession of my estate after my death to enable him to bring up and maintain his brother Lewis and his sister Susanah till they are of age. When my son Lewis is of age, the estate is to be divided between them. I make my son John and my two sons-in-law, Gilbert Jackson and Jacob Cole, executors."

Dated January 14, 1780. Witnesses, Paul Mischeau, Elizabeth Andrevet, Henry Butler. Proved, April 18, 1780.

Page 231.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN KETTLETAS, of Staten Island, September 4, 1779. I leave to my son John, as heir at law, my House Clock. To my son Stephen my watch. To my sons, John and Stephen, each £80 when of age. I leave to my wife Elizabeth my house and farm where I live, with all household goods, and cattle, and my two negroes, for life. The other negroes are to be sold in six months. My wife is to have the use of my estate to bring up

my children till of age. When they are of age, the estate is to be sold and the money paid to my sons, John and Stephen, and my daughter, Catharine Guyon. The moveable estate which I give to my wife is to be at her disposal. I make my wife and friends, Cornelius Martineau and Dr. Thomas Frost, executors."

Witnesses, Cornelius Vandeventer, Nicholas Stillwell, Benjamin Martin. Proved, March 25, 1780.

Page 232.—"I, CHARLES THEAL, of the township of Rye, in Westchester County, being sick and weak. I leave to my eldest son, Ebenezer Theal, 20 shillings, in bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave to my son Charles 5 shillings and my staff with an ivory head, which was my father's. I leave to my son Thomas all my lands in Rye, being my home lot, and two acres of salt meadow I bought of Samuel Sniffen, and the lands I bought of John Cranford, with all the buildings, Provided that the laws of the Continental Congress and of the Provincial Convention, or the laws of the Governor, Senate and General Convention, already made, or the laws that shall hereafter be made by them Powers, does not bar my son Thomas from possession of the described premises. In case they do debar my son Thomas, I leave all the same to my son Charles. If my son Thomas is permitted to keep the same, he is to pay all debts. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Brown, two negro wenches. To my daughter, Anna Fowler a negro wench. To my daughter Abigail a negro boy and girl. To my grandson, Isaac Fowler, a negro man. The rest of my moveable estate I leave to my three daughters and my grandson, Isaac Fowler. I leave to my granddaughter, Jemima Theal, daughter of my son, Ebenezer Theal, a negro boy now in the hands of Ebenezer Purdy, and sold to him by Commissioners as part of the estate of my son Ebenezer, and being then and is now my real property. Whichever of my sons shall possess my land he shall provide for my negro woman Phebe. I make my son-

in-law, Ezekiel Halstead, and Captain Joshua Purdy, executors."

Dated September 17, 1778. Witnesses, Joshua Purdy, Jr., Sarah Purdy, Isaac Sniffen. Proved, April 25, 1780. Confirmed by Governor James Robertson, April 25, 1780. The executors having resigned, Thomas Theal is appointed administrator.

Page 235.—The Letters of Administration granted to FREDERICK WILLIAM GEYER on the estate of Joseph Goldthwait are repealed, and Joseph Goldthwait, of Weston, Massachusetts, father of said Joseph Goldthwait, having made Samuel Goldthwait, his son, of Newport, Rhode Island, his attorney, Letters of Administration were granted to him May 20, 1780.

(The following was admitted to probate as a will of Joseph Goldthwait.)

"Memorandum of the disposal of my estate, February 11, 1778. All debts to be paid, although to my knowledge I don't owe any sum, except some small account which I cannot recollect at present. To my nephew, Joseph Goldthwait, son of my brother Philip, my farm at Woolwich, Mass., on which his father lives. But if he has been a rebel and borne arms against his King, then to his father. To my brother Philip a piece of land at Biddeford, Mass., to give to his daughter Hannah. To my honored parents a farm in Weston so long as it please God to let them live. My executors to pay them £150 a year. After their death, to Joseph, son of my sister Martha, wife of Dr. Gowen. To my brother Samuel my estate in Boston, bought of the heirs of Thomas Hubbard, Esq., and called Hubbard's wharf, to live on until his son Joseph comes of age. To my brother Benjamin £100. To his children £50, and £100 to his daughter Sarah, wife of John Appodail, of New Castle, England. To my sister Sarah, wife of Richard Williams, £200. To Hannah Winslow, widow of Joshua Winslow, £300, if she be a widow, but if not, then £50 to provide suit-

able mourning for her old acquaintance; to her daughters, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sukey, Katty, and Hannah, £50 each, and to her daughter, Polly Loving Winslow, only £10. To my good friend, Mrs. Love Oliver, wife of Dr. Peter Oliver, £1,000 as a token of my great regard for her." (*Not signed or witnessed.*)

Proved, August 25, 1780, upon oath of William Taylor, Francis Green, Richard Williams, Frederick William Geyer, and Sarah Williams, as to handwriting, etc. "The said Joseph Goldthwait died October 3, 1779, in the Out Ward of New York, about three miles distant from the Town. The above paper was found in a small desk or locker in New York after his death."

Page 240.—"I, SAMUEL RODMAN, of the manor of Pelham, in Westchester County. I leave to my son Joseph one half of my island called Hart Island, lying in the Sound before the manor of Pelham; also £300, and my wearing apparell and one English mare. I leave to my sons, William and Samuel, all my Neck of land and meadow where I now live, with all buildings, which I bought of Thomas Pell; also my stock of horses and cattle. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Bleecker, £300. To Miriam Hicks, daughter of Deborah Hicks, £50; to her sister, Elizabeth Hicks, £25. To my granddaughter, Sarah Bertine, £100, and the money due me on a bond from Peter Bertine and his sons, Peter and John. To my grandson, Samuel Bertine, £200. To Joshua Hunt, Sr., £5. To Miriam Hicks the bed I lye on, with all bedding. To my son William a pair of silk stockings and a bosom Gold Buckell. To my son Samuel a pair of Gold sleeve buttons. To my granddaughter, Sarah Bertine, one good feather bed, with furniture. I leave to Richard Hicks my square of land on Miniford's Island where Deborah Baxter now lives. All the rest of my movable estate I leave to my three sons, Joseph, William, and Samuel, and my daughter, Sarah Bleecker. I appoint

my sons, William and Samuel, and John Bartow, Sr., executors."

Dated September 10, 1779. Witnesses, James Pell, Sr., Thomas Pell, Elizabeth Pell. Proved, May 8, 1780.

[NOTE.—Minifords Island is now City Island.]

Page 241.—"I, WILLIAM BRUCE, of New York, surgeon to the Royal Artillery in North America, for the settlement of my temporal affairs, do this 14 of April, 1775, make my last will. My executors are to sell all my real estate at their discretion, and use the interest on the money for the support of my wife Judith and the maintainance of my children, Thomas Gage Bruce, Elizabeth Rynders Bruce, and such other child as I may have. I leave to my wife one-third of my estate, and all the rest to my two children. I appoint my wife and my brother, Archibald Bruce, surgeon in the Royal Navy, and my friend, Isaac Low, executors."

Witnesses, James Duane, John Lansing, Jr., Edward Dunsecomb. Proved, May 24, 1780, upon oath of Peter Dubois, "Magistrate of Police," and Isaac Low.

[NOTE.—Judith Bruce was one of the children of Hester Rynders and grandchild of the famous Jacob Leisler.—W. S. P.]

Page 244.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE BREWERTON, late of New York, Esq. but now of Jamaica, in Queens County, and Colonel in Brigadier General De Lancey's Brigade. I direct all debts to be paid, and I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Jacoba and my children, George, James, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, and Cornelia. I make my wife Jacoba and my uncle, Jacob Brewerton, executors."

Dated May 9, 1777. Witnesses, Matthias Burnet, Alexander Constable, Captain Isaac Heron. Proved, April 25, 1780.

Page 245.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS FOX, of New York, mariner, being sick. All debts to

be paid. My executors are to pay to my cousin, Dorothy Puntzius, wife of John Puntzius, of New York, taylor, the interest on one-half of my personal estate during her life, and to my cousin, Abigail Ogsbury, wife of Alexander Ogsbury, cordwainer, the interest on the other half. I leave to my said cousins each one-half of my real estate for life, and then to their children. I make Alexander Ogsbury and John Puntzius and Matthias Wymans, executors."

Dated December 13, 1777. Witnesses, Abraham Tooker, Samuel Meeker, Jr. Proved, May 29, 1780. (Matthias Wymans was then dead.)

Page 247.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PHEBE LEWIS, of Richmond County being very sick. I order all debts to be paid. I leave to my brother, Jonathan Lewis, my house and land, with all buildings, now in possession of Dr. Samuel Burrows, and rented to him for four years. I leave to my Niece, Elizabeth Adlington, two years' rent of said place, which amounts to the sum of £34, to be paid to her when eighteen years old. I leave to my Niece, Phebe Latourette, daughter of James Latourette, my bed and bedding. All the rest of my estate I leave to my sister Elizabeth, wife of James Latourette, and to my niece Sarah, daughter of James Latourette, and to my niece Sarah, wife of Nathaniel Johnson. I appoint David Latourette, executor."

Dated April 20, 1780. Witnesses, Paul Micheau, Henry Latourette, Petrus Bedell. Proved, April 29, 1780.

Page 249.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ADAM BALDERIDGE, of New Utrecht, in Kings County, on Long Island. I leave to Sarah Coleman, Jemima Seata, and Elizabeth, formerly the wife of David Cameron, all of them the daughters of Abraham Collins, deceased, of Blooming Grove, New York, all of my estate, real and personal, except as follows. To my

friend, Jacob Gale, £100. To my friend, Benjamin Whitehead, of Jamaica, £50. But if none of the above legatees should appear and make lawful claims to my said estate, then I leave all my estate to the Church of New Utrecht, to be put at interest and the interest used for the relief of the Poor of New Utrecht by the Elders of the Church. My executors are to take proper pains to notify the above legatees. I make my friends, Adrian Van Brunt, Peter Van Pelt, John Edmonds, executors, all of New Utrecht."

Dated October 1, 1777. Witnesses, Evert Suydam, Teunis Suydam, John Dennis. Proved, May 6, 1780.

Page 251.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HACKALIAH BROWN, of the township of Rye, in Westchester County, Esquire. I leave to my son Hackaliah ten acres of my farm in Cortlandt Manor, in addition to what I have already given him by deed, to be laid out on the south side of what I have given him, in an equal width from Cortlandt's line to Croton river. I leave to my son Christopher all the rest of my farm and lands in Cortlandt's Manor. I leave to my son David all my share and right in that part of the farm which he and I bought of the executors of Josiah Purdy, which lies on the east side of the country road. I leave to my son Thomas all that farm or tract of land which I bought of Daniel Strang, and a certain tract of land which I purchased of Robert Bloomer adjoining, bounded on Hog Pen Ridge road, Daniel Lewis's land, Robert Bloomer's land, and Blind Brook; And eight acres adjoining thereto which I bought of my brother, Benjamin Brown; Also my half of the house and lot I purchased with my son Daniel of the executors of Josiah Purdy, on the west side of the Country Road; Also a certain piece of salt meadow which I purchased of Joseph Brundige and Abraham Theal, as the circular fence now stands, and two acres of sedges adjoining said salt meadow and Caleb Purdy's sedges. I leave to my sons, Josiah and Isaac, all my

Neck of land in Rye, situate between the Mill creek and the land adjoining to and lying south of my brother, Thomas Brown's land and Jonathan Brown's land, including all my salt meadow and sedge, excepting the meadow and sedge already given to my son Thomas; Also a lot of ground called Mill ground, bounded northerly and easterly by Ezekiel Halsted's land, westerly to the mill stone road; Also an orchard and tract of land adjoining southerly by the Gut road, westerly by Ezekiel Halsted and Jonathan Brown's land, and thence crossing a way until it comes to other land of said Jonathan Brown, thence easterly and northerly by said Jonathan Brown's land until it comes to the creek; Including burying hill, so called; Also a piece of salt meadow lying between that and Roger Park's meadow; Also a tract of land lying in Hog Pen Ridge which I purchased of Jonathan Kniffen, which was formerly Ebenezer Brundige's, lying within two roads, and Jonathan Kniffen's and Benjamin Brown's land; Also all my rights which I have purchased in undivided lands of Rye, which will fully appear by the deeds; Also the house which I now live in, and the garden adjoining; Also the lot of land or homestead which my house stands on, lying northward of a highway, and bounded by Jonathan Brown, Jr., Roger Park, Jr., and Thomas Brown's land. I leave to my grandson Gilbert, son of my son Nathan, £100 when he is 14, or to his guardians. And my sons, Thomas, Josiah, and Isaac, are to pay to my son Nathan's daughters, Margaret and Levina, £25 each when 18, and they are to take the trouble of bringing up my said three grandchildren and to give them an education suited to their condition. After paying all debts and funeral charges, I leave all my movable estate to my sons; Thomas, Josiah, and Isaac. I make my sons, David and Thomas, executors."

Dated April 6, 1765. Witnesses, Jonathan Brown, Jr., Ebenezer Kniffen, Abraham Brown, Timothy Wetmore, Esq. Proved, May 27, 1780.

Page 253.—"In the name of God, Amen. I ISAAC MOTT, of New York, distiller, being sick. My executors are to sell my part of the distilling house that I hold on a lease with Jordan Coles and Stephen Coles. It is intended that my wife Ann and my sons, Samuel, Jordan, and Jacob, and the sons I may hereafter have, shall each share out of my estate double to that which my daughter Jerusha and any other daughters I may have. And my wife being now pregnant, if she has a son it is to have an equal part, and if a daughter she shall have half a share. I make my wife Ann and my brother Jacob and my brother-in-law, Robert Coles, and my cousin, William Mott, executors."

Dated March 5, 1780. Witnesses, Henry Titus, Quaker, Abel Smith, Cornelius I. Bogart, Conveyancer and Scrivener. Proved, May 8, 1780.

Page 255.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN HINCHMAN, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts and funeral charges. I leave to my wife Hannah all household furniture and beds and goods which I had in consequence of my marrying her; Also £39, being so much as I received last spring from the executors of her father by his will. My executors are to sell all lands and tenements and put the money at interest for bringing up my children. All the rest of my estate I leave to my children, Cornelius, Benjamin, and William Cebra. I make my friends, Daniel Ludlam, Daniel Tuthill, and Daniel Smith, Jr., executors."

Dated March 13, 1778. Witnesses, Isaac Ryckman, William Ludlam, Robert Hinchman. Proved, May 10, 1780.

Page 257.—"I, RICHARD CORNELL, of Rockaway, in the town of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak. My executors may sell property to pay debts. I leave all my estate to my wife Deborah and my children, Richard, Benjamin, Margaret, wife of

Peter Smith, Hannah, and Mary. And they are to give my daughter Phebe a good maintainance during her life. I make my son Benjamin, and my son-in-law, Peter Smith, and my cousin, Cornelius Van Wyck, executors."

Dated July 15, 1777. Witnesses, Stephen Mott, William Van Wyck, Quaker, Theodorus Van Wyck, Quaker. Proved, October 1, 1778.

Page 259.—"This 5 day of April, 1777. I, MICHAEL RODGERS, of Hempstead, in Queens County. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife the use of all my estate until my youngest daughter is of age, and then my executors are to divide all between my wife and children, James, Elizabeth, and Anne. I make my wife Mary and my friends, Dr. Benjamin Tredwell and Thomas Townsend, executors."

Witnesses, Samuel Way, Benjamin Tredwell, William Brickle. Proved, June 5, 1777.

Page 260.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID DEVORE, of the Out Ward of New York, tavern keeper. My executors are to sell all personal property and pay all debts. I leave to my wife Maritie £25 yearly, as heretofore settled upon her by a Deed of Separation, March 17, 1768, which I confirm. I leave to Mrs. Ann Hardman £25 yearly during her life, provided she lives single and unmarried, but in case she marries after my decease, then I leave the said annual sum to my daughter, Ann Devore, by the said Ann Hardman. Of all the rest of my estate I leave to my daughter, Ann Devore. If she dies, then to Mrs. Catharine Turnbull, daughter of Cornelius Clopper, of New York, one-fourth, and the rest to John Hicks, son of Hon. Whitehead Hicks, and to the children of Thomas Walker, and the children of my sister, Jane Burger, viz., David, Ann, Nicholas, and Elizabeth. I make Whitehead Hicks, Cornelius Clopper, Samuel Brownjohn, executors."

Dated May 30, 1780. Witnesses, Terrence Kerin, Richard Stanton, Francis Staple. Proved, June 12, 1780.

Page 263.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 16, 1776. I, THOMAS IRELAND, of Hempstead Harbor, in Queens County, being sick in body. My executors are to sell personal estate. I leave to my wife Phebe a feather bed and bedding. Whereas there has been a division of sundry things between my two daughters, Ann and Martha, they are to have them. I leave to my wife the use of all my estate for 14 years to bring up my sons, Samuel and Benjamin, and the child with which she is now supposed to be pregnant. Then my executors are to sell all the estate. I leave to my wife £110, and the rest to my sons, John, Thomas, Daniel, Samuel, and Benjamin, and the child my wife is pregnant with. I make my friends, Timothy Smith, William Valentine, and Hendrick Onderdonk, executors."

Witnesses, Benjamin Kirby, Caleb Kirby, William Fowler. Proved, May 11, 1780.

Page 265.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 20, 1776. I, TISE LAAN, of Oyster bay, in Queens County, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Martha £200, and my best bed, and all linnen, and looking glass, table, and all pewter, six chairs, my best horse, iron pot and kettle. If any of the £200 is left after her death, I give it to my daughter Katharine Van Wyck's eldest child. I leave to my daughter, Katharine Van Wyck, all the rest. I make John Hewlet, Jr., John Monfort, and Eldred Van Wyck, executors."

Witnesses, Simeon Striker, Margaret Boerum, Nathaniel Whitsen. Proved, April 25, 1780.

Page 267.—"I, WILLIAM WALTERS, of Cold Spring, in Oyster bay, in Queens County, yeoman, this 15 day

of March, 1771, having my understanding good, my memory quick, and being far advanced in years, and not knowing that I may subsist long in this life. Executors are to sell my houses and lands in convenient time. I leave to my wife Mary the use of all my houses and lands during her widowhood, or until sold. I leave to my wife a good bed and her choice of my cows. If my executors find it beneficial for my family to live some years on my farm, they may do so, with all the personal estate, to carry on farming and house-keeping. My wife to have the use of a horse. If my lands are sold, my executors are to retain so much money as will make £¹⁰⁰ interest for my wife yearly. Whereas my son Simson has built a stone weaving shop upon my land, near my house, at his own proper cost, my executors are to allow him £10 when the land is sold. After the sale of my lands, I leave to my son William £25. To my sons, John, Simeon, Thomas, and Samuel, £20 each. To my daughters, Mary and Martha, £20 each, it being in lieu of what I have given to my eldest daughter, Gretia, to make them all equal. I leave to my three grandchildren, the children of my daughter Gretia which she had by her first husband, Solomon Weeks, viz., Rachel, Isaac, and Solomon Weekes, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the money. To each of my children $\frac{1}{4}$. I make my wife and Mattice Lain and Joseph Townsend, executors."

Witnesses, John Boerum, Jean Boerum, Samuel Willis, Quaker. Proved, March 25, 1780.

Page 269.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, JOSHUA COCK, of Buckram, in the town of Oyster Bay, in Queens County on Nassau Island, yeoman, being this 28 day of the 7 month, called July, 1777, very sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my sister, Sarah Cock, the use of my houses and lands where I now live at Buckram, and the land I bought of John Mott, during her life, and then to my cousin, Stephen Loins, son of Penelope Hawxhurst, wife of John

Hawxhurst, and to the heirs of the said Stephen Loins, so called. I also leave him all my meadow and land that I have at Oak Neck; Also the $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the creek thatch in Simson's creek; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my stock of cattle, and my desk and riding chair and my watch. I leave to my two kinsmen, Samuel Cock and Charles Cock, each $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my land lying south of the road that leads from Oyster bay to Mosketto cove, and nearly adjoining to the south side of their own lands. And they are to pay to my brother, Robert Cock, £100 each. And they are to pay to Penelope Hawxhurst £20. I leave to my cousin, Charles Cock, $\frac{1}{2}$ of Simsons creek, in Matinecock Purchase. I leave to Joshua Titus, son of James Titus, of Westbury, £30 when of age. I leave to Hannah, wife of Joseph Coles, £20, at discretion of my executors. I leave to my cousin [niece], Elizabeth Cock, £100, she being the daughter of my brother, Josiah Cock, deceased. I also leave her a feather bed. I leave to the Poor of the monthly meeting at Westbury £50, and to the Poor of the monthly meeting at Harrisons Purchase, on the main Shore, £50. I leave to the children of my sister, Martha Frost, £300, to be divided in such a manner her sons to have twice as much as the daughter [not named]. I leave to the children of my brother, Josiah Cock, £300. To my sister Mary, wife of Isaac Frost, £300. To my brother Robert one cow. All the remainder of my personal estate I would have my relations of my brother Samuel Cock's family share equally. I make my loving cousins, Samuel Cock, Clark Cock, and Stephen Loins, executors. I leave to my cousin, Stephen Loins, £150."

Witnesses, Thomas Underhill, Jacob Bowne, James Titus, Samuel Willis (all Quakers). Proved, April 3, 1778.

Page 272.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ALEXANDER MEHARG, of Newtown, in Queens County, being sick. I leave to my four brothers and one sister, John,

James, Thomas, Robert, and Margaret Hood, all my personal estate. I make William Howard, of Newtown, and my brother Thomas, executors."

Dated March 5, 1778. Witnesses, John J. Waters, watchmaker, Nathaniel Hunt, Peter Fitzsimons. Proved, April 18, 1780.

Page 273.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 14, 1779. I, HENRY BUTLER, of Richmond County, farmer, being very low in health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Henry, my brown colt, saddle, and bridle. To my son James my bay colt. To my wife Beleyta the use of all my estate so long as she remains my widow, she making no waste, and giving my younger children proper education. If she marries, I leave her a bed and furniture, a horse and chair and £100. After her death or marriage, all to be sold by executors. I leave to my son Henry £100. To my son John £100. To my son Nathaniel £100. The remainder I leave to all my children, Henry, James, Nathaniel, Frances, and Sarah. I make my wife and my son Henry and my friend, Henry Perine, executors."

Witnesses, Joshua Mersereau, Abraham Cole, Jr., Thomas Butler. Proved, May 4, 1780.

Page 275.—"I, SAMUEL UNDERHILL, of Rye Neck, in the County of Westchester. My negro man William and my negro woman Jane and their children are to be free. I leave to my eldest son, Joseph, £5 as a bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave for the support of my negroes £50. I leave to my wife Ann all the rest, with power to sell, and she is to have the use of the proceeds while she remains my widow. If she marries, she is to have £50, and she is to give the rest to my children and grandchildren, as she shall see meet. I make my wife and my son Samuel and my son-in-law, James Mott, of New York, executors."

Dated the 16 day of the second month, called Febru-

ary, 1776. Witnesses, George Embree, Quaker, William Gray, Nathaniel Palmer. Proved, June 8, 1780.

Page 277.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MARSCHALK, of New York, but now of New Brunswick, in New Jersey, January 22, 1777. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son, Samuel F. Marschalk, £5 Proclamation money. To my wife Christian all the rest, real and personal."

Witnesses, Thomas Farmer, Philip French, Jr., John Sebring. Proved, August 4, 1778.

Page 278.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM MANY, of Richmond County, being very weak. After paying all debts, the rest of estate to be sold by executors at public vendue. I leave to my four grandchildren, the children of my son Abraham, deceased, viz., Abraham, Richard, John, and Isaac, $\frac{1}{4}$ of all my estate. To my son John $\frac{1}{4}$. To my five daughters, Ann, Mary, Catharine, wife of John Gould, Rachel, wife of Henry Johnson, and Sarah, wife of Joseph Spragg, $\frac{1}{4}$. The part of my son John is to be put out by my executors for his support and that of his daughter Elizabeth. The part of my daughter Sarah is also to be in the hands of my executors. I make my friends, Paul Micheau, John Micheau, John Journey, executors."

Dated August 29, 1777. Proved, March 11, 1780.

Page 280.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELEANOR BURGER, widow of Daniel Burger, late of New York, carman, September 17, 1777. Whereas my husband, Daniel Burger, by his will, left me all his certain dwelling house in which I live, with buildings and lot, in Frankfort street, with full power to dispose of the same. And whereas my daughter Elizabeth, widow of John Woodward, mariner, has lived with me and been extremely kind during my widowhood. I leave her the said house. I leave to my eldest son, Daniel Burger, £1 4s. current money of New York. To my

other son, Gerardus, £1. All the rest to the said Elizabeth Woodward, and I make her executor."

Witnesses, Thomas Crow, Lochlin Mackinon, John Kelly. Proved, June 12, 1780.

Page 282.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MILLS, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being in good health. I leave to my grandson, John Mills, son of my son Daniel, a certain lot of salt meadow lying at a place called the further East Neck, in Jamaica, commonly called a five-acre lot. I leave to my son William six shillings. To my son John my Bible and a Book called the 'Practice of Piety.' I leave to my son John and my grandson Daniel all my wearing clothes. To my granddaughter, Mary Mills, daughter of my son Daniel, my bed whereon I lodge. The rest of my movable estate I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ to my daughter Charity, $\frac{1}{4}$ to my daughter Elizabeth and my grandson, Thomas Hegeman, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to my son John and his children, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to the children of my son Daniel. I make my son John, and my friend and neighbor, Ephraim Balis [Baylis], and Nathaniel Box, executors."

Dated April 29, 1777. Witnesses, Isaac Baylis, Jacob Stevens, Deborah Box. "I leave to my daughter-in-law, Mary Mills, widow of my son Daniel, a new mourning gown to the value of 30 shillings. I leave to my grandson, Daniel Mills, the right I now have in the Burying Ground and the Pall now belonging to Springfield." Proved, April 7, 1780.

Page 284.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH DURLAN, of Jamaica, in Queens County, on Nassau Island, widow. My executors to pay all funeral and other expenses. I leave to my cousin, William Pettit, the use of all my lands and meadows until Eische, the daughter of Elizabeth Remsen, is 21. I also give him my wagon and mare. I leave to Eische Remsen, when 21, all my real estate, to be divided between her and her sister Elizabeth, and they are to

pay to William Pettit £50. I leave to John Remsen £10. To his sister Antye £10, and all the rest to Eische and Elizabeth Remsen. I make Dowe Ditmas, Jr., and Garret Durlan, executors."

Dated January 2, 1777. Witnesses, Elizabeth Pettit, John Pettit, William Hawley. Proved, July 9, 1777.

Page 286.—"In the year of our Lord Christ 1774, the 31 day of March. I, JEREMIAH DODGE, of Cow Neck, in Queens County, do make this my last Will. All debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my wife Elizabeth my best bed and furniture in my house, and all her wearing apparell, and all effects she had from her brother Robert Sutton's estate, and one-half of my movable estate upon condition that she stands to the will. I leave to my daughter, Phebe Underhill, $\frac{1}{2}$ of my movable estate, on condition that Samuel Underhill first pays to my estate £5 which he oweth to me. And that £5 is to be paid to my grandson, Stephen Sands, when of age. I leave the rest of my movable estate to my daughter, Mary Davenport, to be kept by my executors and paid to her as they think she wants. My farm is to be sold by my executors. My three sons, Jeremiah, William, and Robert, are to pay to their mother £3 each yearly. I leave to my son Jeremiah my wearing apparell and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the money from the sale of my farm. And he is to pay the bonds I am bound for him. My son Jeremiah is to have 20 shillings for his heirship. I leave to my son William $\frac{1}{4}$ of the money from sale of farm, and he is to pay to the rest of his brothers £2 10s. for value he has received. I leave to my son Robert $\frac{1}{4}$. I make my trusty friends, Thomas Dodge, Petrus Onderdonk, and Adam Mott, Jr., executors."

Witnesses, Obadiah De Milt, Quaker, Joris Rapalye, William Salt. Proved, May 11, 1780.

Page 288.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS TOWNSEND, of Hempstead, in Queens County,

being this 21 day of the 10 month, called October, 1779, very weak and sick. I leave to my wife my Riding chair and horse, and two beds with their furniture, and £300, and she is to live in my house so long as she remains my widow. And she is to have the use of all my lands to bring up my children till my youngest son is of age. Any surplus of movable estate to my sons, William, Gervise, John, and Obadiah. And whereas I have given to my daughter Anne £170, she is to have £80 more in some reasonable time. I leave to my daughters, Pamela, Phebe, Sarah, and Mary, £250 when of age. All the rest I leave to my sons, William, Gervise, John, and Obadiah, when of age. My executors are to give my children a suitable share of learning at their discretion, and to give my sons trades. And whereas I am now in possession of some Negroes, and taking the matter under solid consideration, being our fellow Creatures, do feel a freedom in my mind to set them fully at liberty, believing it to be consistent with the will of kind Providence, who hath created all Nations with one blood. And I do set them free, being two negroes and three children. I make my wife, my son William, and my brother-in-law, Samuel Titus, and my brother-in-law, William Loines, executors."

Witnesses, Robert Titus, Mary Post, Henry Post, Quakers. "I leave to my son Gervise a horse, saddle, and bridle." Proved, February 11, 1780.

Page 290.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT COE, of Newtown, in Queens County, miller, January 30, 1777. I leave to my wife Mary the bed I now lie on and £16 a year during her widowhood. My executors may sell all my estate. I leave to my son Robert £150 more than my daughters, and to my son John £150 more than my daughters. I leave to my son John the place I bought of him for £610. If he refuses, it is to be sold. I leave to my son Elnathan £20 a year for his birthright. I leave to my son

James £200 more than my daughters. I leave to my four daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah, Susanah, and Phebe, all my bedding. I leave to the children of my daughter Mary the same money she would have had. My five daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah, Susanah, Phebe, and Alletta, are to have an equal share with their brothers, except as above stated. I make William Furman, Sr., and William Howard, executors."

Witnesses, James Harper, Benjamin Moore, Abigail Furman. Proved, April 17, 1777.

Page 292.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW MARSCHALK, of New York, baker. I leave to my son Francis £5 in consideration of his being my eldest son. I leave to my daughter Nelly £25 on account of a Disorder which she hath in her Eyes. I leave to my son Andrew £25 on account of his being afflicted with a Rupture; to my son Francis £25. I leave to my wife Ann the use of all my estate, real and personal, for life, and then to my six children, Francis, Andrew, Abel, Nelly, Jane, and Ann Burrows, widow of Samuel Burrows. My executors may sell estate if desirable. I make my wife and my friends, John Hardenbroek, Abel Hardenbroek, and Nicholas Bayard, executors."

Dated December 17, 1779. Witnesses, Anthony Lispenard, Gent., Samuel McDonald, clerk to Anthony Lispenard, Joseph Kelm. Proved, July 10, 1780.

Page 294.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS NORTH, of Newtown, in Queens County, being sick, October 24, 1778. All debts to be paid. I leave to my nephew, Daniel North, £10. To my sisters, Rebeckah North, Charity Hardenbergh, and Abigail Hunt, all the rest of my estate. If my personal property is not enough to pay debts, my executors may sell a certain tract of land, being 34 acres, with the dwelling house that I bought of my brother, Daniel North. I make John Hardenbergh and Jeremiah Remsen, executors."

Witnesses, James Harper, Keziah Morrell, Margaret North. Proved, November 9, 1778.

Page 295.—“In the name of God, Amen, March 22, 1779. I, ABRAHAM FURMAN, of Hempstead, in Queens County, farmer, being very sick. I leave to my four sons, Zebulon, Daniel, Abraham, and William, all my lands, to be divided after all my children are brought up. My executors are to sell all movable estate, except the grain on the ground, and after the children are brought up the proceeds to be divided among all my children, Zebulon, Daniel, Abraham, William, Phebe, Sarah, Teshie, and Hannah. I bequeath all my wife's wearing apparell to my four daughters. I leave to my son William a Piece of Cloth that is dield at the mill.” Son Zebulon Furman and John Van Nostrand, executors.

Witnesses, David Sammis, William Ellsworth, John Van Nostrand. Proved, May 20, 1780.

Page 298.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS JANN, Commander of the Privateer Lord Howe, now lying in the Port of New York. I leave to my son Thomas all my estate, real and personal. I make John Ackley, of New York, cabinetmaker, and Captain Henry Law, executors.”

Dated September 2, 1778. Witnesses, John C. Knapp, John Ackley. Proved, July 31, 1780. The executors refused to serve, and Letters of Administration were granted to the widow, Mary Jann.

Page 299.—“I do hereby bequeath to Miss Magdalena Duryee, daughter of Mr. Jacob Duryee, of New York, the following sums of money, viz., £40 in the hands of Mr. John Monier, £21 sterling in the hands of Peter Thilluson & Co., merchants in London, £42 in the hands of John Francis Kelm, in London, at Messrs. Ed. and R. Payne. If I should die in the next ensuing campaign, no subsequent writing appearing, this may stand.”

JOHN C. SENDER, New York.

March 4, 1779. Proved, July 31, 1780, upon oath of John Monier, Clerk in the Commissary General's De-

partment, as to handwriting, etc. There being no executors, Letters of Administration are granted to Jacob Duryea, baker, “next heir to John C. Senger.”

Page 300.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MOFFITT, of New York, bricklayer, being in good health. I leave to my affectionate wife, Charlotte Moffitt, during so long a time as she remains my widow, the use and income of all my estate, real and personal, and thereout to bring up, maintain, support, and educate our two children, and such other as she is now pregnant with, and all others I may leave at the time of my decease. If she shall marry again, I leave her £10 in full bar to her right of dower. I leave to my son John £10, in full bar of any pretence he may or can make to my real estate as being my only son and heir at law. All the rest I leave to my two children, John and Frances. I make my wife, and my brother-in-law, John Amar [Aymar], and my friend, Augustus Van Cortlandt, executors.”

Dated May 18, 1772. Witnesses, Cornelius Marschalk, James Ross, Jr., Thomas Wendover, Jr. Proved, August 7, 1780, upon oath of John Cozine as to handwriting, etc.

[NOTE.—In cases like the above, which are sometimes found, it seems as if the witnesses had left the city on account of the Revolution, and their testimony was not available.—W. S. P.]

Page 302.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW LUCAM, of New York, butcher, being sick. I leave to my granddaughter Mary, lawfully begotten daughter of my son, John Lucam, £20, to be put at interest until she is 18. I leave to my wife Mary the house I now live in, which I hold by lease from the city of New York, with all the furniture of my best room. After her death or marriage, all to be sold and the money paid to my sons, George and John. All my personal effects I leave to my granddaughter, Mary

Lucam. I make my wife, and my son George, and Mr. Richard Marsh, executors."

Dated May 20, 1780. Witnesses, Peter Grim, taylor, Christian Bollmier, baker, David Grim. Proved, July 31, 1780.

Page 304.—"On the 29 day of August, 1777. I, JOHN FOSTER, SR., of Hempstead, in Queens County, yeoman, do make this my last will and Testament. First I do give and bequeath unto Lettishshe [Letitia] Larrance [Lawrence], of Hempstead, all my whole estate, real and personal. I make Samuel Mott and John Mott, both of Rockaway, executors."

Witnesses, Jacob Hicks, Walter Skidmore, Stephen Mott. Proved, June 28, 1778.

Page 305.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 21, 1780. I, LIDIA JOHNSON, widow of William Johnson, being in my common health. My executors are to sell all my estate and divide the proceeds among my children, Henry, Nathaniel, Ephraim, William, James, Abraham, Phebe, Abigail, and Ann. Reckoning to my son Henry £30 already advanced to him. I make my son Ephraim and my friend, Paul Micheau, executors."

Witnesses, Benjamin Seaman, John Mance, weaver, Isaac Doty. Proved, August 7, 1780.

Page 307.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PAUL MILLER, ESQ., of New Brunswick, New Jersey, being in good health, November 26, 1770. I leave to my wife Mary the use of my house where I now live, for which I have a lease for about forty years to come, to her for life, and then to my sons, Thomas, Paul, and Christopher. I make my sons executors."

Witnesses, Philip French, Jr., Elisha Boudinot. Proved, August 14, 1780, upon oath of Samuel Kemble as to handwriting of witnesses. The executors resigned, and Letters of Administration granted to Francis Groome, of New York, shopkeeper.

Page 308.—"These Presents Witnesseth that I, WALTER FRANKLIN, now residing at my Place at Newtown, in Queens County, on Long Island, being this 21 day of the 2nd month, called February, in the year 1778, in health of Body. I direct all debts and funeral charges to be paid. And whereas the titles to some lands, lying between me and my brother, Samuel Franklin, and some others, may lay with me at the time of my decease, as may appear by mine and Samuel Franklin's books. I order that the right owners have quit claim deeds, or the lands to be sold and the money divided. I leave to my wife, Mary Franklin, the lot of land which I bought of Anthony Shackerley, with the additions as it stands in fence, with the house I have built thereon, wherein Major Holland now lives, with all the appurtenances; Also the use of my farm and house at Newtown where I now reside, and which I purchased of William Sackett, deceased. With two small pieces of out woodland and one of salt meadow; Also the use of the house, stable, ground, and garden in New York, where I reside when in Town, so long as she remains my widow. I also leave her 5,000 Spanish Milled Dollars, or money of the same value, $\frac{1}{2}$ to be paid in three months, and $\frac{1}{2}$ in three years. I also leave her my best chair and two horses, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of household goods, plate, and kitchen furniture, and the use of the other half until our daughter, Maria Franklin, is 18. I also leave to my wife 300 Spanish Milled Dollars yearly so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my dear daughter Maria my house and lot which I bought of Christian Hartell, and now hired to Henry Franklin, with all the appurtenances. I also leave to her all my land in the Provincial Officers Patent, so called, above Albany, with all the appurtenances; Also my house and farm at Newtown, with two pieces of out woodland and one piece of salt meadow, which I purchased of William Sackett, deceased, subject to my wife's use; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of my plate and household furniture when she is 18. If

she should die, then to my younger daughter, Sarah, and if both die, then to my wife. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Franklin, when she is 21, my house in Chapel Street, which I purchased of the executors of Albert Nostrunt [Nostrand], with the lot and two houses which I built on the back end of the same lot joining to Ann street, or Scotch street, so called; Also the lot joining on Queen street and Rutgers street, nearly opposite to John Woods, with the two houses on Queen street and two down the hill on Rutgers street. All of which houses I built, and I bought the said lot of land from John Alsop. I also leave her 750 acres of land in the Oblong, being lot 72, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 70. I leave to my said two daughters each 10,000 Spanish Milled Dollars, or money equivalent, to be put at interest for them. I make my father-in-law, Daniel Bowne, and my brothers, John and Samuel, Guardians of my two daughters. And they are to be careful to give them good learning, and to have them brought up under their mother in a Plain, genteel manner, among Friends, the expense of which, with their board, clothing, and necessary Pocket money (in which I desire they may not be too much scant), to be taken from the rents of the houses and interest on money. And I give £100 to each guardian, in lieu of Commissions. Whereas it may so happen that my dear wife, Mary Franklin, may be with child at the time of my decease, and I may omit to make another will, I therefore give to my executors my large house and lot of land where I now reside in New York, and the old Mansion House next door, that was Benson's, and the three houses on Queen street, built on said lot of land which I bought of Robert Benson. I also give them £4,000, New York Currency, In Trust for the sole purpose and use of such child as my wife may be with child with, and the same, with all the income, to be given to said child. But if said child should die, then to revert to my estate. As the Distress of Times is now very great by wars in the land, whereby great

Destruction is made, by which and the sinking of money it may happen that I may not leave sufficient to pay more than what I have already bequeathed. The legacies to my wife and daughters are first to be paid, and the following are left on condition. I leave to the seven children of my brother, John Franklin, viz., Sarah, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, Anthony, Rebecca, and Walter, and to the four children of my brother, Thomas Franklin, viz., Nancy, Benjamin, Walter, and Samuel, and to the three children of my brother, Samuel Franklin, viz., Samuel, Abraham, and John, and to my sister Sarah Corsa's daughter, Mary Corsa, and to my sister Mary Wistar's four children, Thomas, Catharine, Sarah, and Mary Wistar, each £300, New York Currency, when they are of age. I leave to my cousin, Sarah Embree, and my cousin, Hannah Hawxhurst, each £50. To my cousin, Mary Pearsall, daughter of Nathaniel Pearsall, deceased, £100. To my cousin, James Hawxhurst, who lives with me, £200 when he is 21. As my brother, James Franklin, is married, and not likely to have any children, and has sufficient to maintain himself, I give him £50, to be deducted from what he owes me. But if he has any children, born in lawful wedlock, within twelve years, I leave him £300. Of all the rest of my estate, I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ to be put out at interest for my sister, Sarah Corsa, during her life, and then to her daughter Mary, $\frac{1}{2}$ for the use of my sister, Mary Wistar, for life, and then to her four children, $\frac{1}{4}$ to my wife Mary, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to each of my daughters. I leave to my wife all my remaining part of lot 30 in the Oblong, supposed to be about 350 acres, with the houses thereon. I make my wife, and my brothers, John, Thomas, and Samuel, executors, but if they owe me any money they are not to be cleared from the same."

Witnesses, Joseph Stringham, grocer, James Bennett, brassfounder, Ann Stringham. Proved, August 22, 1780. The witnesses were all Quakers. Confirmed

by Governor James Robertson, at Fort George, in New York, August 22, 1780.

[NOTE.—Walter Franklin was one of the wealthiest Quaker merchants in New York. He married Mary, daughter of Daniel Bowne. Their daughter Maria married Governor De Witt Clinton. Sarah married John L. Norton. The expected child was born and named Hannah. She married George Clinton, a younger brother of De Witt Clinton. The house of Walter Franklin was an elegant mansion on the corner of Cherry street and Franklin Square, or Pearl street. He purchased a large lot on this corner from the heirs of Robert Benson in 1762, and his "old mansion," alluded to in the will, stood back of the residence of Walter Franklin and fronted on Pearl street. When General Washington was President he lived for a time in the Franklin house, then one of the finest residences in the city. It remained until 1856, when it was torn down by the heirs of Hannah Clinton, and stores built in its place. They were not successful, and were sold under foreclosure in 1862, and passed out of the family. The upper stories of the stores were removed when the Brooklyn Bridge was built. The lot "bought of Anthony Shackerly" is on the north side of Cherry street, next east of the Franklin house. The "house and lot bought of Christian Hartell" are now Nos. 271-273 Pearl street, part of the Harpers' publishing building. The houses and lots bought of John Alsop on "Queen street and Rutgers street" are now the east corner of Pearl and Oak streets. A part of the property of Walter Franklin was a wide lot on Pearl street, about half-way between Cherry and Oak streets. He sold this to the Quaker Society, October, 1774, and upon it the Pearl Street Quaker Meeting House was built, and also a school. This lot is now No. 368-376 Pearl street. "Chapel street" is Beekman street. It derived the popular name of "Chapel street" from St. George's Chapel, which was built there. "Scotch street" was a popular name

for Ann street. The lots on "the Oblong" are the extreme eastern part of Dutchess county. The house and farm at Newtown, left to the daughter Maria, was for many years the country seat of her and her husband, Governor De Witt Clinton. After their death it was sold under a partition suit. In 1842 it was purchased by David S. Jones, who married Mary, daughter of De Witt Clinton. He took the deed in his wife's name, and thus it came back to the Clintons. After the death of Mr. Jones it was sold by his widow. The house is still standing at Maspeth, but greatly dilapidated and fallen from its high estate. Walter Franklin died June 8, 1780. He was the son of Thomas Franklin, who married, at Friends Meeting House, in Westbury, 25th of 1st month, 1703, Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Pearsall. They had sons, John, Walter, Thomas, and Samuel. Mary Franklin, widow of Walter Franklin, married Hon. Samuel Osgood, May 24, 1786.—W. S. P.]

Page 314.—"New York, June 29, 1780. Sir: Having appointed you by a Letter of Attorney to act for me in my absence, and as Human events are uncertain. I herewith acquaint you with my sentiments how I would have my effects disposed of in case of my death. I have requested George Gregory Townsend, Esq., to act for me at Carolina to dispose of my effects, and transmit to you. I leave to John Menze, for his son John, of whom I am Godfather, £100. To my Godson, George Tryon Orchard, son of Joseph Orchard, £100. To the Charity School in New York £100. To the Poor in the Workhouse in New York £100. To Mr. Peter Paumier £50. To Mr. John McKenny £100 for his trouble on my account. All the rest to Peter Paumier, Esq. I am, with my best wishes for your Health and Happiness, Sir, Your Obedient Humble Servant. GEORGE GOSLING."

To Mr. John McKenny.

Proved as a will, August 26, 1780, on oath of Daniel

Dunscomb, grocer, and Jamieson Cox, innkeeper, as to handwriting, etc. John McKenny was made executor.

Page 316.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL BOYD, of New York, captain of a vessell, being weak and sick of body, this August 2, 1780. I leave to my nephew, Robert Mills, of New York, all my wearing apparell of what denomination soever. I leave to my daughter-in-law [*step-daughter?*], Margaret Dallis, £300, with this proviso, that if my executors should be obliged to pay for my said daughter, as is pretended, a year's board to John Pugsley, it is to be deducted. I leave to Samuel Franklin a large case of bottles, twelve bottles in number. I leave to Captain Alexander White, of New York, my sword and a desk, both now in his house. All the rest I leave to my nephew, Robert Mills, and to the children of my brother, Hugh Boyd, late of Philadelphia, deceased; his daughters are to have half a share.” Mentions, “My nephew, Robert Mills' mother, Jane Garlin, now wife of Mr. Garlin.” “I make Robert Mills and Samuel Franklin, executors.”

Witnesses, Elizabeth Wells, Elizabeth White, Frederick John. Proved, September 4, 1780.

Page 317.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS BARTON, Rector of St. James Church, in the Borough of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Missionary from the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the churches in Pequa, Carnarvon, being at present from home and finding myself disordered and infirm, this February 14, 1780. I leave to my executors all my estate in trust to sell all lands except my rights in two pieces. One a tract of 200,000 acres on the River St. John, in Nova Scotia, of which I am a joint Patentee. The other a tract of 16,000 acres surveyed for me by William Thompson, Esq., now Brigadier General Thompson, near the waters of Cantucky [Kentucky], emptying into the river Ohio, which survey

was made in 1763. My executors are to divide these among my children, reserving for my wife Sarah her dower. I leave to my wife all my furniture, and after her death to my daughter Juliana. I leave to my wife full interest of £1,000, lawful money of Pennsylvania as the same was valued in 1773. My youngest sons are to be put to trades. After the death of my wife, all my estate to my children, William, Esther, wife of Paul Zantzinger, Juliana, and Thomas. I leave to Mary Thornburgh, for her faithful attachment to my family, 16 Spanish Milled Dollars. My books and pictures I leave to my children. If any of my sons should take orders in the Church of England, he is to have my books suitable for a Divine, and my Gown, Cassock, and manuscripts. Whereas I sold a large part of my estate to my son-in-law, Paul Zantzinger, on bond, the same is to be paid. I make my wife Sarah, my son William, my brothers-in-law, John Abraham De Normandie and David Rittenhouse, executors, and I make my friends, Thomas Douglas, James Clemson, James Old, James Kiemer, Gabriel Davis, David Morgan, John Evans, and James Evans, all of Carnarvon, Pennsylvania, Trustees.”

Witnesses, George Rine, miller, Christopher Sower, Jr., printer, Abraham Pastorius. Proved in New York, August 13, 1780.

Page 321.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM WADE, at present belonging to the Privateer cutter called the Retaliation, Henry Leader, commander. After all debts are paid, I leave to my dear and loving friend, Levinah Bates, all goods and effects, and I make her executor.”

Dated June 24, 1779. Witnesses, Phineas Fairbank, Martha Hunt, widow, Margaret Smith, spinster. Proved, September 11, 1780.

Page 323.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID COLE, of Richmond County. I leave to my brother,

Stephen Cole, all my wearing apparell. To my father-in-law, John Marshall, my silver watch. An inventory to be made of all my estate. My son Cornelius is to be maintained and educated out of the money that is left to my wife Rebecca by her father, John Androvet, deceased. If my son Cornelius should live to be 21, he is to have half the estate and my wife the other half. If he dies under age, then all to my wife. But the money left to me by my father, Abraham Cole, is to go to my sister, Mary Lackman, and David, son of Jacob Cole, and David, son of Henry Perine. I make Cornelius Cole and Henry Perine, executors."

Dated April 25, 1780. Witnesses, Philip Bowne, Obadiah Bowne, John Marshall. Proved, September 7, 1780.

Page 324.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PATRICK DOYLE, of New York. I leave to my honored father, Lawrence Doyle, of County Tyrone, Ireland, sixty guineas, now in the hands of Peter Arthurs, at Brooklyn, in the Engineer Department, and all my worldly substance, particularly some plank now on board the Sloop Chance, the property of John Dickinson, whom I make executor. And he is to send my estate to my father, or, if he be dead, to my brother Michael."

Dated September 9, 1780. Witnesses, David Melville, innkeeper, Samuel Jones, Francis Jones. Proved, September 18, 1780.

Page 325.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER WALDRON, of New York, cartman. All debts to be paid. I leave to my sister's son, William Sutherland, my silver sleeve buttons, stone sleeve buttons, and broach. I leave to my brother's son, Thomas Waldron, my silver knee buckles, stock buckles, and sleeve buttons. All the rest to my wife Annettie. I make my wife, and my father, Johannes Waldron, and my brother, Albert Waldron, executors."

Dated September 6, 1780. Witnesses, Peter Vonck,

taylor, Samuel Benson Waldron, Abraham Gouverneur. Proved, September 25, 1780.

Page 327. "In the name of God, Amen, September 14, 1774. I, JAMES HAINS, of the township of Rye, Westchester County, being advanced in years. I make my wife Mary and my sons, John, Bartholemew, and Elijah, executors. I leave to my wife a horse and riding chair, and a feather bed, and furniture for the same, and the use of $\frac{1}{3}$ of all houses and lands, as her right of dower, and not as a legacy; Also all provision laid up for family use. My executors are to sell all the rest of houses and lands and movable estate in twelve months, and pay all debts. I leave to my eldest son, John, £10, in bar to all claims as heir at law. I leave to Elizabeth, daughter of Hannah Kelly, £25 when 18. I leave to my sons, John, Bartholemew, Elijah, James, Thomas, and Nicholas, and to my daughters, Anne, Mary, Amy, Margaret, Esther, and Helena, all the rest of my estate. Each of my sons is to have twice as much as my daughters, and to be paid when of age. My wife is to have the use of the money to support the children."

Witnesses, Thomas Theall, Josiah Burrell, Gilbert Bloomer.

Codicil. I having given to my sons, John and Elijah, each £200, they are to have no part of my estate until each of the others has had as much.

Dated May 16, 1776. Witnesses, Ebenezer Haviland, Samuel Tredwell, Gilbert Bloomer.

Codicil. Revokes the legacy of £25 left to Elizabeth, daughter of Hannah Kelly.

September 27, 1779. Witnesses, Timothy Wetmore, Mary Ann Hubbs. Proved, September 25, 1780.

Page 330.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MERCY HONEYWELL, of the Borroughstown of Westchester, widow, being sick. I leave to my eldest son, Gilbert, my Great Bible. To my daughter, Elizabeth Wright, one piece of furniture check and two china bowls, and

my brass-headed shovel and tongs, and a negro girl 'Tempe,' who is to serve until 19 years old and then to be free. I leave to my daughter, Mary Pell, a calico bed quilt and chest of drawers, mahogany dining table and a negro girl. I leave to my son James my bald mare and a bed with blue and white calico curtains. I leave to my two said daughters all my beds, linnen, and wearing apparell, except such things as I have given to my sister, Elizabeth Pugsley. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth my best tea table. My negro man Prince and my negro woman Sill and her child to be free. All the rest of my estate is to be put into the hands of my son-in-law, Gilbert Pell, and after he has paid the legacy of £300 due to his wife by the will of my late husband, he is to use the rest to educate and maintain my son James until he is 21. None of my slaves that may fall to my son James are to be sold until he is of age. I leave to my daughter, Elizabeth Wright, my brass head hand irons. I make my son-in-law, Gilbert Pell, and Theophilus Bartow, executors."

Dated August 28, 1780. Witnesses, Stephen Baxter, Daniel White, Thomas Humphrey. Proved, September 25, 1780.

Page 332.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 11 1775. I DAVID GREGG, of New York, innholder. I leave to my wife Jane the house and lot where I now live; also all household goods, and all the rest of my estate. I leave to my brother, Robert Gregg, five shillings, and I leave to the sons of my brothers-in-law, Benjamin Chesner, Jeremiah Smith, James Cunningham, John Campbell, James Bryson, and Alexander Rudderford, each five shillings. I make my wife, executrix."

Witnesses, Thomas Stevenson, Jean Sloan, Abraham Ferdon. Proved, September 25, 1780, upon affirmation of William Coleman Fisher, Quaker, and Robert Pellitte, mariner, as to handwriting, etc.

Page 333.—"I, FRANCIS HUTCHESON, Captain in the 60 Regiment, do ordain what follows to be my last will. I leave to my sister, Mary Wallace, wife of Captain Magill Wallace, £500. I leave to Jane Ogle, wife of John Ogle, Esq., of Newry, Ireland, £50. I leave to my Godson, Hugh Wallace, son of Alexander Wallace, of New York, a tract of 2,000 acres of land belonging to me in Albany County. I leave to General Haldimand and to my kinsman, Dr. Francis Hutcheson, of Dublin, and Col. William Sheriff, each 25 guineas, as a token of friendship. I leave to Hugh and Alexander Wallace each £50 Sterling to buy rings. All the rest I leave to my wife. I make my wife and Messrs. Hugh and Alexander Wallace, executors."

Dated October 21, 1779. Witnesses, Hugh Cairns, Francis Bayard Winthrop, Robert J. Kemble.

Codicil. I leave to my sister, Mary Wallace, the further sum of £300. I leave to Major Henry Bruen 100 guineas to buy a ring to be wore by him in token of my great esteem for him and in grateful remembrance of the uncommon generosity and friendship he has shown me. I leave to William Bayard, Esq., £100, with thanks for all the trouble I have given him and his family during my long sickness. I leave to my Godson, Hugh Wallace, Jr., my swords, silver-mounted Fuzee, and sash, in expectation that he will wear them with Honor. I leave to my servant, Henry Holliday, ten guineas.

Dated September 16, 1780. Witnesses, Samuel Vetch Bayard, William Bayard, Jr., Catharine Bayard. Proved, September 26, 1780.

Page 335.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DE VOOR, of the Out Ward of New York, yeoman, being sick and weak in body. As for the Burial of my Body, I desire it may be received by Decency, at the discretion of my executors and my dear children, who I doubt not will manage it with Prudence. I leave

to my son John £5; Also 14 acres of land, being part of my tract of land situate in the Out Ward, over against Mannings Island. The 14 acres are adjoining to his bounds, to run with a straight course northwest, front and rear of equal breadth. I leave to my daughter Affee, wife of John Cortright, all the remainder of my tract of land, being 24½ acres, more or less, with the tenements, etc., lying as before mentioned, with the run of water formerly called the saw mill, where the water mill was formerly set. I leave to my daughter Yelantie, widow of Abraham Ackerman, £100 to be paid in twelve months. I also leave her all my household estate in New York. I order that piece of land which is kept for a burial place should be reserved for my children forever, with a right of way to it. The £5 left to my son John is to be paid by my daughter Affee in twelve months, upon lawful demand by him within that time, otherwise not recoverable. I make John Hardenbrook and David Burger, executors."

Dated June 26, 1778. Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gautier, innkeeper, Thomas Belitha, distiller, Isaac Deamater. Proved, October 2, 1780.

Page 337.—[Will of MAJOR JOHN ANDRE.] "The following is my last will and Testament, and I appoint as executors thereto Mary Louisa Andre, my mother, Daniel Andre, my uncle, Andrew Girardet, my uncle, John Lewis Andre, my uncle. To each of the above executors I give Fifty Pounds. I give to Mary Hannah Andre, my sister, Seven hundred Pounds. I give to Ann Margaret Andre, my sister, Seven hundred Pounds. I give to Louisa Katharine Andre, my sister, Seven hundred Pounds. I give to William Lewis Andre, my brother, Seven hundred Pounds. But the conditions on which I give the above mentioned sums to my aforesaid Sister and brother are, that each of them shall pay to Mary Louisa Andre, my mother, the sum of Ten Pounds yearly dur-

ing her life. I give to Walter Ewer, Junior, of Dyers Court, Aldermanbury, One Hundred Pounds. I give to John Ewer, Jr., of Lincolns Inn, One Hundred Pounds. I desire a Ring, value Fifty Pounds, be given to my Friend, Peter Boissier, of the Eleventh Dragoons. I desire that Walter Ewer, Jr., of Dyers Court, Aldermanbury, have the Inspection of my papers, Letters, and Manuscripts. I mean that he have the first inspection of them, with Liberty to destroy or retain whatever he thinks proper, and I desire my Watch to be given to him. And I hereby give and bequeath to my Brother, John Lewis Andre, the residue of all my Effects whatsoever. Witness my Hand and Seal. Staten Island, in the Province of New York, N. America, this 7th of June, 1777.

"JOHN ANDRE,

"Captain in the 26th Regiment of Foot."

N.B.—The Currency alluded to in this Will is Sterling money of Great Britain. I desire nothing more than my wearing apparell be sold by Public Auction.

Proved, October 9, 1780, Upon oath of Henry White and William Seaton, of this city, Esquires, that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of John Andre, formerly Captain in the 26th Regiment, etc.

[NOTE.—Owing to its historical interest, we have copied the will of Major John Andre entire.—W. S. P.]

Page 338.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM STOUT, of New York, cordwainer. I leave to my wife Sarah two houses of the front lot, adjacent to Commissary Winslow's in Water street, No. 1089-1090, with all household goods. I leave to my brothers, David and Seymour Stout, and to my sisters, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Mary Stout, an equal share of two houses adjacent to the above, and £20 more to be given to my sister Rebecca. I make my wife Sarah, executor."

Dated September 29, 1780. Witnesses, James Freeman, Clerk in Adjutant General's Office, Ephraim

Smith, John Brown, Thomas Willis. Proved, October 2, 1780.

Page 339.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM SNEDIKER, of Flatbush, in Kings County, being sick. I leave to my wife Yannettye one of my bedsteads, with all its furniture, and my cupboard, with all my linnen cloth, made up and unmade up. I leave to my son Isaac my dwelling house, lands, and meadows which I have in Flatbush and Newtown. I leave to my son Elbert all my dwelling house and lands in Flushing. I leave to my son Isaac all farming tools, etc. and £10 for his birthright. I leave the rest of my movable estate to my sons, Isaac and Elbert, and they shall pay to my wife Yannettye £15 yearly, and my son Isaac is to pay to my son Elbert £520, in yearly payments. I make my sons and Johanes Lott, of New Lots, executors.”

Dated August 25, 1780. Witnesses, Stephen Lot, Thomas Betts, Samuel Eldert. Proved, October 6, 1780.

Page 341.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOB KEYBURN, master of the Ship Britania, now in the Port of New York, being extremely weak in Body. I direct all debts to be paid. All the rest I leave to my wife Margaret, and make her executor.”

Dated October 10, 1780. Witnesses, Collin Minzies, Joseph Thompson, Edward Hogan. Proved, October 23, 1780.

Page 342.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB OGDEN, of Jamaica, in Queens County, Physician. All debts to be paid. My executors to sell all movable estate at discretion. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all personal property. To my daughters, Mary, Sarah, and Cornelia, each £50 when of age or married. Of all the rest, I leave $\frac{2}{3}$ to each of my sons, Jacob and William. To my 5 daughters, Catharine Van Cort-

landt, Elizabeth McKie, Mary, Sarah, and Cornelia, each $\frac{1}{3}$. I make my wife Elizabeth and my friends, Dr. Charles Arding and Isaac Wilkins, of Jamaica, executors.”

Dated March 7, 1777. Witnesses, David Ogden, Judge of Supreme Court of New Jersey, Dr. John Charlton, Peter Ogden. Proved, September 15, 1780.

Page 343.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIPHALET WHITMAN, of the town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, being in perfect health, Praise be to God. I leave to my wife $\frac{1}{3}$ of my estate and the best room in my house, with furniture sufficient to keep house with, and two cows, two horses, and a riding chair. I leave to my sons, Eliphalet and Philetus, all my homestead, lands, etc. My executors are to sell a piece of timber land above Stony Brook, the south end of the Second Long Lot, to pay debts. My sons are to pay to my daughter Eleanor £20 each when of age. I make Lemuel Smith, Sr., Lemuel Smith, Jr., and my wife Martha, executors.”

Dated August 28, 1776. Witnesses, Richard Smith, Lemuel Smith, Jr., Martha Smith, widow. Proved, September 20, 1780.

Page 344.—“In the name of God, Amen, July 14, 1780. I, FORTUNATUS TAYLOR, of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, Gent., being very sick. I make my wife Mary and Uriah Smith, executors. I leave all my lands and meadows to my son Esau. All the rest to my wife and my daughter Mary and my son John.”

Witnesses, Enos Bishop, Nathaniel Overton, Daniel Smith. Proved, September 4, 1780.

Page 345.—“Know all men by these Presents that I, MICHAEL GOLDER, of Hempstead, in Queens County, being this July 20, 1778, very weak and sick. I leave to my wife Altie one horse, two cows, one bedstead, bedding, curtains, and all belonging thereto, and a

cupboard and brass mortar, tea kettle, brass kettle, and iron pot. All the rest of my estate I leave to my wife and my three daughters, Elizabeth, Elsie, and Molesie. I make my wife Altie, and my brother-in-law, Anthony Van Nostrand, and my brother, William Golden, Jr., executors."

Witnesses, Nores Hose, Thomas Cannel, Anthony Van Nostrand. Proved, August 4, 1780.

Page 346.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 1, 1777. I, NATHANIEL HIGBIE, of Jamaica, Queens County, carpenter, being very sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Phebe a bed, and furniture sufficient for one bed, and my cupboard. I leave to my wife the use of all my houses and lands during widowhood to bring up and maintain my children. Then all to be sold and divided among my four children, Mary, Nathaniel, Jacob, and Aury. I make my wife Phebe, and my brother-in-law, Cornelius Bennet, and my friend, Nicholas Ludlam, executors."

Witnesses, James Everit, William Hendrickson, Bernardus Bennit, Nicholas Ludlam. Proved, February 21, 1778.

Page 347.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ISRAEL CONKLIN, of Huntington South, in Suffolk County, being in good health. I leave to my son, Jacob Conklin, all that piece of land joining to the west of Comack, to the southeast of East Hills, formerly my father's; And ten acres of land here at Huntington South, off the south end of that field which goes by the name of the Long Field, joining to Great Neck east and west; And $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my undivided lands in the Baiting Place Purchase; And $\frac{1}{2}$ of my lands on the islands and meadows. I leave to my son Isaac $\frac{1}{2}$ of my lot on Huntington Little West Neck; And $\frac{1}{2}$ of my undivided lands in Baiting Place Purchase, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of my undivided lands on the islands and meadows. I leave to my son, John Conklin, if he should live to return home,

£200, to be paid by my sons, Israel, Alexander, and Smith Conklin. I leave to my daughter, Hannah Ketcham, £300. To my daughter, Deborah Ketcham, £100. I leave to my daughter, Susanah Conklin, a good bed and furniture and £200. I leave to my son, Israel Conklin, $\frac{1}{3}$ of all the rest of my lands and tenements here where I live on Half Neck; And $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my lands at the Half Hollow Hills; And $\frac{1}{3}$ of my lands in Little West Neck; And $\frac{1}{3}$ of my lands in Baiting Place Purchase, and islands and marshes and $\frac{1}{3}$ of all the rest of my estate. I leave to my sons, Israel, Alexander, and Smith Conklin, each $\frac{1}{3}$ of all the rest of my estate. I make my good friends, Zebulon Ketcham and John Buffett, executors."

Dated August 6, 1778. Witnesses, Joshua Ketcham, Israel Ketcham, Seth Purdy. Proved, July 4, 1780.

Page 349.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, QUASHEY FERGUSON, belonging to his Majesty's Ship Experiment, Sir James Wallace, commander, being in health but considering the Perils and Dangers of the Seas. I commit my Body to Earth or Sea, as it shall please God to order. All Prize money due to me for the capture of the following vessels, taken by his Majesty's Ship Experiment, viz., Sloop Morning Star, Schooner Willing Maid, Brig Charming Sally, Ship Margaretta, Sloop Montgomery, Ship Dolphin, Schooner New Port, and Brig Polly, with all their cargoes, I leave to my dear friend, Barnaby Drew, of the Ship Experiment, and make him executor."

Dated March 8, 1778. Witnesses, John Edwards Blackamore, Av. Jenkins, James Cobb. "N.B.—Done at Sea, where no Stamped Paper could be had." Proved, October 30, 1780.

Page 350.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN STEVENSON, mariner, on board his Majesty's Ship Experiment, Sir James Wallace, Commander, being in health. I leave to my dear and beloved friend, Bar-

naby Drew, of said ship, all my wages and Prize money, and make him executor."

Dated May 17, 1778. Witnesses, J. E. Blackamore, James Cobb, James Walker. Proved, October 30, 1780.

Page 352.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 2, 1771. I, ABRAHAM CHICHESTER, of the town of Huntington, Suffolk County, yeoman, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Sarah all household goods. I make Dr. Zophar Platt and Israel Wood, executors, and they are to sell all my house and lot where I now live, and also all my lands lying to the south of Maltby Burtises, and after paying all debts, the rest to my wife Sarah."

Witnesses, Selah Hub's, Phebe Bennett, Gilbert Potter. Proved, October 9, 1780. (Phebe Bennett was then Phebe Platt.)

Page 353.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOB SMITH, of Smithtown, in Suffolk County, May 25, 1780. I will and particularly order all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife a privilege in my house and a maintenance so long as she remains my widow or she chooses to remain there. I leave to my two sons, George and Woodhull Smith, all my homestead and buildings, and all my estate in the Neck, together with James Neck and the meadows and thatch beds west of James Neck; And the thatch and upland at the Point, and all the beach, thatch beds, and my right on the Beach, except a lot of thatch bed lying by the side of Porpoise Channel; Also a lot of woodland lying south of widow Floyd's Blue Grass Lots, joining the same. And my son, George Smith, is to pay to my son, Job Smith, £700. I leave to my son George three negroes, two cows, ten sheep, and six hogs. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth a privilege in my house, and flax to spin for herself, so long as she remains single. And all my children to have a maintenance till of age. I leave to my son, Woodhull

Smith, a negro boy and a yoke of oxen. I leave to my sons, Charles Smith and Josiah Smith, all my lands lying at the head of the Harbor, with the buildings which I bought of Daniel Smith, with the land that came by my wife, Ruth Smith; Also a 50 acre lot laid out on my grandfather's right, except ten acres at the south end joining the Country road, which I give to my son-in-law, Nathaniel Taylor; Also all my thatch bed on Rasapeage island and three acres of the Beach thatch by Porpoise Channel. I leave to my son Charles a negro boy and a yoke of oxen and my silver Tankard. To my son Josiah a negro boy. I leave to my son, Nicoll Smith, a tract of land lying on the west side of Ronconkamy Plain, on the south side of the Country road, being 357 acres; Also my two Spring Lots, one acre of meadow and two acres of thatch bed in Stony Brook Harbor, opposite to Edmond Smith's house, and one acre of thatch near the Harbor mouth, and a lot of thatch joining the beach and running to Porpoise Channel, on Lawrences right. I leave to my son-in-law, Nathaniel Taylor, my right in the Great Thatch bed opposite Daniel Smith's. I leave my lot on Ronconkamy Plains, being Lot No. 2, to all my children. I leave to my daughters, Hannah, Charity, and Elizabeth, each £100. I make my brother, Epenetus Smith, and my son, Epenetus Smith, and my nephew, Richard Smith, and my son-in-law, Jesse Smith, executors. The rest of my estate I leave to my daughters."

Witnesses, Micah Smith, Rachel Marchant, Mary Marchant. Proved, October 1, 1780.

Page 355.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BERNARDUS RIDER, of Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, being sick and weak. I leave to my grandson, Bernardus Rider, £5. I leave to my son Jesse $\frac{1}{4}$ of Tuckers Neck. The other $\frac{1}{4}$ joining to Blue Point I leave to my son John, and ten acres of meadow at Blue Point. I leave to my sons, James and William, $\frac{1}{4}$ of Blue Point, be-

ginning at Nicolls line at the bay, and running 80 rods by the bay, and then north to the Country road. I leave to my wife ten acres of upland below where the old house stood, and five acres of meadow joining to the west side of the creek, and ten acres of woodland on Blue Point joining to Tuckers Neck. I leave to my daughter Desire a cow, and to my daughters, Millicent and Sarah, each a cow. To my daughter Abigail two cows, and to my daughter Elizabeth one cow. I leave to my daughter Abigail £5 worth of household goods. My house on Blue Point I leave to my sons, James and William. All the rest of my lands to be divided between my four sons, James, William, John, and Jesse. I make Jonathan Baker and Humphry Avery, executors."

September 7, 1778. Witnesses, Jonathan Baker, Nathan Olmstead, Abigail Olmstead. Proved, September 22, 1780.

[NOTE.—Tuckers Neck is next east of Blue Point.—W. S. P.]

Page 57.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, PLATT CONKLIN, of the town of Huntington, in Suffolk County, being this 15 of January, 1780, pretty far advanced in age and indisposed in body. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Phebe all that her mother left her by will, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of all my movable estate, except my plate. I leave to my only son, Nathaniel Conklin, the rest of my personal estate and all my real estate, houses, and lands, and all my rights in the several purchases of the town of Huntington or Islip, and beaches and meadows. My wife and executors are to be prudently careful in the education of my son Nathaniel, and give him necessary School Learning suitable for his station to fit him for business, and my wife is to have the use of all my property until he is of age. I leave to my wife the use of the best room in my house that I now live in, and the best room in my house on the Plantation that I

have lately purchased in the precincts of Islip South. If my son dies, then I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ of my estate to my wife and $\frac{1}{2}$ to Jacob Conklin, the fourth son of my brother, Epinetus Conklin, deceased. I make my kinsman, Isaac Thompson, of Islip, and my two nephews, Jeffrey Smith, of Smithtown, and Epinetus Conklin, of Huntington, executors, and I give each £35."

Witnesses, John Snediker, Richard Ruland, Thomas Pearsall. Proved, July 4, 1780.

Page 359.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD, of Jamaica, in Queens County, being sick, this June 25, 1779. I leave to my son, Daniel Whitehead, all my messuages, tenements, dwelling house, and lands, and he shall pay to my five daughters, Helena, widow of Thomas Cornell, Abigail, wife of Samuel Skidmore, Elizabeth, wife of John Cornell, Sarah, wife of Joseph Horsfield, and Mary, wife of Edward Borden, £100 each. And my son Daniel is also to pay £25 yearly for the support of my son Benjamin. I leave to my wife Elizabeth £300 and the interest of £200, and the use of $\frac{1}{4}$ of my house, and furniture to furnish one room in my house in a handsome and genteel manner; Also my best riding chair and horses, two of my best cows, to be at her free disposal, and pasture on the land I have given to my son Daniel; Also a sufficiency of grass, both fresh and salt, for wintering a horse and cow; Also firewood; And apples for six barrels of cider, and ten bushels of winter apples yearly during her widowhood; Also the privilege of planting two acres of Indian corn yearly, but it must be next to those my son Daniel Plants. I also leave her my negro boy Cato. I leave to my son Benjamin £50, and my son Daniel shall keep £100 in his hands and pay the interest for my son Benjamin during his life. I leave to my son Daniel a negro boy Caesar. To my daughter Abigail, wife of Samuel Skidmore, £25. To my daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Cornell, £25. To my daugh-

ter Sarah, wife of Joshua Horsfield, £25. To my daughter Mary, wife of Edward Borden, £25. After the death of my wife, I leave to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Whitehead, £50. To my granddaughter, Anne Horsfield, £50. All the rest of my personal property I leave to my daughters, Helena, Abigail, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary. I make my wife, and my son Daniel, and my brother-in-law, Benjamin Hewlett, and my grandson, Whitehead Cornell, executors."

Witnesses, Joost Van Brunt, miller, James Southard, Robert Hinchman.

Codicil. August 17, 1779. My executors are to take the sums left to my daughter Sarah, wife of Joseph Horsfield, and pay her the interest on the same yearly till her death, and then the principal to her children.

Witnesses, Joanna Hinchman, Daniel Ludlam, Robert Hinchman. Proved, October 6, 1780. Confirmed by Governor James Robertson, October 24, 1780.

Page 362.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HUGH WASON, of New York, wagoner. I leave to my friend, James Ramidge, all the cash I am possessed of and all other substance, including all the wages due to me of his Majesty, usually paid by Mr. Stokes. To him, the said James Ramidge, as a token of esteem, and he is to conduct my funeral as he shall think most expedient."

Dated September 21, 1780. Witnesses, John Maden, Thomas Quill, Clerk of Commissary Department. Proved, October 23, 1780.

End of Liber 32.

LIBER 33.

Page 1.—"The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God free and Independent. To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern, send Greeting. Know ye that Dutchess County, on the thirtieth Day of May instant, before Thomas Tredwell, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Probates of our said State, the last Will and Testament of ABRAHAM PURDY, deceased (a copy whereof is hereto annexed), was proved, and is now approved and allowed of by us, and the said deceased having, whilst he lived and at the time of his death, goods, chattels, and credits within this State, by reason whereof the proving and registering the said Will and securing Administration of all and singular the said goods, Chattels, and credits, and also the auditing, allowing, and final discharging the account thereof belong unto us. The administration of all and singular the goods, Chattels, and credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning his will, is granted unto Elvan Purdy and Benjamin Haight, the executors in the said will named. They being first duly sworn well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make and exhibit a true and faithful Inventory of all and singular the said goods, chattels, and credits, also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required. In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of the said Court of Probate to be hereunto affixed. Witnesses, Thomas Tredwell, Esquire, Judge of our said Court of Probate at Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess County, this twenty-ninth Day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight."

[NOTE.—This marks the change in Probate from the Governor to the Judge of Probate.—W. S. P.]

Page 2.—“In the name of God, Amen, April 9, 1778. I, ABRAHAM PURDY, of Cortlandt's Manor, in Westchester County, being sick and weak. I leave to my son Elvan all my lands and tenements, and my large bay horse and my bauld mare and my oxen, and one cow, ten sheep, five swine, and my bed and bedstead and Desk, one iron kettle, a pair of hand-irons, and all farming utensils. I leave to my daughter Jerusha two beds, a Looking Glass, cooking utensils, and a side saddle. I give to the use of the Presbyterian Society of Hanover £50. After all debts are paid, I leave all the rest to my son Elvan and to my daughters, Phanne Drake and Jerusha. I make my son Elvan and Benjamin Haight, executors.”

Witnesses, Obadiah Purdy, John Strang, Joseph Strang.

Codicil, April 10, 1778. Confirms the said will. “And I leave to my daughter Jerusha a room in my dwelling house, with a Fireplace in it, while she remains single.”

Proved in Dutchess County, May 20, 1778, before Thomas Tredwell, Esq., Judge of Probate.

Page 4.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, TANNAKE BENSON, of Harlem, in the Out Ward of New York, being of sound mind. I leave to Elizabeth Waldron, wife of my brother, Peter Waldron, deceased, a negro woman and her children. Of all the rest of my estate I leave $\frac{1}{6}$ to the heirs of my brother, Francis Waldron, deceased, and $\frac{1}{6}$ to the heirs of my brother, William Waldron, deceased, and $\frac{1}{6}$ to the heirs of my brother, Peter Waldron, deceased, and $\frac{1}{6}$ to the heirs of my brother, Samuel Waldron, deceased, and $\frac{1}{6}$ to Benjamin Waldron, and $\frac{1}{6}$ to the heirs of my sister Elizabeth, deceased. I make my brother, Benjamin Waldron, and John P. Waldron son of my brother, Peter Waldron, deceased, executors.”

Dated February 21, 1773. Witnesses, Cornelius

Sickels, Hassel Pym, Peter Waldron. Proved in Dutchess County, before Thomas Tredwell, Esq., May 25, 1778.

Page 6.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHUA BARNUM, of Dutchess County, being very sick. After all debts are paid, I leave to my wife Em one-third of my movable estate and the use of one-third of my lands so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my eldest son, Joshua, £5, for the reason that I have given him a deed for lands already. All the rest I leave to my 6 children, Azor, Eliakim, Jonah, Noah, Em, and Hannah. The two daughters are to have each one-half as much as each son. I make my son Azor and Benaijah Tubbs, executors.”

Dated September 3, 1777. Witnesses, Joseph Crane, Nathaniel Foster, Allen Ball. Proved, May 27, 1778, before Thomas Tredwell.

[NOTE.—Joshua Barnum lived in the town of Southeast, Putnam County, then a part of Dutchess County. —W. S. P.]

Page 7.—“In the name of God, Amen, August 9, 1777. I, THOMAS BELKNAP, of the Precinct of Newburgh, in Ulster County, yeoman. All debts to be paid by my executors. Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to lay my beloved wife, Sarah Belknap, upon a bed of sickness and affliction. My sons, Thomas and John, are to have an inventory made of all my estate, and the interest to be applied to the support of my wife Sarah in a decent and comfortable manner, and they are to render an account to my executors. I leave to my daughter Sarah, wife of Isaac Belknap, £30. To my son John £60. I leave to my four sons, Thomas, Joseph, John, and Jonathan, all the rest of my real and personal estate, and make them executors.”

Witnesses, Cornelius Wood, Moses Hunt, Nathaniel Hutchins. Proved in Dutchess County May 8, 1778.

Page 10.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS BROWER, of Albany, being weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Nicholas, my lime kiln, with two acres of land whereon it is erected in Poughkeepsie Precinct, in Dutchess County. I also leave him a bond of £200 which he gave me; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of a lot on the south side of Wappingers Creek, being two or three acres; Also $\frac{1}{2}$ of another lot containing about 30 acres. I leave to my son David 200 acres of land out of the lands I purchased of Gerardus Beekman and his brother, lying about nine miles above Schenectady on the north side of the Mohawk river. I also leave him a negro man. I leave to my son William the lots which I purchased from Barent and Elizabeth Staats, in Albany, and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the two lots above mentioned. I leave to my son Jeremiah the second choice of 200 acres of land of the lands above Schenectady; Also £80 when he is of age. I leave to my son Jacob the third choice of 200 acres of the said lands; Also £80. I leave to my five daughters, Jane, wife of William Conklin, Mary, Sarah, Lena, and Catharine, each $\frac{1}{5}$ of the remaining 600 acres of land above Schenectady. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth a bond for £100 which my son Nicholas gave to me. I leave to my wife Sarah the money remaining in my house, with which she is to fit up my new Schooner, lying at the wharf in this city, for the support of her and my small children; Also a negro woman and my household furniture, and a horse and cart and a negro man. I leave to all my children all my rights in two certain Indian purchases, one for 4,000 acres near Sacandaga, and one for 3,000 acres on the Susquehanna, which I purchased of Thomas Palmer, and they are to pay for getting the Patent. My executors are to sell my two lots, one in Poughkeepsing Precinct, called Mattapan fall, and the other in Rumbouts Precinct, for the most they can obtain. I leave to my brother Cornelius £30. As it is possible that my beloved wife at this time is pregnant and with child, it is to have £150 when two

years old, to be put at interest by my executors. I make my wife Sarah, and my son Nicholas, and my friend, Henry T. Bogart, executors.”

Dated September 17, 1777. Witnesses, John David Godfrey, Enox T. Roorback. Proved in Albany County, before John De Peyster, Esq., November 15, 1777.

Codicil. The bond given to me by my son Nicholas for £100 is to be given to my wife for support of children. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth 100 acres of land above Schenectady, and 100 acres to my younger daughters.

September 21, 1777. Witnesses, John David, John Willis.

Page 14.—“In the name of God, Amen, December 6, 1769. I, JOSEPH PURDY, of the manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, yeoman. All debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate. I leave to the heirs of my brother, Obadiah Purdy, deceased, ten shillings. I leave to my wife Mercy of all my real and personal estate, to be disposed of by her as she thinks proper, and the use of all during her life. After her death, I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my estate to the Presbyterian Church at Hanover as a standing fund for the support of the public means of Grace. The other half I give unto the surviving children of my brother Obadiah, and to my brother Abraham and my brother Jonathan. I make my wife, and my Reverend Pastor, Samuel Sackett, and my brother Abraham, and my brother by marriage, Jacob Smith, of Bedford, executors.”

Witnesses, Thomas Steel, Peter Lasson, Alexander Forman. Proved, June 4, 1778.

Page 16.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MUNNIE, of the Precinct of New Windsor, Ulster County, yeoman, August 5, 1771. All debts to be paid as soon as convenient. I leave to my wife Hannah

my personal estate, whatsoever and wheresoever; also all my lands and tenements in the Precinct of Wallkill, in Ulster County, and all my lands, houses, and tenements in the Precinct of New Windsor. To her and her heirs and assigns, and I make her executor."

Witnesses, John Nicoll, William Cuning, James Hays. Proved, June 26, 1778, before Thomas Tredwell, Esq.

Page 17.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, AURY VAN VLIET, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, in Dutchess County, yeoman. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Janatje all my estate; after her death my executors are to sell all my estate. I leave to my eldest son, Garrett, £25 and my run. To my daughter Nelly, wife of Isaac Van Bunschoten, £30. As to my grandchildren, the children of Petrus Low, viz., Janatje, Sarah, and Aury Low, I leave them £30. All the rest I leave to my four sons, Garrett, Petrus, Teunis, and Frederick. I make my sons, Garrett, Petrus, and Teunis, executors."

Dated September 27, 1769. Witnesses, Bernardus Swartwout, Mindert Swartwout, Richard Snedeker. Proved, July 3, 1778, before Gilbert Livingston, Esq., Surrogate.

Page 20.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES LEWIS, of Smith Clove, in Orange County, May 10, 1778. I leave to my wife all my estate, moveable and unmovable, during her life, and after her death to Samuel Lewis, to be equally divided among Isaac, Joseph, and William Lewis, after giving to John Lewis five shillings. I leave to Mary Pilgrim five shillings. To James and Jacob [Pilgrim?] five shillings each. To Elizabeth Lewis a good milk cow. I make my wife and my brother-in-law, William Miller, executors."

Witnesses, Adam Gilchrist, tailor, William Miller, James Gilchrist. Proved, July 4, 1778, before Benjamin Tusten, Surrogate.

Page 21.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GERRET MILLER, of Smith Clove, in the Precinct of Cornwall, Orange County. I leave to my eldest son, Joshua Miller, all that certain piece of land which he has possessed for some time past, and on which he now lives, containing ten acres, until his youngest child is of age, and then the said ten acres and all the rest of my estate is to be equally divided among my children, Joshua, Mary, Elizabeth, Gerrett, Nathan, Sarah, Samuel, Anne, Hampden, and Jeremiah. If my wife marries, she shall have three cows, one mare, saddle and bridle, and a bed and bedding, and a spinning wheel. My children are to be brought up and instructed out of my estate. When my property is divided, my wife is to have an equal share. I make my wife [not named] and my friend, Nathaniel Seeley, executors."

October 5, 1777. Witnesses, Benjamin Goldsmith, John Fell, Abraham Skinner. Proved, June 13, 1778, before Peter R. Fell, Esq.

[NOTE.—Smith Clove takes its name from the family of Judge William Smith, who owned a large tract in the vicinity. It is near Turner's Station on the Erie railroad.—W. S. P.]

Page 23.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 24, 1777. I, JOHN TOMSON, of Goshen, Orange County, yeoman, being sick. My will is that the lot of land lying next to Stephen Mecker and my two lots of Cedar Swamp be sold by my executors. I leave to Jane and Mary Carr, daughters of George Carr, £10 each. I leave to the children of Stephen Crane, my son-in-law [not named], £10 each. I leave to Sarah Barker the use of $\frac{1}{4}$ of all my lands during her life, and then to her children. All the rest I leave to my two grandchildren, Lette Tomson and Mary Tomson. I make my sons-in-law, Andrew McCord, of Ulster County, and Stephen Crane, of Orange County, executors. Done at Newark, in East New Jersey."

Witnesses, Samuel Newcomb Dodd, Stephen Crane, John Dodd. Proved, July 30, 1778, in Orange County, before Benjamin Tusten, Esq.

Page 25.—“I, ALEXANDER KIDD, of the Precinct of Wallkill, Ulster County, being in perfect health. The money due to me is to be collected and all debts paid. I leave to my wife Jane the feather bed we now lye on, and she is to live in my house during her life, and to have comfortable maintainance and apparell, to be furnished by my son Robert, whom I make executor. If she does not choose to live in common with his family, he is to keep a cow for her, winter and summer, and to give her a room in my house, with comfortable maintainance and apparell. I leave to my son Alexander the lot of fifty acres lying on the north side of a lot I have already deeded to him, which is the remainder of the lands I bought of James Alexander, Esq.; Also $\frac{1}{4}$ of my wearing apparell and £5. I leave to my son James £5 and $\frac{1}{4}$ of my apparell. I leave to my daughter Ann, widow of Samuel Crawford, £10. To my daughter Hannah, wife of Alexander Wilson, £10. All the rest I leave to my son Robert, viz., the farm where I live, being part of the land I purchased of James Alexander, Esq., being 112 acres, with all the buildings, and all my stock of cattle and household furniture, and he is to pay all debts and funeral charges.”

Dated August 22, 1772. Witnesses, Patrick Barber, William Hill, William Wood. Proved, August 5, 1778, before Thomas Tredwell, Esq.

Page 27.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BARKER, of Goshen, Orange County, May 12, 1777. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Susannah all household furniture of every kind and one yearling horse colt. I leave to my son John a mare. And whereas I am now possessed of a certain lot of land and premises near Elizabeth Town, in New Jersey, being about 16 acres, my executors are to sell the

same and divide the proceeds among my wife and my two sons, John and William. I make my wife and my son John, executors.”

Witnesses, James Denton, blacksmith, William Thompson, schoolmaster, Anthony Carpenter. Proved, July 6, 1778, before Benjamin Tusten.

Page 29.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC PARIS, of Stone Arabia, in Palatine District, County of Tryon, merchant, being presently in good health, February 15, 1776. Imprimis, I give unto my first-born son, Peter Paris, for his right of primogeniture, the sum of £5. I leave to my wife Catharine a negro man ‘Adam’ and a negro wench ‘Jude,’ and a horse and my chair, with all the gears thereunto appertaining, and four cows and £500, and all my bedding and household goods and £50 yearly for her maintainance, to be paid yearly by my executors until my son Isaac is 22 years old, and then he is to pay £10 and my estate the rest. The cattle left to my wife are to be sufficiently pastured and alimented in summer and winter, and my wife may live in any of my dwelling houses on my estate, but if she marries, then all these gifts to be void. I leave to my son Peter two tracts of land on the south side of the Mohawk river, in Canajohary district, in a Patent called Osquagoe, and which are known as Lots 20 and 7, with all the mills, dams, streams, etc., but he shall not possess them until my youngest child is of age. The mill buildings are to be finished according to the plans now laid out and enterprized by me. And when need requireth, a convenient dwelling house and barn to be built. And my son Peter, if found capable by my executors, shall manage the mills and trade, under the direction of my executors, and for his services he shall receive £100 yearly. And when my youngest child is 22 years of age he shall then have possession of the same. I also leave him £1,000 when he is 22 years of age, and he shall punctually perform the payments to be made to

my wife. I leave to my son Isaac £1,000 when he is 22 years. I leave to my daughter Margaret £1,000, $\frac{1}{2}$ on her marriage day and $\frac{1}{2}$ when she is 22 years old. I leave to my sons, Francis and Daniel, four Lots of land in the Patent of Stone Arabia, being lots 81 and 83 of the First Division and Lot 35 of the Second Division. The first three lots containing 300 acres and the last lot being 100 acres, with all the buildings and mills. I also leave them equally nine horses, four cows, one wagon, two Harrows with iron teeth, and a negro man. I leave to my beloved sister Margaret, wife of Dr. B. O. Otto, of Reading, Pennsylvania, £100, to be paid by my executors if she outlives her husband, but if she dies before him this devise is null and void. I leave to the Reformed Church of Stone Arabia, or to the Church Wardens and their successors, for the use of the church and poor of the congregation, £150. But if the Congregation shall build a new church, the interest on that sum for ten years shall be given for that purpose. I will and order that the tract of 18 acres at Stone Arabia whereon I now live, and all my right in 550 acres in Youngs and Dubois Patent, and all my bonds and book debts shall be taken in stock with my other property, and from it my minor children shall be educated and maintained in all good, genteel, and Christian manners necessary and useful, languages and sciences, in conformity to each one's sex and Genius. If any future matrimonial issue shall be born it is to have £1,000. I make my wife Catharine, and Rev. Mr. Daniel Gross, minister of the Gospel at Canajohary, and Mr. John Eisenlon, merchant, of N. Germantown, in Palatine District, in the County of Tryon, my loving friends, executors, and to each I leave £10."

Witnesses, B. Higgins, John Smith. Proved before Christopher Yates, Surrogate of Tryon County, upon the oath of Symon Rydeman, of Canajohary, and John Smith, of Palatine district, and executors. Confirmed, August 19, 1778.

Page 34.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS CRISPELL, of Hurly, in Ulster County. I leave to my wife Gertie all my estate, real and personal, lands and negroes, and my best bed, household furniture, and farming utensils. To her and her heirs and assigns forever. I make Petrus Roosa and Egbert Roosa, of Hurly, and Seth Curtis, of Kingston, executors."

Dated August 18, 1775. Witnesses, Petrus Crispell, Hendrick Konstapel, Benjamin Roosa. Proved, July 29, 1778, before Joseph Gasharie, Surrogate.

Page 36.—"In the name of God, Amen, Januar 12, 1763. I, JURY WYGANT, of the Precinct of Newburgh, in Ulster County, being in perfect health. I leave to my wife Jane $\frac{1}{3}$ of all the profits of my estate during her life or the time she shall continue my widow. I leave to my eldest son, William, all that 30 acres of land where he now dwells, in such manner as it is excepted in my son Michael's deed, dated January 12, 1763. I leave to my daughters, Catharine, Susannah, Mary, Sarah, Nancy, and West, all the rest of my estate, real and personal. After the death or marriage of my wife, all the estate is to be sold by way of publick vendue to the highest bidder. And my executors are to pay to each of my daughters, except West, the sum of £5, and to my daughter West £20, and the rest to be put at interest. I make Lieutenant Lewis Dubois, Humphry Merriit, and my son Michael, executors."

Witnesses, William Mitchell, George Hallett, Thomas Palmer. Proved, October 7, 1778, before Thomas Tredwell.

Page 38.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, LEWIS CLARK, of Newburgh, in Ulster County, being sick. I leave to my wife Cornelia $\frac{1}{3}$ of my estate. I leave to my daughter Derindia the other $\frac{2}{3}$ of my estate when she is 18, and her part is to be sold by my executors

and the money put at interest for her. If she dies without issue, then I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ of her share to my sister Lydia's daughter Juliana, and the other half to my sister Martha's son, William Smith, and to my sister Elenor's daughter, Lydia Smith. I make my wife, and Anning Smith, and Stephen Case, executors."

Dated May 6, 1778. Witnesses, Samuel Stratton, John Stratton, Joanna Stratton. Proved, October 7, 1778.

Page 40.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL PRINCE, at present of Somerset County New Jersey, being sick. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my son Robert £5, in full bar to all claims as heir at law. My executors are to pay to my son Robert £600 as soon as convenient after my death. I leave to my wife Ruth the use of such part of my household furniture as she may think proper, and at her death she may dispose of the same among my children as she may think proper. It is my will that each of my children receive an outset of furniture on their day of marriage as nearly equal as possible to each other. My executors may sell all my estate, and the money to be used for bringing up and educating my children, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Margaret, and for support of my wife. When my children are of age, then each is to receive £600, and all my household furniture to be divided among all my children, viz., Robert, Samuel, Mary, wife of Joseph Winter, Elizabeth, and Margaret. The £600 which I have given to my daughter Margaret shall be considered part of my estate. I make my wife Ruth, and my brother, William Prince, and my son-in-law, Joseph Winter, executors."

Dated September 28, 1778. Witnesses, Michael Drake, trader, John Baker. Proved, October 26 1778.

Page 42.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE COLEMAN, of Little Britain Ulster County. I leave to my wife Keziah all my household furniture and a cow,

and the use of the farm where I now live, until my youngest son, James, is of age. I leave to my son James the said farm, but my wife is to have half the profits. I leave to my sons, George, Gideon, John, and David, and to my daughter Keziah, each £25. My other lands are to be sold by my executors after the lease of Patrick Burnet is out, and the proceeds paid to my other five daughters, viz., Sarah, Catharine, Hannah, Mary, and Lydia, but my wife is to have the use of the same until they are of age. I make my wife and Nehemiah Carpenter, of Newburgh, executors."

Dated May 20, 1777. Witnesses, David Belknap, Moses Hunt, Benjamin Robinson. Proved, November 4, 1778.

Page 44.—"In the name of of God, Amen, this 7th of October, 1776. I, JOSEPH WILDEY, of the Manor of Philipsburgh, in Westchester County, farmer, being weak and sick. My wife Abby shall have the best bed, with three sheets, three blankets, one coverlid, two pilleys [*pillows*], and the best table in the house, and three chairs, two pots, one trammel, two kettles, and pewter plates, and shovel and tongs. I leave to my two children, Judith and Joseph, each £100, the interest to be for their bringing up, and my daughter Judith is to have six silver spoons. I make my friends, George Comb and James Hammond, executors."

Witnesses, George Comb, Abraham Ecker, James De Vore. Proved, July 25, 1778, before Richard Hatfield, Surrogate.

Page 46.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WILDE, of Philipsburgh, in Westchester County, farmer, being very sick. My farm, farming utensils, and all household furniture, six cows, three horses, one yoke of oxen, all sheep, and six hogs are to be for the use of my family, under the direction of my wife Jude. If my wife marries, she shall have the best bed, with

its furniture, and a good horse and a woman's saddle, and a cupboard and £100. I leave to my eldest son, Griffen Wilde, all my wearing apparell extra for his birthright. After the death or marriage of my wife, all is to be divided. The farm that my two sons, Joseph and Jacob, now live on I will that Joseph alone shall possess, and Jacob shall quit claim and depart from it. And as I have given to Joseph £100 toward paying for it, if he can pay the rest he is to keep it; But if he dies before it is paid for, it is to be sold and the money used for his family. As I have advanced large sums of money to my son Jacob, I leave him five shillings, and no more. After my wife's death, all my homestead to be sold, and all movables, and the money paid to my three sons, Caleb, Thomas, and John, and they are to be put to good trades. I leave to my daughter Sarah £80 and a good feather bed. To my daughter, Elizabeth Combs, £30. To my daughter, Nancy Hammond, £20. I make my wife, and my son-in-law, Col. James Hammond, and my son-in-law, George Combs, executors."

Dated October 7, 1776. Witnesses, George Hopson, James Wilde, James Anson. Proved, July 25, 1778.

Page 48.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK SCHOONMAKER, of Marbletown, Ulster County, yeoman, October 5, 1775. I direct all debts to be paid. I give unto the children of my seven daughters all my household furniture, viz., the children of my daughters, Antje, Elizabeth, Rachel, Sarah, Lydia, Hester, and Maria. I leave to my grandson, Jacob De Witt Schoonmaker, son of my eldest son, Jochem Schoonmaker, deceased, £10 in lieu of his birthright. Inasmuch as a few years ago I conveyed to Jacob El-mendorph Kool, the husband of my daughter Hester, certain lands, they are to be her portion of my estate. I leave to my grandson, Jacob De Witt Schoonmaker, and to the children of my daughters Antje, wife of Hermanus Rosekrans, Elizabeth, wife of Abraham

Klaarwater, Rachel, wife of Samson Sammons, Lydia, wife of Benjamin Hasbrouck, and Maria, wife of Andries Roosa, £600 (*per sterpe*), to be paid in 6 yearly payments. Whereas I have paid for my son-in-law, Johaness Rosekrans, the husband of my daughter Sarah, to the Minister and Elders of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Kingston, principal and interest, nearly the sum of £200, I release him from the debt, and I leave to my daughter Sarah, his wife, five shillings. I leave to my daughter Tessintje, wife of William Wood, ten shillings. I leave to my son, Frederick Schoonmaker, Jr., all that dwelling house and tract of land where he now lives, situate on the northerly side of the Rondout Kill, in Marbletown, bounded south by said kill, east by lands of Hendrick Roosa, north by lands of Jacob Snyder, west and southwest by lands of Isaac Smith and heirs of Thomas Sammons; Also the dwelling house where I now live, with the land whereon it stands, Beginning at a pitch-pine tree on a point of high rocks, in a remarkable turn of the Rondout Kill, being nearly opposite to where the Katle Kill empties into the Rondout Kill, and runs thence South 29 degrees 15 minutes, West 21 chains, then S. 10 degrees, West 10 chains, then South 24 degrees, West 7 chains and 93 links, then S. 34 degrees, East 14 chains and 44 links to a stake on the bank of Cocksink Kill; Then North 80 degrees 30 minutes, East 9 chains and 85 links, some part of the way through the middle of the Cocksink Kill, to a stake on the northeast side of a small gulley; Then North 34 degrees, West 5 chains, to a stake standing 1 chain 42 links on a course North 85 degrees, East from the east corner of the dwelling house; Then North 39 degrees, East 18 chains along a post and rail fence to Rondout Kill, and along the same, including the Kill and the islands therein, to the place of beginning; Also a tract of land lying on the first hill to the east of the house where I now live. Bounded west by the west side of a Ridge of rocks, and running south from

Rondout Kill by the land of my son Thomas, east by lands of Cornelius Keyser, Col. Johanen Hardenbergh and Commons, north by Rondout Kill; And $\frac{1}{4}$ of the grist mill and saw mill, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of my blacksmith shop and tools. I leave to my son Thomas the tract of land where his dwelling house and grist mill and saw mill stand, and the land adjoining. Bounded north by Rondout Kill and land of my son Frederick, east by land of my son Frederick and my son Thomas and Abraham Klaarwater, south by said Klaarwater and William Wood; Also $\frac{3}{4}$ of my blacksmith shop and tools, and the grist and saw mills. I leave to my sons, Thomas and Frederick, all my lands in Rochester and elsewhere not already given, and I leave all the rest of my estate to them, and make them executors."

Witnesses, Jacob Schnyder, Christopher Snyder, Charles De Witt, Esq. Proved, December 15, 1778.

Page 53.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ISRAEL LOCKWOOD, of Westchester County, being weak and infirm in body, but sound in reason and memory, October 3, 1776. I give to my loving wife the use of my house and barn and all my estate during her natural life; Also my household goods and a cow and seven sheep as her own forever. I leave to my loving cousin, Hezekiah Lockwood, $\frac{1}{2}$ of my lands after my debts are paid and my wife is deceased. The other half I leave to my loving cousins, Reuben, David, and Nathan, sons of Captain Reuben Lockwood. I leave to my loving cousins, the daughters of Captain Reuben Lockwood, viz., Lydia, Anna, Sarah, Rebecca, Jerusha, Elizabeth, and to Jemima Briggs, each £3. I leave to the wife of Gilbert Weed £5. I make my wife and my loving cousin, Hezekiah Lockwood, executors."

Witnesses, Joshua Ambler, Blackleach Burritt, Benjamin Miller, of Pound Ridge, Physician. Proved, December 16, 1778, before Richard Hatfield, Esq.

Page 54.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID ACKERMAN, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County,

being in good health. I leave to my wife Sarah, whom I make executor, all my movable estate, and the use of my land and farm where I now live in Poughkeepsie Precinct until my son David is of age, and afterwards, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son Andrees £3, to be paid by my executors when demanded. I also leave him the farm where he now dwells in Hackinsack, New Jersey. And he is to pay to my daughter, Carrebrach Ackerman, £100, and to my daughter Magdalene £50. I leave to my daughter Magdalene thirty acres of the farm where I now dwell, to be taken off the south side, next to Van Sycklin's. Beginning at the Great Wappingers Creek and running along the line to the end of the lot. I leave to my daughter, Annetjie Ackerman, £50 and thirty acres of land next adjoining to her sister Magdalene. Beginning at said creek and running along her sister's land to the end of the lot. And my executors are to put my daughters in possession. I leave to my son David all the remainder of said farm."

Dated May 20, 1776. Witnesses, Joseph Theal, Cornelius Bower, James Wills. Proved before Gilbert Livingston, Surrogate, January 22, 1779.

Page 57.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WISNER, of Orange County, and State of New York, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Anne all that part of my movable estate mentioned in certain Articles agreed upon before our marriage. I leave to my sons, John, Henry, and William, £5 each. I leave to my son Asa all the farm where I now live, containing 170 acres, with all buildings; Also the lot of 110 acres in and adjoining the boggy meadow, which was conveyed to me by my brother, Henry Wisner. The said lots of land are to be valued by executors, and my son Asa shall pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the same to my estate. One-half of my movable estate is to be sold to pay debts and funeral charges. All the rest I leave to my three daughters, Anne, Charity, and Hannah. I make my

brother, Henry Wisner, Esq., and my son, Henry Wisner, executors."

Dated September 15, 1778. Witnesses, James Butler, Sarah Wisner, Thomas Waters. Proved, December 30, 1778, before Benjamin Tusten, Surrogate.

[NOTE.—The above is the first instance in which the testator mentions the "State of New York." In all other cases the Province of New York is given.—W. S. P.]

Page 58.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL WICKHAM, of Goshen Precinct, Orange County, and Province of New York, being sick and weak, March 6, 1773. I leave to my son Samuel ten shillings. To my son Israel ten shillings. To my daughter Jerusha ten shillings. To my son William £150. To my son Matthew £100. To my daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, £50. To my daughter, Abigail Smith, £50. To my daughter Julianah £50 and bed and bedding. I leave to my daughter Margaret £50 and a bed and bedding. I leave to my daughter Mary £50 and a bed. My executors are to sell all my lands and personal estate and divide the proceeds among all my sons and daughters. The jointure made with my wife is to be kept inviolable. I appoint Benjamin Gale and Samuel Denton, executors."

Witnesses, John Gaery, weaver, Samuel Wilheson, John Case, saddler. Proved, January 6, 1779.

Page 61.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ARCHIBALD LITTLE, of Oxford, Cornwall Precinct, Orange County. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of any room in my house which she may choose, and she is to be maintained during her widowhood by my eldest son. I also leave her all my household and kitchen furniture and £100. I leave to my sons, James and Timothy, all my real estate and farm where I live, except one acre for my son Archibald. And they are to maintain my wife and support and educate my sons,

Joseph and John, until they are fit to be put to trades, and to maintain my daughter Sarah until she is of age or married. I leave to my son Archibald one acre of land, to be laid out in a square at the corner of the road, and to include the land where his smithshop stands, and to lie between the two roads. When my farm is divided, my son James is to have the part where my house stands. I leave to my son Archibald a two-year old Colt and £40. To my sons, Joseph and John, each £100, to be put at interest until they are of age. I leave to my daughter Sarah £100 when of age. All the rest I leave to my wife Sarah and all my children. I make my friends, Henry Wisner and Jesse Woodhull, Esq., and my son-in-law, Seth Marvin, executors."

Dated February 12, 1777. Witnesses, William Harper, Zebadiah Mills, Robert Benson, John McKesson, Esq., of Dutchess County. Proved, January 1, 1779, before Benjamin Tusten.

Page 63.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL STRONG, of Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, being in a poor state of health, April 20, 1777. I leave to my wife Amy £50 and a horse, side saddle, and bridle, two cows, and all household furniture and the use of the two west rooms in my dwelling house, and keeping for her cows and horse during the time she remains my widow. I leave to my son Selah all that part of the farm where I live, which heretofore belonged to my father, except so much thereof as may fall to the east of a line to be run from a butternut tree, standing between two branches of a creek, to the east of my house, and about one rod distant from the west bank of the easternmost of said branches, and from thence running south to the lands of Col. Jesse Woodhull, Esq., at the distance of 50 rods from the southwest corner of the lands I formerly purchased of Thomas Coleman, with all the buildings, etc. I leave to my son Nathaniel all the farm I lately pur-

chased of Thomas Coleman, and all that part of my land which was formerly my father's, lying east of the above mentioned line. I leave to my daughter Rachel a feather bed, with all its furniture. All the rest I leave to my four daughters, Rachel, Hannah, Mary, and Juliana. And in case my personal estate should be destroyed by the enemy now invading our Country, then my son Selah is to pay to my daughters, Rachel, Hannah, and Mary, each £50 when he is of age. And my son Nathaniel shall pay to my daughter Juliana £50. And my children are to be brought up and educated until of age. My son Selah is to take possession of his part when he is 19. I make Col. Jesse Woodhull, with my two brothers, Samuel Strong and Nathan Strong, all of Orange County, executors."

Witnesses, James Mathews, James Tuthill, Thomas Moffatt. Proved, October 15, 1778.

Page 65.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SILAS PIERSON, of the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County, State of New York. I leave to my wife Abigail the use of my farm, and a negro boy 'Linus,' so long as she remains my widow. After her death or marriage, I leave to my son, Theophilus Howell Pierson, the said farm and negro boy. I leave to my wife all my household furniture and a negro wench. I leave to my son James all that piece of land joining to Esaes Smith's land. The sum of £600 is to be put at interest for my son Silas. I leave to my wife two cows and a riding horse. All the rest to my three sons. I make my wife and my friend, George Thompson, executors."

Witnesses, Thomas Horton, Mehitabel Bayley, Anna Wickham. Proved, November 4, 1778.

[NOTE.—This will and many others are a reminder of the fact that a large number of families went to Orange County from the east end of Long Island. Among them were the Wickhams, Tuthills, Howells, Strongs, and Piersons.—W. S. P.]

Page 66.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY VAN ATTEN, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County. I leave to my son Levi his choice of my horses, and a bridle and saddle, as a birthright. I leave to my wife Antje all my estate, real and personal, during her life or widowhood. After her death or marriage, I leave all my estate to my four sons and six daughters, Levi, Henricus, Thomas, Jacob, Antje, Janake, Margaret, Alida, Blandina, and Maria, equally. But my four sons are to have all my real estate after it is appraised, and they are to pay to my daughters six parts of the ten of the appraisal. I make my wife, and my son Levi, and my brother-in-law, Jacob De Witt Gumaer, executors."

Dated April 17, 1777. Witnesses, Johanes Decker, Samuel Davis, Thomas Kyle, schoolmaster. Proved, November 25, 1778.

Page 68.—"Memorandum of JOHN BARKER's last will and testament. Two round large mahogany tables and two small tea tables I give to my two daughters. My clock to my daughter Jane. My large square mahogany table to Sukey. All my salt meat and fish and four barrels of flour to my mother, Susanah Barker, with whom my two children are to live. My six silver tablespoons and my dozen silver teaspoons to my two daughters. To my daughter Jane my silver tea tongs. To my daughters all beds and furniture. To my daughter Sukey my silver shoe buckles and a pair of gold earrings I lent to Samuel Bayley. And all gold rings to my daughters. To my brother William my coat that I wear every day, and black leather breeches and black Jacket. The rest to be sold at auction. I make Benjamin Gale and Coe Gale, executors. To my two daughters all my rights of land in Orange County."

(No witnesses.) Proved, November 4, 1778, upon oath of William Thompson, schoolmaster, "That, on May 2 last, he was called upon to write the will of

John Barker, and he took down in writing the several bequests, and that he then did proceed to transcribe the same and put it in form, but before he could finish it the said John Barker expired."

Page 69.—"In the name of God Amen. I, JOHN BREWSTER, of Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, yeoman, being in a common state of health, November 10, 1773. All debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, John, all that part of the farm or plantation where I live. Beginning at a large Butternut tree, marked, on the west side of Tappan creek, it being the east corner of the lands of Hezekiah Howell, Esq., and thence running southeast to the middle of said creek, then down the middle of said creek to opposite a walnut tree on the north side of a creek, and thence to said tree, then north along a fence to a black oak tree on the south side of the main road leading from Warwick to New Windsor, then north across the road to a red oak tree in the corner of the orchard fence, then along the east fence to a tree on a ledge of rocks, then west along a fence to a tree marked, then northwest by a fence to a tree, and then west to an elm sapling near a fence on the east side of a road leading from Warwick road to the Goshen road, near the Otter Kill bridge, then north to a tree, and then by various courses to the land of Ann Hooglandt, according to a settlement lately made by Thomas Palmer; Then along the south bounds of said tract to the west corner of my farm, and along the same to the beginning. Containing 200 acres. With all buildings. I leave to my wife Charity the use of the north lower room in my house, with kitchen chamber and cellar, and apples and cider for her use, and she is to have four cows and ten sheep and five ox cart loads of firewood yearly, to be delivered at her door and cut fit for her use. My son Francis is to have a right of way to the main road from Warwick to New Windsor. I leave to my wife all household stuff during her life, and then to

my five daughters. I leave to my son Edward a part of my farm on the west side of Tappan creek and up the same to land formerly leased to Abraham Collins, and then along the line between the land which my son Edward bought of Nathaniel Brewster, Esq., and my own land, to the land of Nathaniel Strong and to the house which my son Edward now lives, and then east to the land which Thomas Coleman bought of Selah Strong, Esq., and thence to the highway near the house where Eleazar Taylor now lives, and then west along the highway to a Log School House, and then along the road to the house of Daniel Coleman, being about 160 acres, with all buildings. I leave to my son Francis a part of my farm next to the land purchased of Mary Overton, executrix of James Overton, thence running north to Tappan Creek, and then up the stream to where a saw mill formerly stood, being 160 acres. I leave to my son Isaac the remaining part of my farm on both sides of the main road from Warwick to New Windsor, and thence to a place near Otter Kill bridge, being 160 acres. I leave to my daughter Ruth $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen tablespoons and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen teaspoons, and a table with falling leaves, a saddle and bridle, and furniture for housekeeping and £12. I make my sons, John and Francis, executors."

Witnesses, Nathan Strong, Samuel Moffatt, Jr., Thomas Moffatt. Proved, October 15, 1778.

Page 75.—"The last will and testament of ZEBULON FERRISS, of Dutchess County, and Province of New York, made while in a state of sound mind and memory, this 10 day of 6th month, 1773. It is my will, and I do hereby order, that, in the first place, my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid out of my goods and cash lying on hand. I leave to my wife Ruth one bed and furniture, and one horse, saddle, and bridle, of not less value than £22; And two cows, ten sheep, and £20 in cash as her sole property; Also the use of all the legacies left to my children or others so long

as she remains my widow, and no longer. I leave to my daughter Phebe one new quarto Bible of 30 shillings value, and an iron kettle of at least eleven gallons, besides what she has already had. I leave to my daughter Urania, when she is 21 or married, one good cow, ten sheep, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of all household goods, and a horse, saddle, and bridle, of not less than £18 value. I leave to my daughter Susanah, when she is 21 or married, one cow, ten sheep, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of all household furniture, and a horse, bridle, and saddle, of not less than £18 value. I leave to my daughter Ruth $\frac{1}{2}$ of household furniture and £10 in cash when 18 or married. I leave to my son David my farm adjoining Joseph Fish's, and all farming utensils and stock, and my pine book case, and surveying instruments of every kind, and all my wearing apparell when he is 21; Also my tools for shop joining, and he is to provide for his mother and the younger children a good maintainance for five years after he is of age. And if my wife remains a widow and inclines to live by herself, she is to have £10 a year and the keeping of a horse. I leave to my son Reed my lot of land near Friends' Meeting House on the Oblong, with all belonging to it, and £20 when he is of age. I leave to my son Zebulon a right of land lying in Ferrisburgh and one other right in Charlotte in the Province of New Hampshire. Of all the rest of my estate I leave $\frac{2}{3}$ to my sons and $\frac{1}{3}$ to my daughters. I make my wife and my two brothers, Reed Ferris and Jonathan Akin, executors."

(No witnesses.) Proved, January 21, 1779, before Thomas Tredwell, upon oath of Jonathan G. Tompkins, Esq., of Westchester County, and upon the affirmation of Jonathan Akin and Reed Ferriss, Quakers, as to handwriting, etc.

[NOTE.—The "Friends' Meeting House on the Oblong" is at Quaker Hill, in the town of Pawlings, Dutchess County. The lands in Charlotte are in Vermont.—W. S. P.]

Page 77.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN BUCK, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, cooper. I leave to my wife, Betty Buck, $\frac{1}{2}$ of all household goods and all personal property, and the use and occupation of $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my lands and buildings. I leave to my son Zadock all my lands in Amenia Precinct, especially the messuage and tenement whereon I now live in the Great Nine Partners, with all improvements. My son Zadock shall pay to my grandson, Jonathan Buck, of Bennington, in Albany County, £100 when he is of age. I leave to my daughter, Lois Bates, £5. I leave to my daughters, Betty Dewey, Zurriah Spencer, and Anna Bennett, $\frac{2}{3}$ of all my goods and movable estate after all debts and funeral expenses are paid. I make my wife and Roswell Hopkins, Esq., of Amenia Precinct, executors."

Dated June 24, 1775. "I leave to my son Zadock all my cooper's tools." Witnesses, Barnabas Paine, Noah Brown, Matthew Paine. Proved, January 27, 1779.

Page 79.—"In the name of God, Amen, February 27, 1769. I, DAVID SOUTHERLAND, of the Precinct of New Cornwall, in Orange County, being in perfect health, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after death the Judgment. All debts to be paid. I leave to my grandson, Charles Southerland, twenty shillings in order to deprive him from taking any advantage of my estate as heir at law. It is to be paid to him when of age. I leave to my wife Mary all household goods and furniture, and my best riding horse, and the use of all my lands during widowhood for her maintainance and that of my children and grandchildren. I leave to my three sons, Andrew, David, and Alexander, and to my grandson, Charles Southerland, all my homestead of 200 acres; Also two other tracts of unappropriated land, being part of the land formerly granted by Patent to Captain John

Lawrence, the first being 75 acres and the second 25 acres, and which I had in exchange for other tracts of land which I had from John Nicoll and others, as by deed may appear. I leave to my son Andrew 50 acres at the northeast end of my homestead adjoining David Mandeville, and to extend on the north and south bounds to make 50 acres. I leave to my son David 35 acres at the southwest end of my homestead adjoining to Patrick McDonell, and to extend in equal breadth along the north and south bounds to make 35 acres. I leave to my grandson, Charles Southerland, 10 acres on the north bounds of my homestead and joining the land of my son David, and to be laid out so as to include 8 acres of upland and 2 acres of meadow; Also the 25 acres I had of John Nicoll. But if he dies, then to my granddaughters, Mary and Jane, daughters of my son, Patrick Southerland, deceased. I leave to my son Alexander all the remainder of my homestead, with all buildings, and 75 acres of the Patent of John Lawrence; Also all my stock and farming utensils, and he shall pay all legacies. I leave to my daughter Jane, wife of William Edminster, £10. To my daughter Letitia, wife of Moses Clerk, £10. To my daughter Mary, wife of Robert Farrier, £5. My three grandchildren, Charles, Mary, and Jane, are to be brought up and taken care of by my executors until they are of age. But as to Charles, my will is that he be kept at School till 15, sufficient to keep a tradesman's Book, and then put to a trade. I will and order that the Burying Ground now on my homestead be continued to be and forever remain as a burying ground for the family of the Southerlands. I will that Margaret, the widow of my son Patrick, deceased, shall be allways used, accepted, and taken care of in my family as a daughter, sister, friend, and most near and dear relation. I make my wife and my sons, Andrew and Alexander, executors."

Witnesses, Amos Mills, Patrick McDonell, Thomas Palmer. Proved, November 3, 1778.

Page 82.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ADAM MILLER, of Cornwall Precinct, in Orange County, September 14, 1777. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Abigail all the furniture of every kind that she brought to me; also two cows, six sheep; likewise one beef cow, three fat hogs, and all wheat and grain; also the use of my farm while she remains my widow. I leave to my son Philip £5. To my daughter, Elizabeth McGown, five shillings. I leave to my granddaughter, Lidia McGown, all household furniture, of every kind, that I possessed at the time of my last marriage, when she is of age or married. I leave to my son John all the farm and premises where I now live, with all buildings; also my hunting gun, to be carefully kept by my executors until he is of a proper age to use it. I make my friend, James Peters, Esq., of Orange County, and John Harris, of Ulster County, executors."

Witnesses, Oliver Peterson, George Felmore, Thomas Moffatt. Proved, January 30, 1779.

Page 84.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH SCRIBNER, of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, being in good health, January 13, 1770. I leave to my wife Mary the use of all my estate, real and personal, during her life. I leave to my son Isaac $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my lands after the death of my wife. The other half I leave to my sons, Joseph, Elias, and Samuel. I leave to my foundaughters, Mary Nash, Unice Jones, Sarah Seely, and Johannah Maed [Mead?], all my movable estate."

Witnesses, "at his request and in the room where he then was," Abner Osburn, Brockwa Brown, John Bellamy. Proved, January 3, 1779, before Richard Hatfield, Surrogate.

Page 85.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS MANDAVIL, of New Windsor, Ulster County, blacksmith, July 6, 1776. All debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my wife Mary $\frac{1}{2}$ of all my personal

estate during her widowhood, and the use of $\frac{1}{3}$ of all my lands in Orange County, with a new house that I am now building, during her widowhood. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my four sons and two daughters, David, Martha, Corneliuse, John, Jacob, and Frances. My will is that my house and lot of land lying at the Murderers Creek, in Ulster County, be for my eldest son, David, as part of his legacy, and to be appraised. I make my wife Mary and my sons, David, Corneliuse, and John, executors."

Witnesses, John Nicoll, Samuel Arthur, miller, Leonard D. Nicol. Proved, March 2, 1778.

Page 87.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS SEAMAN, of North Castle, in Westchester County, being sick and weak, December 12, 1776. All my movable estate is to be sold not long after my decease, and all debts paid. All my lands are to be sold, and they are to be rented until sold. I leave to Phebe Seaman, daughter of Charity Seaman, £30. The proceeds from the sales I leave to my five sisters, Abigail Moger, Mary Leverich, Phebe Brundige, Charity Seaman, and Hannah Moger, during their lives, and then to their children. The sons to have twice as much as the daughters. I make John Griffin, of Phillipsburgh, and Abel Smith, of North Castle, executors."

Witnesses, Horsman Mullinex, Jeremiah Hunter, John Williams. Proved, April 1, 1779.

Page 88.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT BAITY [BEATTY], of the Precinct of Newburgh, Ulster County, July 30, 1776. I leave to my son Thomas all the old place or farm on which he now lives, except 20 acres which I sold to John Shea for the sum of £45, which said John Shea is to pay to my executors, and they are to give him a deed, and the money is to be paid to my sons, Thomas and Robert. My son Thomas is to pay half my debts, except £34 to Robert Boyd for building my son Thomas a house, which he is to pay more than my son Robert, and he is to pay

half the expense of maintaining my wife. My son Thomas is to pay to Richard Nicholas Colden £131 18s. 1d. and to the Loan officers £40. To William Grey £14; also $\frac{1}{4}$ of a bond of £34 which I stand bound for with William Steward to Cadwallader Colden, Jr. I leave to my son Robert all the farm he now lives on at the Horse Shoe meadow, being 200 acres, except a piece in the southwest corner, bounded east by the road leading from Major Colden's to Little Brittain, north by a line of trees, being six acres, which I leave to my son John. And my son Robert is to pay half my debts, and he is to pay to Thomas Crawford £50; To Thomas Ellison £50; to Charles De Witt £49 12s.; To Cadwallader Colden, Jr., £26 18s. 5d.; To the widow McCobb £5 12s.; Also $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bond for £34. I leave to my son John all the farm where I now live, being 100 acres. And he is to pay to his sisters, Elizabeth and Jane, £10 each, and to his sister Anne £5. I leave to my son Francis all my right of land, being 100 acres, bounded north by the farm given to my son Thomas, west by Robert Waugh, south by John Roberson, east by David Belknap. And he is to pay to his sister Mary £5, and he is to pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of all debts. My sons, Thomas, Robert, and John, shall maintain my wife in a comfortable manner, and she is to live with one of them. If she chooses to live with neither, they shall build for her a little comfortable house, and to maintain her and allow her a cow and four sheep and firewood. My executor may sell personal property. I make my son Robert, executor."

Witnesses, John Waugh, James Waugh, Cadwallader C. Colden. Proved, May 18, 1779.

Page 91.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GERTRUYD BECKMAN, widow of Henry Beckman, Esq., late of Dutchess County, being in advanced age, but of sound mind. I leave to each of my executors £20 to purchase for each of them a piece of plate for their trouble in taking upon them the burthen of the execu-

tion of this will. I leave to the persons to whom I have stood as Godmother £8 each, to be paid to them in a piece of plate of that value, and to be paid upon their presenting certificates from the persons keeping the records of the churches where they were baptized. I devise and bequeath all that tract of land lying in Cortlandts Manor, called Anthony's Nose, and known by the name of Front Lot No. 10, and also the two tracts of land which were conveyed to James De Lancey by Andrew Johnston and Catharine, his wife, for my use, and lying in said Manor adjoining Peekskill, containing 340 acres, as may be seen by release dated March 21, 1739; And also the north half of North Lot No. 3, to be divided by an east and west line; And all my right being $\frac{1}{2}$ of the meadow lying between the mainland and Salisburys Island, with privilege of stacking hay on said Island. All these I leave to my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt, for life, and then to his son, Gilbert Van Cortlandt, and if he dies without issue, then to his brother, Pierre Van Cortlandt. I leave all those two farms which lie in the north half of North Lot No. 3, which are leased to Captain Nathaniel Hyatt and his brother John, deceased, to Pierre Van Cortlandt, son of my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt. To him and his heirs in entail, and if he dies without issue, then to his brother, Philip Van Cortlandt. I leave all the remainder of North Lot No. 3, now in possession of John Hyatt, Jr., John Conklin, and Daniel Lane, unto Philip Van Cortlandt, son of my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt, in entail, and in default of issue, then to his brother, Pierre Van Cortlandt, and in default of issue, then to my nephews, Philip and William Ricketts Van Cortlandt, and in default to my nephews, Stephen, Samuel, John, and Philip, sons of my deceased brother, and in default to Nicholas Bayard Van Cortlandt. I leave all my right, being $\frac{1}{2}$ of a certain Island called Salisbury's Island, to all the children of Andrew Johnston, late of Perth Amboy, and William Tyrrell, in fee simple,

excepting all mines and minerals. Whereas I am seized in fee simple of a certain undivided lands in the Patent called Rumbouts Patent, in Dutchess County, and in the lands yet undivided in the Manor of Cortlandt, and a lot in New York, and lands in Pennsylvania, and in the mines and minerals which I reserve in this will, I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ to the sons of my brother, Stephen Van Cortlandt, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt, and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Philip Van Cortlandt and his brother, William Ricketts Van Cortlandt. I leave all the rest of my personal estate, and the money to arise from the sale of my houses and lots adjoining Beekmans Slip, and my house and lot in Maiden Lane (which I order sold by my executors), as follows: to the daughters of my brother, Stephen Van Cortlandt; $\frac{1}{4}$ to Gertruyd, daughter of my sister, Cornelia Schuyler; $\frac{1}{4}$ to Gertruyd, daughter of my sister, Elizabeth Skinner; $\frac{1}{4}$ to the daughters of my sister, Catharine Johnston, and to the son of my deceased niece, Ann Tyrrell; and $\frac{1}{4}$ to the daughters of my sister, Mary Miln, deceased. I leave to my lame niece, Rebecca Bayard, daughter of Samuel Bayard, and to my nieces, Mrs. Margaret Cockroft, Mrs. Margaret Gage, and Mrs. Margaret Watts, each a piece of plate of the value of £20 as a token of my affection, being a part of $\frac{1}{4}$ and of the remainder of the $\frac{1}{4}$, I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ to the daughters of my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt, and $\frac{1}{2}$ to the daughters of my nephew, John Van Cortlandt. I make my nephew, Pierre Van Cortlandt, and John Van Cortlandt, executors, and they are to sell my houses and lots adjoining Beekmans Slip and my house and lot in Maiden Lane. This my last will and testament written on four sheets of common writing paper, the 20 day of February, 1776."

Witnesses, Dr. Isaac Kip, William Radeliff, George Bull. Proved, June 15, 1779.

[NOTE.—Mrs. Gertruyd Beekman was one of the children of Col. Stephanus Van Cortlandt. The houses and lots "adjoining Beekmans Slip" are the west side

of Fulton street, south of Pearl street. The house and lot on Maiden lane are on the south side, east of William street.—W. S. P.]

Page 95.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ABEL WELLS, of the Precinct of the Wallkill, Ulster County, being in health. As touching such worldly substance which it has been pleased God to bless me in this world. I do give it all, namely, all my lands, together with all my movable estate, to my beloved wife Mary, and to her heirs and assigns forever, and I make her executor.”

April 3, 1773. Witnesses, William Denn, Phebe Denn, Daniel Denn. Proved, April 9, 1779.

Page 96.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB HOORNBECK, of Rochester, in Ulster County, Esquire, January 5, 1778. All debts to be paid within a convenient time. I leave to my wife Elizabeth my negro wench Mary; also a good feather bed, bedstead, calico curtains, and all other furniture thereunto belonging; also all her wearing apparell, both linnen and woolen; also two cows, and £40 yearly so long as she remains my widow, but if she marries she is to have £15 yearly. I leave to my only child, Hannah, my houses, mills, and tenements in the township of Rochester, with all improvements. But she is to pay £40 a year to my wife. I also leave to my daughter all my movable estate, but if she dies without issue, then to my nephew, Jacob Hoornbeck, Jr., son of my brother, Lodowick Hoornbeck, deceased. I make my brother, Hendricus Hoornbeck, and my brother-in-law, Jacob Hasbrouck, and my nephew, Jacob Hoornbeck, Jr., executors.”

Witnesses, Benjamin Merckell, farmer, Lourens Hoornbeck, Christopher Tappan, Esq. Proved, April 13, 1779.

Page 98.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN SCHOONMAKER, of Rochester, in Ulster County,

May 6, 1773, being in good health. I leave to my son Cornelius all my lands and real estate in Rochester, and he is to pay to my grandson, Benjamin Schoonmaker, £600 within one year. I leave to my grandson, Benjamin Schoonmaker, my negro ‘Wiet’ and my wench ‘Jin.’ I leave to my wife Janneke the use of one room in the west end of my house, and one cellar; also two bedsteads, with everything belonging thereto, and so much household goods as she has need of, and my negro wench ‘Buta,’ and the use of a garden and £9 yearly and two cows, and she is to have yearly the sowing of half a Schipple of flaxseed. All the rest of my personal estate I leave to my son Cornelius. I make my son and Jochem Schoonmaker, Jr., executors.”

Witnesses, Benjamin Depuy, Jr., Jacobus Bos, Jr., Joseph Depuy. Proved, May 25, 1779.

Page 100.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN GOLDSMITH, of Goshen, in Orange County, being sick. I leave to my wife Jemima a negro girl. To my daughter Mary a negro girl. I leave to my wife $\frac{1}{4}$ of all my personal estate. My executors are to sell all the rest at public vendue, and the proceeds I leave to my wife and my children, James, Mary, Benjamin, Daniel, and John, and my executors are to maintain and educate my children until they are of age. My negroes that are to be sold are to choose their masters. I make my father, Richard Goldsmith, and my brother, Richard Goldsmith, and Bimuel Youngs, all of Orange County, executors.”

Dated October 19, 1777. Witnesses, Viner Van Zandt, Brinton Paine, Joseph Winter. Proved, June 15, 1778.

Page 101.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID SWEZY, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Elizabeth my best feather bed, with all furniture, and my large

chest with drawers, and one large looking glass, a warming pan, and all pewter and earthenware, and a middle-sized iron pot, and a large copper tea kettle, one woolen wheel and two linnen wheels. I leave to my son David my mare and saddle, and my tools, an inch auger, and one plough with irons and chains, and a pair of beetle rings and wedges. I leave to my son Jonathan the lands and buildings whereon I live, and all farming tools, and a cow and fifteen sheep; also my desk and books, entitled Paradise Lost and the Holy War. I leave to my daughter, Elizabeth Satterly £5. To my wife the use of all the rest of my household goods. To my son David a feather bed, and the same to my son Jonathan. All the rest I leave to my granddaughter, Mary Dains. My son Jonathan is to provide a good maintainance for my wife. I make my sons, David and Jonathan, executors."

Dated July 23, 1778. Witnesses, Noah Carpenter, blacksmith, Bethiah Aldrig, Mehetable Hallock. Proved, May 13, 1779.

Page 103.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB BLAUVELT, of Orangetown, Orange County, yeoman. I leave to my grandson, Jacobus Blauvelt, son and heir at law of my eldest son, Abraham Blauvelt, deceased, 20 shillings in bar to all claims as heir at law. I leave to my son Johannes all my lands and estate in Tappan or Orangetown, and he is to pay my executors £400, to be paid in installments. All the rest of my estate I leave to my children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, viz., to my sons, Peter and Johannes, and my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Peter Perrie, each $\frac{1}{6}$. To my grandchildren, Jacobus Blauvelt, Abraham Blauvelt, Cornelia, wife of George Remsen, Ann, wife of John Jersey, Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Voorhees, and Mary Blauvelt, the children of my son Abraham, deceased, $\frac{1}{6}$ among them. To my grandchildren, John Blauvelt, Jacob Blauvelt, Margaret, wife of Captain Abraham Haring, Ranshye,

wife of Jacobus Turneur, Jr., and Elizabeth Blauvelt, children of my son Jacob, deceased, $\frac{1}{6}$ among them. To my granddaughters, Mary, wife of Dowwe Tallman, Jr., and Catharine, wife of Claas R. Van Houten, daughters of my son Isaac, deceased, each $\frac{1}{6}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$. To my great-grandchildren, Isaac and Ann Blauvelt, children of my grandson, Jacob Isaac Blauvelt, deceased, $\frac{1}{6}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$. I make my son Peter and my friend, John Haring, Esq., executors. Dated December 17, 1774."

Witnesses, Cornelius Cor Smith, Matthew Light, David Bogert. Proved, April 23, 1779.

Page 105.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL DUNNING, of Goshen, Orange County, being sick and weak. I leave to my wife Elizabeth her bed and furniture, viz., three pair of sheets, three pair pillowcases, bolster, pillows, and two best coverlids, and my best riding horse and saddle, and my best cow and £10, and $\frac{1}{6}$ of all movables. I leave to my sons, Abijah and David, each £10, to be laid out to fit them to be put to trades, and £10 for their use until of age. I leave to my children, Samuel, Ephraim, Isaac, Matthew, Mary, and Margaret, each £10. What remains of my movable estate I do give to my wife, with a middling pot, a pewter platter, and a little wheel, and the use of the best room and a right in the cellar and chamber, and the use of my farm during her life or widowhood. Then all the lands to be sold by my executors, and £10 paid to each daughter, and all the rest to my sons. I make my cousin, Jacob Dunning, and my sons, Samuel and Ephraim, executors. Dated May 25, 1776."

Witnesses, Loes Dunning, Ketura Dunning, William Denn, schoolmaster. Proved, April 23, 1779.

Page 107.—"The last will and testament of JOHN CARPENTER SMITH, of the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County, February 16, 1778. I, John Carpenter Smith, of the west side of the Wallkill, in Orange County, being sick and weak. I desire that my body

be buried in a decent manner, and all debts paid. I leave to my son, Richard Carpenter, all my blacksmith tools and gunsmith tools, and £5. To my daughter Anna my own bed and bedding whereon I lodge. To my son, John Carpenter, £5. My wife's clothes to be equally divided among my two daughters, Anna and Phebe. My children are to be brought up at the discretion of my executors. All the rest I leave to my four youngest children, Anna, Phebe, Jesse, and Asa. My son John is to receive his £5 when of age, and the other children are to have their shares when of age. I make my brother, Wait Carpenter, and my trusty friend, Samuel Gale, executors." Signed, "John Carpenter Smith."

Witnesses, Samuel Bayley, David Bayley, John Conner. Proved, February 19, 1779. (Indexed as will of John Carpenter.)

Page 108.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN COLEMAN, of Goshen, Orange County, State of New York, yeoman, being in a very weak state of health, do think it my duty to put my house in order before I leave this insipid world for a blessed Eternity. I leave to my son Jonathan all my real estate when of age; also my silver buckles. I give my great coat to my brother, Joseph Coleman. All the rest of my wearing apparell to my brother, Nathan Coleman. I leave to my five sisters, now living at home with my father, £100. Of all the rest of my personal property, I leave $\frac{1}{2}$ to my wife Charity, and the other half to the child of which my wife is supposed to be pregnant. If the child does not live, then to my son Jonathan. My wife is to have the use of all lands till my son is of age to bring him up and educate him under my executors. I make Silas Horton, of Goshen, and Dr. Jonathan Swazey, of the same place, executors."

Dated March 10, 1779. Witnesses, Benjamin Tus-ten, Peter Clowes, Esq., Isaac Denton. Proved, May 13, 1779.

Page 110.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES DOLSEN, of Goshen, in Orange County, February 8, 1778. All debts to be paid. It is my will that my family should keep together and carry on business agreeable to the directions of my executors until my son James is of age. I leave to my son James all my farm and dwelling house and all buildings, and he is to pay to my other sons, Asa and Samuel, each £200 when 21. I leave to my son James the horse he calls his own. To my son Asa a pair of steers he calls his own. I leave to my son Samuel the privilege of raising a pair of steers on the farm. I leave to my wife Phebe my gray mare and her saddle, one cow and one-third of the cattle, goods, and personal estate, and the use of the house and farm till my son James is of age, and then the privilege of living in my house. I leave to my daughters, Mary and Abigail, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the personal property. A prudent care is to be taken of the shares of the younger children. I make my brothers-in-law, Isaiah Veal and Abraham Harding, executors."

Witnesses, Henry White, Benjamin Whitaker, James Little, Esq. Proved, February 1, 1779.

Page 112.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 8, 1775. I, ELIAS DEPUY, Esq., of Rochester, in Ulster County. I leave to my wife Rachel full use of all my estate until my youngest child is of age. My children are to be brought up and receive a sufficient education, and especially my two sons, Jesaia and Josia, who are to be fitted for trades or business, and when the youngest is of age, my wife is to give up all control. I leave to my wife her choice of my female slaves, and two cows, and a bed, and such household goods as she needs, and her choice of a room in my house, with room in the cellar and in the loft, and apples and a garden, and my son Elias is to keep the garden in fence, and she is to have her firewood, and my sons, Moses and Elias, shall sow for her yearly half a Schepel of flaxseed. And she is to have £20

yearly, and the sum of fifty shillings is to be paid by each of my eight children, Moses, John, Elias, Jesaia, Josia, Maria, wife of Joseph Depuy, Grietje, and Sara. I leave to my wife all her wearing apparell and four sheep. After her death, I leave all household goods to my three daughter, and all the rest of my personal estate to my sons. I leave to my sons, Moses, John, and Elias, all the lands which I have in a deed from the Trustees of Rochester to Philip Du Bois, late of Rochester, deceased, and dated June 1, 1730; Also all lands granted by the Trustees to me and sever others, May 18, 1770. I leave to my three sons my saw mill, dam, gutter and stream, and two acres of land where they stand. I leave to my son John a right of Commonage in the tract of land whereon my saw mill stands, and my land on the west side of the footpath leading to Shawangunk for him and his workmen and slaves, to cut timber and get stone for his use. I leave to my son Elias my dwelling house and lot. Beginning at the Rondout Kill by the rift or fording place, where the road leads through the Rondout Kill to Peter Kools hook, and runs along the road to my nut orchard, and then along the south side of the same to the road leading to John Depuy's, and then by the same to Rondout Kill, and down the same to place of beginning, with all buildings. I leave to my son Moses a house and home lot, of the same size, adjoining the same. I leave to my two said sons all that tract on the north side of Rondout Kill, and between it and the land of the heirs of Jacobus Depuy, and commonly known by the name of Pieter Kools hook; And all my lands on the south side of Rondout Kill. I leave to my son John all the rest of my lands on the north side of Rondout Kill, on the north side of the highway, where William McDonald formerly lived, with all the buildings. And they are to pay to my sons, Jesaia and Josia, and to my daughters the sum of £925. All the rest I leave to my sons. If my son Moses should marry then a house and barn are

to be built for him, and also for my son John. If any mines are discovered on my lands they are to be for all my sons. I make my wife, and my sons, Moses and John, and my brother, Benjamin Depuy, and my brother-in-law, Jacob Hoornbeek, executors."

Witnesses, Johannis G. Hardenbergh, Petrus Schoonmaker, Joseph Hasbrouck, Jr. Proved, April 18, 1779.

Page 119.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NOAH GRIDLEY, of Albany County, State of New York, yeoman. My executors are to pay all debts and funeral expenses. I leave to my dear and loving wife one-half of all my real and personal estate during her life, and the use of the other half during the minority of my children. And I also will that my children, Mary, Noah, Rebecca, and Nathaniel, have, as they come of age, one-half of my personal property (first allowing my daughter Mary one good cow), to be divided in the following manner. In division my sons are to have twice as much as my daughters, and after the death of my wife they are to have all the remainder. I leave to my sons all farming utensils. I make my wife [*not named*] and Matthew Adgate, Esq., executors."

Dated July 20, 1779. Witnesses, Matthew Adgate, Allen Beach, Timothy Buck. Proved, September 4, 1779.

Page 121.—"Be it remembered that on this 30 day of March, 1779, I, JOHN BRUNDIGE, of the West Patent of North Castle, in Westchester County, being weak in body. All funeral expenses and just debts to be well and truly paid. I leave to my wife Elizabeth one feather bed, with all its furniture, so as to make it comfortable winter and summer; Also my brown mare and side saddle, and household goods to the value of £10, to be valued as such goods were in the year 1775. I also leave her ten sheep, two hogs, and the use of the two best rooms in my house so long as she remains my widow, and the privilege of pasture on my farm

to pasture the creatures I have given her, and to get hay for them, and to raise bread corn and corn for to fat her hogs. I leave to my son John a certain possession of land in Philipse, Upper Patent, whereon Nehemiah Wood now lives; Also £^o, to be reckoned in value as money went in the year 1775. And my sons, James, Jesse, and Marston are to pay £3 each of the said sum. I leave to my grandson, John Burchem, £25, to be reckoned as money was in 1775, to be paid by my said three sons. I leave to my son James the north part of the Plantation where I now live, as shall with what I have already given him, and on which he lives, make one-third in quantity of the whole. I leave to my son Jesse one-half of the plantation where I now live. I leave to my son Marston all the remainder. I leave to all my sons the money due me on a bond of Benjamin Hall, of North Castle. All the rest of my estate I leave to my sons and to my daughters, viz., Anne Wood, Elizabeth Arnold, Deborah Ogden, Hannah Worden, Rhoda Forman, Phebe Niles, Charity Thorn, and Free love Weeks. I make my son James, and my wife's brother, John Green, and my friend, Benjamin Smith, of North Castle, executors."

Witnesses, Free love Lyon, Thomas Nash, Quaker, Benjamin Smith. Proved, May 26, 1779.

[NOTE.—Between the south line of the Manor of Cortlandt west of the Bronx river, and the north line of the Manor of Philipseburgh, was a triangular tract of land, called the West Patent of North Castle. The provision as to the value of money is a reminder that "Continental Currency" had been issued, with greatly depreciated value. Philipse Upper Patent is now Putnam County.—W. S. P.]

Page 123.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DE WITT, of Rochester, in Ulster County, in the Province of New York, being sick. I leave to my wife Ann the income and profits of all my estate, real and per-

sonal, as long as she remains my widow, except that part of my real estate now in possession of my brother, Jacob De Witt, which she is to have after my brother's decease, but not before. I leave to my son Jacob, after the death or marriage of my wife, the choice of my horses, in bar to any claim he may have as my heir at law. I also leave him all that certain tract of land in Rochester, Beginning at the southwest corner of the home lot, now of Philipus Hoornbeek, and late of Johanis Oosterhoudt, and thence due south to a brook of water in the low land, and then down said brook, as it turns and winds, to the Roundout Kill or Creek, and then down the same to the land now in the possession of Rev. Dyrek Romyn, then along his land to the Kings highway, and along the same westerly to the house or home lot of my brother, Jacob De Witt, where he now lives, and then along the same southerly and westerly to the house or home lot of Philipus Hoornbeek, and along the same to beginning, with all the buildings. But not to possess it until after the death of my brother, Jacob De Witt. I leave to my youngest son, Henrickus De Witt, all that tract of land adjoining the above. Beginning at the southwest corner of the home lot of Philipus Hoornbeek, and late of Johannes Oosterhoudt, and thence south to a brook of water in the low land; Then down the brook on the east side thereof as it runs to Roundout Kill or creek, then up the stream of Roundout Kill to the land of Hendrickus Hoornbeek, and then along the same to beginning, with all buildings. I leave to my two sons all the rest of my real estate, but not till after the death of my wife. If either of my sons desires to sell his part, he shall sell to the other, and if they cannot agree about the price, it is to be left to three indifferent men. I make my wife, and my son Jacob, and my cousins, Andries De Witt and Charles De Witt, executors."

Dated September 2, 1772. Witnesses, Hendrickus Hoornbeek, Michael Enderle, Jacob Hoornbeek.

Codicil. Executors may sell slaves and cattle if desirable.

Proved, January 26, 1776, before Joseph Gasherie.

Page 127.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB DE WITT, of Rochester, in Ulster County, April 18, 1778. All debts to be paid. I leave to my nephew Jacob, son of my brother, Cornelius De Witt, one hundred acres of land in Rochester, being part of a tract lately conveyed by the Trustees of Rochester to Cornelius Hoornbeek, deceased. And the said one hundred acres are next to the land of Felte Kelder, and are to be laid out in a regular square. I leave to my nephew, Hendricus De Witt, all my houses, lands, and tenements in Rochester (except the one hundred acres as above), and all my personal estate, slaves, and cattle. I make Moses Depuy, Benjamin Cortright, and Hendricus De Witt, executors.”

Witnesses, Philip Hoornbeek, John Sleght, Christopher Tappen. Proved, October 10, 1778.

Page 129.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES MOORE, of Dutchess County, yeoman, being very sick. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all the use of my lands and personal estate and movable estate so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my first-born son, Philip, £5 for his eldest birthright. After my wife's decease I leave all to my children [*rest of children not named*]. I make my wife, and my son Philip, and William Biteer, executors.”

Witnesses, Zacharias Hoffman, Volkert Witlack, Adam Segendorpfs. Proved, October 29, 1779.

Page 131.—“In the name of God, Amen, June 5, 1771. I, RINIER NACK, of New York, innholder, being in good health. I order all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah one-third of all my estate during widowhood, and she is to maintain and bring up my two children, Rinier and Matthias, until of age. I

also leave her her wearing apparell and her rings. I leave to my son Rinier £20 as heir at law, and my Large Dutch Bible, and my long gun, and my wearing apparell. I leave to my son Matthias my working tools and my little gun, and two-thirds of my estate. I make my wife, and Matthias Vredenburgh, and John Vredenburgh, executors.”

Witnesses, John Brown, Robert Harding, Abraham Montanye. Proved, April 2, 1779, before Thomas Tredwell, upon oath of James Campbell, cordwainer, and Harman Bussing, cooper, late of New York, but now of Poughkeepsie, as to handwriting, etc.

[NOTE.—Rinier Nach had an inn, or tavern, on the north side of Liberty street, between Broadway and Greenwich street.—W. S. P.]

Page 132.—“In the name of God, Amen, July 19, 1768. I, JACOB STOVER, of Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, farmer, being in perfect health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Eve the full use of my farm and movable estate, and all cattle and farming utensils, during her life or widowhood, To do therewith as may seem best for the children. After her death, then all to my children, Barbary, wife of Michael Overacker, Adam, Martinus, Vallintine, Eve, and Margaret, and to Jacob Stover, son of my son Jacob, deceased. I make my wife, and my sons, Adam and Martinus, and Area Delany, executors.”

Witnesses, James Burtch, George McCarty, William Humphry, Esq.

Codicil. “My executors may withhold £10 which I have paid as a debt of my son Jacob, deceased, unto Jacob Reesoner, of Beekmans Precinct.”

Dated February 15, 1773. Acknowledged before William Humphry, Justice of the Peace. Proved, September 6, 1779, before Gilbert Livingston, Esq.

Page 135.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN FERDON, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County,

August 14, 1779. I leave to my son Johannis my desk, saddle and bridle, and wearing apparell. I leave to my two youngest daughters, Elizabeth and Gertruy, all household furniture and bedding. To my daughter Elizabeth a side saddle. After all debts are paid, I leave the remainder to my five daughters, Mary, Catharine, Elizabeth, Phebe, and Gertruy. It is my will that my son-in-law, Henry Scott, shall have the use of all my lands until my youngest daughter is eighteen, provided he will bring up and educate my younger children and afford them education in a decent and reasonable way, and my executors to be sole judges. I leave to my son Johannis all that part of my farm which lies south of a line beginning at the Post Road at the north corner of a lot which I purchased of Underhill Budd and Elisha Covert, and running thence west along the north line of said land to the northwest corner, then due north eighty yards, then west to the land of Zachariah Ferdon. I leave to my five daughters all the land south of said line. My sheep are not to be disposed of. I make my loving brothers, Zachariah Ferdon and Jacob Ferdon, executors."

Witnesses, Johannis Ferdon, Zachariah Ferdon, Richard Snedeker. Proved, November 1, 1779.

Page 138.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL HYATT, JR., of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being sick. I leave to my wife Mary a bed and furniture, and a horse, side saddle, and bridle. I leave to my son David a black colt, raising two years. After which I do order my lawful debts to be paid. I leave to my wife one-third of my estate. All the rest I leave to my two sons and my four daughters, David, Israel, Melicent, Jane, Mary, and Phebe. The sons to be paid when of age and the daughters when 18. I leave to my wife the use of all the estate to bring up my children. I make my wife, and my son David, and Joseph Strang, executors."

Dated February 28, 1779. Witnesses, Ebenezer White, Lawrence Law, Elijah Scott. Proved, September 13, 1779.

Page 140.—"In the name of God, Amen, November 13, 1776. I, SAMUEL HAVILAND, of Harrison's Precinct, Westchester County. I leave to my wife Rachel the negro wench and all the household furniture of what kind soever that she brought to me. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, my executors are to sell, and after paying debts I leave all the rest to my wife and her heirs and assigns forever. I make my wife and my brother-in-law, William Miller, executors."

Witnesses, Joseph Palmer, Samuel Gilchrist, James Palmer. Proved, October 21, 1779.

Page 142.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 9, 1779. I, JOSIAH WOOLSEY, of Westchester County, being sick. I direct all debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my wife Mary one-third of all my estate, real and personal. I leave to my four sons, Thomas, Stephen, William, and Josiah, three-fourths of the remainder, and to my two daughters, Sarah and Mary, one fourth of remainder. I make my wife and Joseph Owens, executors."

Witnesses, William Craft, Thomas Burrill, Adryan Van Riper. Proved, December 3, 1779.

Page 144.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL JUDSON, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County. After payment of debts, I leave to my wife Abigail the use of £100 during her life, and then to my children. I leave to my sons, Azariah, Samuel, and Noah, all my lands at home and abroad. I leave to my son Azariah, as eldest son, £5. I leave to my daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, Susannah, and Mary, all the rest of movable estate, but my eldest daughter, Elizabeth, is to have £50 more than the rest. I make Deacon Moses Barlow and my brother-in-law, Noah Pratt, executors."

Dated April 12, 1777. Witnesses, Azariah Pratt, Ebenezer Knibloe, of Litchfield, Connecticut, Clerk, David Judson. Proved, January 31, 1780.

Page 146.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIJAH WHEELER, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, being under great weakness of body, September 2, 1774. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of all lands until my eldest son, Nathan A. Wheeler, is 21, and then she is to have the use of one-half my house and one-third of my lands for life. I leave to my daughters, Joana and Elizabeth, one cow and £50 each when 18. I leave to my sons, Nathan A., Robert K., Elijah, Cyrus M., and William, all the rest of my estate. But my son Nathan A. is to have £50 before division. I make my wife and my brother, Eliphalet Wheeler, executors.”

Witnesses, Peter Mills, Martin Delamater, Oliver Fuller. Proved, August 3, 1779.

Page 147.—“In the name of God, Amen, September 3, 1779. I, JOHN ENTERS, of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, Westchester County, being very weak and on-well. I leave to my wife Mary all my improvements. I leave to John Fashea four hundred dollars. I leave to Susannah Paulding three hundred and fifty dollars. I make my wife Mary, and my friend, Joseph Paulding, and John Fashea, executors.”

Witnesses, Peter See, Abraham See. Proved, January 13, 1780.

[NOTE.—The above will is the first in which dollars are left as a legacy.—W. S. P.]

Page 149.—“In the name of God, Amen, June 19, 1778. I, JOHANIS BREWER, of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, in Westchester County, being in perfect health. My will is that my son Jacob shall have all my improvements where I now live, on condition that he gives his sister, Peggy Brewer, a good maintainance. I leave to my daughter Peggy a good bed and furni-

ture. I leave all household goods to my four sons and three daughters, viz., Deliverance, Peter, Matthew, Jacob, Angeltie, wife of John Sispen, Lena, wife of Peter Mabie, and Peggy, and all my movables. I make my friend, William Yurksea, and John Yurksea, executors.”

Witnesses, Johanis Britt, William Britt, William Davids. Proved, January 13, 1780.

Page 151.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, TIMOTHY WOOD, of Goshen, Orange County, cordwainer. All debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Timothy, £3. I leave to my son Richard all my home lot that I now live on in Goshen, with the dwelling house, and he is to pay £100 to my estate. I leave to my son Joseph twenty acres of land where my dwelling house stands in Goshen, which I purchased from John Williams, tailor, and also my equal half northwest Division lot of land adjoining John Wells in Goshen, with all buildings, and he is to pay £50 to my estate. I leave to my daughters, Sarah Little, Deborah Duning, Mary Brewster, Keziah Oldfield, Abigail Oakley, and Susannah Carrington, all the rest of my movables. I leave to my granddaughter, Abigail Coleman, £10. To my son Richard my plow and plow irons, and my iron tooth Harrow, and all my shoemaking tools and lasses [lasts]. I make my sons, Richard and Joseph, executors.”

August 17, 1775. Witnesses, Roger Townsend, Daniel Everitt, Keziah Townsend, wife of Roger Townsend.

Codicil. “Whereas in my will I have agreed that my son Richard should pay £100 and my son Joseph £50 to my estate, which said sums, by reason of depreciation of Currency, is inadequate to my design, the said sums are to be paid in Spanish Dollars, or value in gold or silver, or good wheat at six shillings a bushel, and the legacies are to be paid in the same.”

Dated August 21, 1779. Witnesses, John Gale,

Daniel Everitt, Keziah Townsend. Proved, May 6, 1780, before James Everitt, Esq., Surrogate.

[NOTE.—The above is a further instance of the Continental Currency, which so rapidly depreciated in value.—W. S. P.]

Page 154.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DRAKE, of Goshen, in Orange County, yeoman, being old and infirm. My executors are to pay all debts as soon as possible. I leave to my wife Martha one good riding horse or mare, side saddle and bridle, two good cows, and all my sheep and hogs, and all provisions and grain, and a bed, bedstead, and bedding complete. I leave to my wife the farm or plantation where I live, with all improvements, during her widowhood, and after her death or marriage, to my son Benjamin. I leave to my son Benjamin my fishing place, with the right and privilege of fishing in the river Delaware near Minnisink. I leave to my sons, Joseph, Benjamin, Samuel, William, and Zephaniah, and the heirs of my son John, all my lands, meadows, and mills in Kings County and Queens County, on Long Island, which descended to me on the death of my grandfather, Adam Brewer. I leave to my daughters, Martha Jackson, Mary Holly, and Esther Knap, five shillings, to be paid in a year. I leave to my granddaughter Martha Holly, daughter of Joseph Holly, one good cow. I leave all the rest to my wife and my son Benjamin and my granddaughters, Martha Holly and Mary Holly, daughters of Joseph Holly. I make my friend, Captain Colvil Bradner, and my son Joseph, executors.”

Dated February 6, 1779. Witnesses, Daniel Vail, weaver, Isaac Smith, William Thompson. Proved, February 28, 1780.

Page 156.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BORLAND, of Ulster County, being sick and weak. I leave to my three sons, Thomas, Charles, and Will-

iam, all my lands where I now live and all my lands in Ulster or Orange County or elsewhere. I leave to my wife Tabitha the use of one-third of my farm where I live during her life. Also two cows, six sheep, a good riding horse, with side saddle and bridle, one bed, with proper furniture, two pots, six chairs, a pair of tongs and fire shovel, etc., and as much room and privilege in my dwelling house as may be needful for her use, and a privilege in my barn. And if at any time my wife shall choose to dwell by herself, I do order my three sons to repair the small stone house standing near my present dwelling house in a comfortable and decent manner for her to dwell in. I leave to my son John £130, over and above £70 which he has already received from my son Thomas. I leave to my daughter, Mary Bradner, £200. To my daughter, Jean Armstrong, £200. To my daughter, Patience McLaughlin, £50. To my daughter, Tabitha Smith, £5. To my daughters, Rebecca, Isabel, and Tabitha Borland, each £200 [Note.—The name Tabitha here is probably a mistake for Phebe] when of age or married. I leave to my wife the charge of my daughter Rebecca hoping earnestly and without doubting she will fulfill the trust. I leave to my wife a negro girl. I leave to my daughters, Rebecca, Isabel, and Phebe, house room in my dwelling house until they are married. I leave to my son William my Large Bible and my silver shoe buckles. And I order him kept to school, at the expense of my sons, Thomas and Charles, so long as to write a tolerable good hand and cypher through the Rule of Three. All the rest of my movable estate I leave to my sons, Thomas, Charles, and William, and to my daughters, Rebecca, Isabel, and Phebe. My son William is to be put to a trade. I make my wife and my sons, Thomas and Charles, executors.”

Dated December 13, 1779. “My daughters, Jean Armstrong and Mary Bradner, are to have a share of my movables.” Witnesses, William Bodle, of Wall-

kill, farmer, John McNeal, William Denn. Proved, January 20, 1780.

Page 158.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL DENTON, of Newburgh, in Ulster County, farmer, being very sick. I leave to my wife Phebe three cows and a riding horse and side saddle and bridle; also a bed and bedding and household furniture, and one-third of my farm at Fostertown where I now live, and the best room in my house while she remains my widow. I leave to my daughter Abigail £500, and a decent, comfortable maintainance during her natural life. I leave to my nephew, Samuel Denton (son of my brother Thomas), £50. I leave to my son-in-law, John H. Schenck, equal half of all the lands and mines I bought of John McMaster. I leave to my brother, Thomas Denton, one-quarter of the same, and the other one-quarter to the discretion of my executors. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Schenck, and her husband, John H. Schenck, all the rest of my lands and movables; if she have no children, then I leave to my wife and my daughter Abigail one-half, my wife to have her part during her life. And if my daughter Abigail should die, then to my four brothers, Daniel, James, Jonas, and Thomas Denton, and to my sister, Sarah Wickham. The other half I leave to my son-in-law, John H. Schenck. I make my wife, and my brother, Daniel Denton, and my son-in-law, John H. Schenck, executors.”

Dated October 12, 1779. Witnesses, Hope Mills, Monson Ward, Lewis Donovan. Proved, April 17, 1780.

Page 160.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, DIRCK TEN BROECK, of Albany, merchant, being in health. I charge my whole estate with the payment of my just debts and funeral charges. I leave to my wife Ann all the rest of my estate, real and personal, and whatever I may be entitled to in law or equity, to her for

life and so long as she remains my widow. If she marries, she is to have £500 and all the furniture and household goods which she got in her outsett; Also a negro woman and her two children. After her death or marriage, I leave all to my brother, Abraham Ten Broeck and to my sisters, Catharina, wife of John Livingston, Christina, wife of Philip Livingston, Marya, wife of Gerardus Groesbeck, Sara, wife of John H. Ten Eyck, and Margaret, wife of Stephen Richard. I make my wife, and my father-in-law, Volckert P. Douw, Esq., and my brother, Abraham Ten Broeck, executors.”

Dated October 30, 1765. Witnesses, Peter Hansen, Stephen Groesbeck, S. Van Rensselaer. Proved, June 8, 1780.

Page 162.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK KICKLER, of Rumbouts Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife all my estate, real and personal, during her life. If she marries, she shall have my bed, with the furniture thereto belonging, and a cow. After my wife's death or marriage, my son-in-law, William Burnet, shall buy the farm, if he is so minded, and pay for it £150, at £10 a year. If he have no mind to buy the farm, it shall be sold, with all the movable estate, and the money to be paid to my three daughters, Anne Maria, Elizabeth, and Dority. My eldest daughter is to have one-half as much as the others. But if William Burnet taketh the farm, the payment shall be made to Anna Maria until she hath her share. And as to my daughter Elizabeth's money, my executors are to keep it and not let her have any as long as she liveth with Matthew Burnet. But if he should die and she should come to want, then they are to help her. But if my daughter Elizabeth doth not marry Matthew Burnet, her share is to be paid like the rest. I leave to my grandson, Frederick Burnet, my loom, with all the tackling. What my daughter Dority hath had is a

free gift. I make Cornelius Luyster, Tise Luyster, Peter I. Monfort, and Johanes Dubois, executors."

Dated June 13, 1770. Witnesses, Joseph C. Gonsauler, Gerret Noostrant, Domenicus Monfoort. Proved, March 20, 1780, before Gilbert Livingston.

Page 164.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTIAN BACKER, of Rynbeck Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my son, Wilhelmus Backer, all my houses and lands, and horses, waggons, harrows, plows, and windmills, and all belonging to my farm. Except the stone house I now live in, which I give to my wife Anna as long as she lives. And my son Wilhelmus shall keep the said house in good order, and find her sufficient meat and drink, fire and light, sufficient clothing, 8 pounds of wax a year, and all my bed and bedding, spinning wheel and household goods, and the money due to me from Lasher. After her death, I leave all to all my children, and Christian Shook shall have his mother's share. I leave to my eldest son, Petrus, twenty shillings before all. My son Wilhelmus shall pay £50, to be divided among all my children, and he shall have the stone house after my wife's death. [*Names of other children not given.*] I make George Sharp, Wilhelmus Backer, and William Seaman, executors."

Dated January 11, 1780. Witnesses, George Sharp, William Seaman, Jacob Levey. Proved, May 29, 1780.

Page 165.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CRINSE OSTERHOUDT, of Saugerties, in the District of the Corporation of Kingston, in Ulster County, carpenter, being very weak. I direct all honest debts to be paid. I leave to my two sisters, Anneke and Margaret, each £30. To my half-sister Elizabeth, £10. I leave to my sister Anneke's oldest daughter, Mary, £10. To my godson, John C. Person, £10. To my godson, Samuel Schoonmaker, son of Egbert Schoonmaker, £3. I leave to Peter West my gun. I leave

to Edward Schoonmaker, Jr., my Bible and my new Beyer Hatt. All the rest I leave to my half-brothers and sisters' children [*not named*]. I make my good friends, Edward Schoonmaker, Jr., William Dederick, Jr., and John Brink, Jr., executors."

Dated December 9, 1775. Signed "John Crinse J. K. O. H. Osterhoudt." ^{his} Witnesses, Cornelis Legg, ^{mark} Andrew Van Leuve. Proved, March 1, 1776.

Page 167.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILHELMUS BURHANS, of Saugerties, Ulster County, carpenter. I leave to my eldest son, Barnet, all my carpenter tools. I leave to my three sons, Barnet, Jerriek, and John, each £20. And whereas my real estate is part of the estate of my father, Barnet Burhans, late of Saugerties, and also part of the other estate of my said father situate at Braband [Kingston], and being yet undivided. I give all my part of the same to my said three sons and my daughters, Margaret Brink and Maretie Sperling. And I order them to have the said estate divided as soon as possible. And my said children shall, immediately after the division, pay to my loving wife, their mother, Hilletie, £50 per annum, each of them, during her life. But if she marries, the payment is to cease. I leave to my daughter, Margaretta Brink, my Great Bible. To my daughter, Maretta Sperling, my Psalm Book. I make Henry Schoonmaker, John Brink, and Christopher Kierstede, executors, all of Saugerties."

Dated April 28, 1778. Witnesses, Cornelius G. Swart, Thark Schoonmaker, Jr. Proved, June 7, 1780.

Page 169.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH LLOYD, of Queens Village (or Lloyds Neck), in Queens County, being in good health. My funeral to be conducted under the direction of my executors, with a frugal decorum. I leave all my estate real and personal, to my nephew, John Lloyd, Jr., son of my