

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." Witnesses, Cornelis Legg, 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

brother, John Lloyd, subject to the following legacies, to be paid by him in a reasonable time. To my sister, Rebecca Woolsey, £700. To my nephew, Joseph Lloyd, son of my brother, James Lloyd, of Boston, £200. To my niece, Rebecca Aspinwall, £100. To my niece, Catharine Grinnell, £100. To my sister, Elizabeth Fitch, £21 annually, provided her circumstances in life, in the opinion of my executors, require it. But if it so happen that, in consequence of the present unhappy contest with Great Britain, my real and personal estate shall be reduced in value, the legacies are to be reduced in proportion, estimating my real estate at this time to be £5,000 and my personal estate as £1,500. I make my nephew, John Lloyd, Jr., executor."

Dated June 24, 1776. Witnesses, Cornelius Conkling, Joseph Conkling, Richard Conkling. Proved, July 10, 1780, "before Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate of the State of New York, upon oath of Cornelius Conkling, late of Huntington, in Suffolk County, but at present residing at Norwalk, Connecticut."

[NOTE.—The above is a reminder that a large number of prominent Whigs on Long Island fled to Connecticut after the disastrous Battle of Long Island.—W. S. P.]

Page 170.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN DENTON, of Amenia Precinct, in Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Ruth one-third of my household goods, and the use of the dwelling house and garden as well, during her life, and forty shillings worth, New York currency, of provisions yearly. I leave to my two sons, John and Benjamin, all my wearing clothes. I leave to my five children, John, Benjamin, Sarah, Ann, and Rachel, all my books. On the first day of November, after my decease, my wife shall deliver a cow, or the value thereof, to my daughter Sarah, and on the first day

of November after that a cow to my daughter Ann, and also on the first day of November next after that a cow to my daughter Rachel. I leave to my son Benjamin all my lands in Sharon, Connecticut, and when he sells it he shall pay to my son John £10. I also leave him all my other lands, and make him executor."

Dated January 12, 1771. Witnesses, Roswell Hopkins, Ruth Peck, Hannah Purdy. Proved, July 10, 1780.

Page 172.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 12, 1778. I, TIMOTHY MILLS, of the Precinct of New Windsor, in Ulster County. I leave to my son John £5. I leave to my wife Margaret all my house and farm where I now live, being 71 acres, and is known and designated on a map or chart of the subdivision of my whole tract by Lot No. 1, during her life. I also leave her the front large room and one bedroom for her use and the use of my daughter Johannah to live with her during the life of my wife. Also household furniture, two cows, one good riding horse, with saddle and bridle. I leave to my son Jonathan forty acres of land off the southwest part of Lot No. 4, and seventeen acres off the southwest part of a certain meadow lot consisting of twenty-three acres, and known on said map as No. 4. I leave to my daughter Anna, wife of Nathan Serjeant, forty-four acres off the northeast part of Lot No. 4, and six acres off the northeast part of a meadow lot of twenty-three acres called No. 4, and lies between part of Lot 5 and the seventeen acres given to my son Jonathan. I leave to my son Daniel, after the death of my wife, my homestead lot of seventy-one acres, and he is to pay to my daughter, Johannah Mills, £70. My executors are to sell a lot of 107 acres, which is part of said tract, and known as Lot No. 5, to pay debts. I except out of the forty-four acres given to my daughter Anna the mines and minerals, which I leave to my three sons. I make my wife Margaret and Col. Thomas Palmer, executors."

Witnesses, Thomas Neeley, Jr., James Smiley, Thomas Palmer. Proved, June 29, 1780.

Page 175.—“In the name of God, Amen, August 20, 1778. I, BENJAMIN ROCKWELL, of Salem, Westchester County. It is my will and pleasure that all my just debts be paid. I leave to my wife Rebecca one-third of my movable estate, and the use of one-third of my house, barn, and real estate so long as she continues my widow, and no longer. I leave to my daughter, Jane Hubbel, £80, besides what I have already given her. I leave to Stephen Comstock, heir to my daughter Rebecca, deceased, £20, besides what I have already given her, and if she dies, then to my daughter Jane. These legacies are to be paid by my sons, Benjamin, Nathan, and Job. I leave to my son Benjamin the remaining part of my farm, part of which I have given him by deed. All the rest of my real estate I leave to my sons, Nathan and Job. I leave all the rest of my movable estate to my son Benjamin. I make my son Nathan and my trusty friend, John Bruton, Jr., of Salem, executors.”

Witnesses, Ebenezer Wood, Andrew Mead, Solomon Mead. Proved, February 25, 1780.

Page 176.—“In the name of God, Amen, April 12, 1775. I, JAMES MILLER, of Charlotte Precinct, in Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Elizabeth the use of all real and personal estate during her widowhood, but if she shall marry, I give her no more than the one-third of my movable estate, except my wearing clothes. I leave to my daughter, Mary Hunt, after my wife's decease, all her wearing clothes and a string of gold beads. I leave to my son James £10. All the rest, real and personal, is to be divided into three parts, and I leave them to my son James and my daughter, Mary Hunt, and my grandson, William Baird. I make my wife, executor.”

Witnesses, Lewis Barton, James Hall, wheelwright, Keziah Hall. Proved, August 23, 1780.

Page 178.—“God's Will be done, and this is the will of JOHN THOMAS, Esq., of Harrisons Precinct, in the County of Westchester and Province of New York, made this 28 day of January in the 15 year of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third, and in the year of our Lord 1775. I order all just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife and faithful partner, Abigail Thomas, the sum of £500 and the furniture of our parlor, with all our plate, two of the best beds and their furniture, with the addition of ten pair of sheets, six pair of blankets, two coverlids, two quilts, two pots and one brass kettle, and a negro wench named Dinah, a boy named John, and one girl named Poll, and a riding chair, with the best horse, and two best cows, ten pair of pillowcases, six tablecloths, six towels; Also the whole use of my now dwelling house and the use of all my lands, meadows, and orchards adjoining, during her natural life, without control or hindrance. I leave to my two sons, John Thomas and Thomas Thomas, after the death of my wife, all my home lands where I live, equally between them. To be divided by an east and west line as follows: Beginning at Blind brook at some bounds to be fixed, so that a west line will run to the north of the orchard, and then running west to the west of the new barn, and then due south, so as not to crowd the barn or yards, and so to extend till a west course extended to the west side of my farm will make one-half of said farm. The north half to be to my son John and the south half to my son Thomas. As by a former conveyance I gave to my son Thomas one hundred acres of land adjoining to my saw mill, with one-half of my saw mill, I give the other half to my son John, to be entered into immediately after my decease. I leave to my daughter Sibyl, wife of Abram Theall, £100. To my daughter Charity, wife of James Ferris, Esq., £200. To my daughter Margaret, widow of Charles Floyd, £200. To my daughter Gloriana, wife of James Franklin, £200 and a negro girl Han-

nah and a boy Tim. And as I have two lots of land in the Bowery Lane in New York, drawn in Bayard's Lottery, as by deeds may appear, I give the same to my daughter Gloriana Franklin. If my movable estate fall short of the said legacies, my sons are to make it up, but if it overruns, my sons are to have the overplus. My son John shall pay to his sisters, Sibyl Theall and Charity Ferris, £100 each, and my son Thomas shall pay to the other sisters, Margaret Floyd and Gloriana Franklin, each £100. I order my lands in North Castle, near the White Plains, to be sold. All the rest of my estate to my two sons. As my negro man James has served me faithfully, and I would not have him suffer in old age, I order that he be not sold, but to live on my farm with whichever of my sons he shall choose. And the other son shall pay £3 10s. yearly for his support. I make my wife Abigail, and my sons, John and Thomas, and my son-in-law, James Franklin, executors. Done in the presence of and by the approbation of my wife, as signified by her putting her hand and seal." Signed, John Thomas, Abigail Thomas.

Witnesses, Abigail Thomas, Jr., Hannah Lawrence, William Miller. Proved, September 11, 1780, before Thomas Tredwell.

Page 181.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CALEB MERITT, of North Castle, in Westchester County, being weak and sick, this January 15, 1779. I leave to my wife during her life the use of two-thirds of all my lands, and £30, to be paid in hard specie or the value thereof. I leave to my daughters, Mary and Esther, £15 each. I leave to my youngest daughter, Rachel, £45, all in hard specie or equivalent. If my personal estate overruns the legacies, I leave the balance to my five daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Esther, and Rachel. I leave to my son, Silvanus Meritt, one-third of all my lands. I leave to my son Caleb £5. After my wife's decease, I leave the other

two-thirds of my lands to be sold by my executors, and all debts paid, and I leave the remainder to my son Silvanus and my five daughters. I make my wife Elizabeth, and my son Caleb, and Benjamin Hall, executors."

Witnesses, Daniel Forman, Rachel Davenport, Gilbert Thorn. Proved, August 29, 1780.

Page 182.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, STEVEN MILLER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being sick. The farm or the use of the farm where I live and all the stock and household goods are to be kept for the use of my family. I leave to my eldest son, Samuel, five shillings to cut off the rite of heirship. When my youngest son, Increase Miller, is of age, then I leave the use of my farm and movables to my three sons, Samuel, Steven, and Increase. I make my wife Mary and my daughter Rebecca, executors."

Witnesses, Abel Weeks, Daniel Underhill, John Rull, of Bedford. Proved, August 29, 1780.

Page 184.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHUA WELLS, blacksmith, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being sick, this May 10, 1775. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Joana a maintenance out of my estate while she remains my widow. I leave to my eldest son, Gershum Wells, £100. I leave to my other two sons, Samuel and Joshua, £50 each. I leave to my daughters, Bethia and Joana, £3 each. I leave to my four other daughters, Debora, Deliverance, Mehitabel, and Huldey, £20 each. I make my wife Joana, and my brother, Samuel Wells, of Long Island, and Mr. Thomas Moffett, of Blooming grove, executors. All of my children are to be sent to school and educated."

Witnesses, Hugh Dobbin, George Howell, David Howell. Proved, July 17, 1780.

[NOTE.—This branch of the Wells family went

to Orange County from Southold, Long Island.—
W. S. P.]

Page 185.—“I, GERTRUDE LEWIS, widow of Jonathan Lewis, late of the Northeast Precinct, of Dutchess County, trader, December 6, 1780. I leave to my son Jonathan and my daughters, Ann, Johanna, and Mary, all my apparell and household furniture. My executors may sell all the rest of my estate at discretion, and pay the proceeds to my son when twenty-one and my daughters when eighteen. Each one is to be maintained and educated out of his share. My friend, Job Bogardus, of Amenia Precinct, shall have the sole care of the education of my son Jonathan, and my executors are to pay him. My sister, Susanna Reyley, is to have the care of my daughters. I make my friends, Daniel Lewis Isaac Smith and my brother-in-law, John Ryley, executors.” (*Not signed, and no witnesses.*)

Proved, January 8, 1781, before Thomas Tredwell, upon the oath of Isaac Smith, Esq., of Amenia Precinct, who deposed “That some time about three months before, he was at the house of the widow Gertrude Lewis, when she told him that she was subject to ill turns, and was desirous upon that account of having her last will wrote, and asked him to do it. That he, being something in a hurry, told her he could not then stay to write it, but would take her directions and write it at home, which he accordingly did. And that about three weeks before her death he did carry and read to her the within written instrument, with a blank for executors, which he filled up by her directions, and she expressed a desire to have it executed at the said time, and was obliged to put it off for want of witnesses.”

Jane Licet, of Northeast Precinct, also deposes “that she lived with the widow Gertrude Lewis for a considerable time before her death, and was present when she gave to the deponent's daughter Nancy a

paper which she called her will, and ordered her to put it in the desk. And that on the 31 of December last, a few minutes before she died, she desired her to bring her will so that she might sign it, but before it could be done she expired.”

Page 187.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, MARYA VAN BENTHUYSEN, of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, being sick and weak. I direct an inventory to be made of all my personal estate, and all just debts to be paid. I leave all my real and personal estate to John Baptist Kip, son of my brother, Roelif Kip, Doctor, Isaac Kip, son of my brother, Isaac Kip, and Abraham Kip, Jr., son of my brother, Isaac Kip, and Johannes Kip, Jr., son of my brother, Johannes Kip, and Thomas Lewis, son of my sister, Rachel Lewis. I make John Baptist Kip, Doctor, Isaac Kip, and Abraham Kip, Jr., executors.”

Dated May 4, 1779. Witnesses, Henry King, Everhart Rynders, John Christopher Dorn. Proved, December 28, 1780.

Page 188.—“In the name of God, Amen, January 30, 1773. I, SAMUEL CAMPBELL, farmer, of Ulster County, being weakly in Body. I leave to my wife Mary one-third of all my movable estate during her life, and her choice of the rooms in my house. And after her decease I leave all personal estate to my son Samuel. I leave to my son Daniel the fifty acres of land where he now lives, adjoining John Percy. I leave to my son Samuel the farm I now live on. I leave to my son Nathaniel £10. To my son Jonathan £1. To my son Joel £10. To my son Levi £10. To my son Reuben £10. I make my wife and my son Samuel, executors.”

Witnesses, Neal Anderson, Mary Norris, Samuel McCollom. Proved, October 5, 1780. Mary Norris was then the wife of William McDonnell.

Page 189.—“The Last Will and Testament of me, ANTHONY FIELD, of Harrison's Purchase, in Westches-

ter County, to dispose of the earthly estate which the Lord has blessed me with. I leave to my wife Hannah a good bed and furniture and all household goods sufficient to set out a room, and a good horse, saddle, and bridle, and my Great Bible and Sewell's History, and an equal share of my farm when it is sold and divided between her and my children; Also the use of the house where I now live so long as she remains my widow. I order my lands to be sold that lie on the north side of the road that leads from Kings Street to the White Plains, and all debts paid. I leave to my son Thomas £40. To my son Samuel £30. To my son Anthony five shillings. To my son John £60, which will make my sons, Samuel, Anthony, and John, equal with what my son Benjamin hath already had, which is £80. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Field, £40. To my son William £40. And when my widow pleases to sell the farm where I now live on the east side of the road that leads from the Purchase Meeting House to Rye, I order £80 to be paid to my son Moses, and to each of my children enough to make up £80, except Anthony, who has had his full share already. I leave my land in Hampshire to my sons, William and Moses. I make my wife Hannah and my sons, Benjamin and John, executors."

Dated "the twenty-first of the fourth month, called April, 1773." Witnesses, Thomas Vail, Quaker, Mary Vail, Jr., Benedict Carpenter. Proved, September 27, 1780.

Page 191.—"In the name of God, Amen, in Dutchess County, June 8, 1768. I, BARENT VAN BENTHUYSEN, Jr., of Rynbeck Precinct, do find myself weak and poor in my body. I leave to my dear mother, Marya Van Benthuyssen, all my real and personal estate during her life. After her death, I leave all the same to my brother, Jacob Van Benthuyssen, Jr. But if he die without children, then after his death to the heirs of Barent Van Benthuyssen and the heirs of Jacob Kip,

deceased, my mother's father. I make my mother, and Jacob Van Benthuyssen, Jr., and Anthony Hoffman, Jr., executors."

Witnesses, Catalyntie Gerritson, Johannes Kopber, Martins Hoffman.

Codicil, June 21, 1768. "My executors are to sell all my land lying in a certain tract called the Splits."

Proved, September 11, 1769. Confirmed by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Probate, February 28, 1781.

Page 193.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB VAN BENTHUYSEN, of the Precinct of Rynbeck, Dutchess County, being very sick. After all my just debts are paid, I leave to John Van Benthuyssen, son of Jacob Van Benthuyssen, deceased, one silver tankard, a silver Teapot, six tablespoons, one sugar pot and milk pot, a mahogany desk, and book case, a large Looking Glass, and mahogany tables, and eight chairs with cushion bottoms, and three negroes, and all wearing apparell, and one-half of the cattle belonging to the farm where I now live, and all the rest of my estate. I make my mother, Maria Van Benthuyssen, and my uncle, Peter Van Benthuyssen, and my friend, Stephen Wynants, executors."

Dated April 26, 1779. Witnesses, Thomas Lewis, brewer, Johannes Kip, Jr., Everhart Rynders. Proved, January 19, 1781.

Page 195.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES BOSCH, SR., near the Fishkills, in Dutchess County, farmer, being in good health, August 5, 1774. I leave to my wife the choice of rooms in my house, with her bed and its furniture, so long as she remains my widow. If she marries, she shall have £50 and her bed. I leave to my eldest son, Daniel, £100, to be paid in two years, and forty shillings for his birth-right. I leave to my son Zacharias £50, to be paid in eight years. To my daughter, Margaret Nostrant, £50, to be paid in six years. I leave to my youngest

daughter, Maritie, £100, to be paid in seven years, and a good feather bed with its furniture; also two cows and two heifers on the day of her marriage. I leave to my son Honnes my house, garden, and farm, as a free gift. All the rest of my real estate I leave to my sons, Honnes and Peter, which I shall divide between them myself before two neighbors to avoid disputes. And I leave all the rest of my loose estate to my said two sons. I make my well-beloved neighbors, Stephen Brinckerhoff and Ralph Phillips, and my son Honnes, executors."

Witnesses, Isaac Adriance, Peter Fitz Simons, Jacob Horton. Proved, February 7, 1781.

Page 196.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BREWER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being weak and sick, November 20, 1780. I leave to my son Joseph £70 in gold or silver. To my wife Hannah my horse and riding chair. After all debts are paid, I leave all the rest to my wife Hannah and my seven children, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, James, Daniel, Phebe, and Samuel. I make my wife, and my son Joseph, and my brother-in-law, Abijah Lee, executors."

Witnesses, Justus Sherwood, Josiah Ingersoll, of Crompond, Joseph Lee, Jr. Proved, December 7, 1780.

Page 198.—"In the name of God, Amen, October 4, 1762. I, JOHN WESTCOT, of Bedford, in Westchester County. I order all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Rachel the use of one-third of my lands for life, and one-third of my personal estate forever. I leave to my grandson Ezra, son of my son Ezra, £50, to be paid by my son John, and he is to bring him up till he is of age. I leave to my son John the house and barn and land adjoining, and a yoke of oxen, plow, and cart. I leave to my daughters, Martha, Rachel, Dorothy, Mary, and Deborah, my upland meadow and the land south of Solomon Holmes and two-thirds of my

personal estate; Also the possession of the land I possess in Old Pound ridge. I make my wife Rachel and my son John, executors."

Witnesses, Solomon Holmes, Anne Miller, Lewis McDonald. Proved, December 11, 1780, before Richard Hatfield, Esq.

Page 199.—"In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these Presents that upon the 9 day of March, 1772, I, PETRUS TEN BROECK, of Rynbeck Precinct, being something weak in body of a great Cold, and being desirous to settle things in order. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife, Catharine Rutgers, all my movables and all my slaves, etc., and I make her executor, and I leave her all my real estate and dwelling house."

Witnesses, James Smith, John Wm. Sutherland, Philip Hermance. Proved, February 19, 1781, upon the oath of Henry Van Hovenburgh, "who had lived with Petrus Ten Broeck from a boy"; Also of William Sutherland, Smith Sutherland, and Peter Sutherland, David Sutherland, Esq., and David Sutherland, Jr., as to handwriting, etc.

Page 201.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK RUTGERS, of the city of New York, brewer, being in health. I order all just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife Catharine, to her own use and disposal, all my household furniture and plate, and my horse and chaise, and a negro wench 'Belinda and her sons.' I leave to my daughter Mary £350 in lieu of what has already been given to my married daughters. I leave to my son, Henry Rutgers, all and singular, my dwelling house, brew house, malt house, and mill house, situate in the Out Ward of New York, with all the buildings to the same belonging, and all the coppers and utensils, with the ground upon which the buildings are situated; Also all that certain piece of land extending in length from

the East River to the road laid out between James DeLancey and myself at the rear of my farm. Beginning at said road where Rutgers street strikes the same, and running along said road 820 feet, and thence to run along Warren street to the East River, and also to run from the place of beginning along said Rutgers street to the East River, and being in breadth along said river from Rutgers street to Warren street, containing there in breadth between the said streets at right angles with Rutgers street, also 820 feet, as the same is laid down on a certain map made by Francis Marschalk, bearing date August 9 instant, which I have signed in presence of the witnesses to this will, and certified the same to be the map to which in this will I refer. I also leave to my son Henry all my horses, two cows, wagons, and all farming utensils. I leave to my four daughters, Catharine Bedlow, Anne Bancker, Elizabeth De Peyster, and Mary Rutgers, two messuages and lots in the East Ward, on the northwest side of Queen street, lying between the house and ground late of John Proveost and the house and ground late of Jacobus Quick, and bounded in front by Queen street and in the rear by Rutgers street, with all the buildings; Also all that dwelling house and lot in the Out Ward in which the said Anne Bancker lately lived, bounded south by Harman street, west by the Kings Highway, north by the street laid out between me and James De Lancey, and east by a street forty feet wide called Catharine street, intended to be run and continued through to the said road between James De Lancey and me. I leave to Isaac Roosevelt and Benjamin Kissam, as Trustees, in trust, £200 yearly in trust for the support and maintainance of my son Harmanus during his life. Of which sum £160 are to be paid by my son Henry and the remainder by my four daughters, and my estate is charged with the same. I leave to my wife £200 yearly for life, one-fifth to be paid by my son Henry and four-fifths by my daughters. All the rest of my

estate I leave to my five children. The several streets on the said map are to remain for public streets. If the Trustees before mentioned shall think it prudent to trust my son Harmanus with any small sums of money they may do so, but I desire that they will be careful and sparing in that respect, lest he should mispend the same. I make my five children, executors."

Dated August 28, 1775. Witnesses, Isaac Besby, Abraham De Peyster, John Ray, Jr. Proved, in Albany County, before John De Peyster, Esq., November 15, 1779.

[NOTE.—The houses and lots on Queen street, left to his daughter, are on the west side of Pearl street, above Maiden Lane. The "Rutgers street" there mentioned is now Cliff street. The "Kings Highway" is Bowery Lane. "Harman street" is now East Broadway. "Warren street" is now Clinton street. The road between James DeLancey's farm and this is Division street.—W. S. P.]

Page 205.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MCCALLUM, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament. I give all my estate, of what kind and where-soever, that I shall be possessed of unto Peter Gilchrist, of Woodbury, in Connecticut, brewer, to him and his children, and I make him executor."

Dated May 13, 1780. Witnesses, Job Mead, King Mead. Proved, April 11, 1781.

Page 206.—"Dutchess County. In the name of God, Amen. I, JOB POTTER, being weak and sick. All just debts to be paid, and whatever remains of my real and personal estate is to be disposed of as follows. I leave to my wife Desire the use of all my estate to bring up and educate our children, during her widowhood or until my youngest child is of age. But if she marries, she is to have two good feather beds and a good setting out of household furniture, such as we

have, to be at her own disposal. When the children are of age, then I leave all to my wife and my children, Tenevry, Riscum, Sims, Lois, John, Eseek, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, and Judah. I make my wife and my beloved friend, Benjamin Akins, executors."

Dated September 18, 1777. Witnesses, Israel Dowd, Quaker, Samuel McHago, Daniel Jackson. Proved, April 18, 1780.

Page 207.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MICHAEL RUTSEN, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, in Dutchess County, being very sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Abigail the use of all real and personal estate during her life and widowhood, and after her death to my children, begotten or to be begotten. Whereas I have lately agreed for the purchase of the house and lot of ground where I now dwell, and have paid part of the purchase money, but part being in arrears, I have not been able to procure a good conveyance. My executors may dispose of my real estate in Charlotte Precinct, and pay the remainder and take the deed. I make my wife, and my good friend, Henry Van Derburgh, and Richard Snediker, Esq., executors."

Dated April 27, 1776. (*Children not named.*) Witnesses, James Brooks, Ebenezer Badger, Isaac Lothrop. Proved, April 14, 1781.

Page 209.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET VAN DEN BOGERT, of Schenectady, widow, being in perfect health. I leave to Frans Van den Bogert, son of my son Claas Van den Bogert, £8 to debar him from all claims as heir at law. I leave to my daughter, Lena Collins, wife of Richard Collins, all my real and personal estate. I leave to the children of my son, Harmanus Van den Bogert, £8. To Margaret, daughter of my daughter, Annettie Nixon, £8. To the children of my daughter, Agentie Nixon, deceased, £8. To my daughter, Suffia Voorhis, £8, she is liv-

ing in the Jersies. I leave to Frans Classer Van den Bogert, son of my son Claas, £8. I leave to the children of Cornelius Calvin £8. To Maritie Morrison my homespun bed and my looking glass. My daughter, Lena Collins, is to see these legacies all paid within eight years. I make Abraham Fonda, Takenas Van Den Bogert, executors."

Dated July 19, 1777. Witnesses, Alexander Vedder, Benjamin Young, Caleb Beck. Proved, May 1, 1781.

Page 211.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT FINN, Esq., of Orange County. All debts to be paid, and if my personal property is not sufficient, my executors may sell my farm lying in Poughchunck, which I purchased of William Holly. I leave to my wife Patience one bed and bedding, with the curtains and furniture thereto belonging, and a black walnut chest, and all the household goods now remaining that she was possessed of and brought to the house when we were married. I also leave her a brown mare, saddle, and bridle, and a cow and calf, and my large Bible and pocketbook. I leave to my son William all the farm where I now live, with the buildings, and a sorrel mare, one cow, a gun, and all my wearing apparell. I leave to my daughter Dinah a bed and furniture, and a chest and all the wearing clothes and household furniture that belonged to her mother, and a cow, when she is 18 or married. All farming utensils to be left on the farm, and all sheep and hogs, for the family so long as they remain together. I leave to my wife all my grain and provisions. All the rest of my movable estate and my farm at Poughchunck, unless sold, is to be divided into two parts, and I leave one part to my wife and the other to my executors, out of which they are to give my son William and my daughter Dinah good English Learning, and the rest to my daughter Dinah. And my son William, when he is of age, shall give to my daughter Dinah £50, and also make good to her all the money that shall have been

expended in giving him learning. I leave to my wife the full use of the place where I live so long as she remains my widow and keeps the family together. I make my brother, Anthony Finn, executor."

Dated April 25, 1780. Witnesses, Constant Bowley, Robert Armstrong. Proved, March 10, 1781, before James Everett, Surrogate.

Page 213.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES THOMPSON, of Goshen, Orange County, being in good health, April 20, 1776. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son-in-law, John Luckey, £20. To my son-in-law, Samuel Luckey, £20. To my son-in-law, John Luckey, £5. I leave to Robert son of my daughter Agnes, £20, and to her daughter Nancey £10 and my bed and furniture and her mother's wearing apparell. All the rest, real and personal, is to be sold by my executors within three years, and the proceeds paid to my daughters, Margaret Armstrong, Elizabeth Luckey, Catharine Luckey, Elener Newmans, and Jane Luckey. Before my daughter, Margaret Armstrong, receives anything she shall discharge my estate from a bond for £200 due to old Mr. Waldron, of New York, and also £30 which I lent her. I make my brother, George Thompson, and my cousin, George Thompson, cooper, executors."

Witnesses, William Swan, mason, Catharine McCalaughan, William Thompson. Proved, April 5, 1781.

Page 214.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CASPARUS CONKLING, of Orange township, Orange County, being weak in body. I particularly order all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Huyly £40 and all the household furniture and goods she had with her as her right of dower. I leave to my son Matthew one silver spoon, my gun and utensils belonging to it, and £25 and my wearing apparell. I give and bequeath unto my three little daughters, Ritie, Castina, and

Saffiaw, each of them, one silver spoon and £25. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to be divided among my seven children, Rachel Wandler, Elizabeth Blauvelt, Altie Van Dolsen, Matthew, Ritie, Castina, and Saffiaw. My executors may dispose of it as they think best for my children. The children to have their parts when of age or married. I make my beloved friends, Abraham Ricker and Daniel Lawrence, executors."

Dated May 10, 1775. Witnesses, Edward Briggs, Aury Campbell, Daniel Lawrence. Proved, April 19, 1781.

Page 216.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICUS HOORNBECK, of Rochester, in Ulster County, yeoman, being in perfect health, February 25, 1778. I leave to my wife Maria the use of my farm, house, and lands situate in Rochester, and all my goods and chattels during her life or so long as she continues my widow, and no longer. If she marries, my executors are to pay her yearly £15. After my wife's death or marriage, I leave to my nephew, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, £200. I leave to Cornelius Hoornbeck, eldest son of my nephew, Philip Hoornbeck, son of my brother, Lodewick Hoornbeck, deceased, all my houses, lands, and tenements in Rochester; Also all my personal estate; Also my several seats or pews in the Dutch Reformed Churches of the Congregations of Wassinek, Mombachus, and Marbletown. I make my wife, and my nephew, Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, and Cornelius P. Hoornbeck, executors."

Witnesses, Patrick Connolly, Jacob Hoornbeck, Jr., Cornelius Oosterhout, Jr. Proved, April 14, 1781.

Page 218.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 25, 1781. I, PHILIP CINCEBOE, of Beckmans Precinct, in Dutchess County. I leave to my wife Margaret a black mare, with saddle and bridle, and one good bed, bedding, and furniture, and she is to have the full pos-

session of the farm where I live so long as she remains my widow or till my son Andrus is of age. After that my son Andrus is to have all the farm and land I now live on, with one pair of horses and a wagon and a set of gears, and he is to have no other part of my movable estate. My negro Prince is to work on the farm under the direction of my wife and son during his good behavior, and willing to live with them, but should he choose to be sold, my executors may sell him and divide the money between my children and my wife's children. I leave to my wife Margaret one-third of all my movable estate and one-third of all the grain raised on the estate. I leave to my daughter Eave one cow and a bed and her share in my movable estate. All the rest I leave to my children and my wife's children [not named]. And whereas Philip Coons is in debt to my estate £20, and Charles Reyley £11 10s., and Daniel Teaver £10, they shall account for the same without paying interest. I make my wife, and my friend, Andrus Buck, and William McDowel, executors."

Dated March 25, 1781. (In the probate the name is spelled Linceboe.) Witnesses, James Van Denburgh, Tillinghast Bently, Nicholas Emig. Proved, May 24, 1781.

Page 219.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS DUBOIS, of the Precinct of New Paltz, Ulster County, Esq. I leave to my wife Margaret for life a negro slave and a negro wench, and one cow and so much of my household goods as she may judge she may have occasion for. I leave to my son Cornelius for life all my real estate in New Paltz, except what may be sold by my executors, with all buildings. After his death, to his heirs and to my daughters, Tryntie, Janettie, Jacomintie, and Saretie, and to my grandchildren, Nathaniel, Wilhelmus, and Polly Dubois, children of my daughter Rachel, deceased; And to my grandchildren, Dirck Wynkoop and Leah Wyn-

koop, children of my daughter Leah, deceased; And to my son Cornelius and my daughter Tryntie, and my daughter Janettie, and my daughter Jacomintie, and my daughter Saretie. I leave to my son Cornelius eight horses, and he is to pay for them £80 in gold or silver, and as many of my slaves as he may think best, and he is to pay for each of them £90 in gold or silver, at eight shillings for a Spanish dollar. I leave to my daughter Saretie a negro wench, and she is to pay for her £80 in gold or silver. I leave to my son Cornelius my two seats in the Church at Shawangunk. I leave to my grandson, Cornelius Hasbrouck, one seat in the Church at New Hurley. I leave to my grandson, Cornelius Dubois Hasbrouck, one seat in the church at Marble town. All the rest I leave to my children and grandchildren, and all the rest of my real estate and all my privileges in the New Paltz Patent of getting hay, stone, and timber. My executors are to sell to best advantage all that certain lot of land of sixty-six acres in Ulster County, being part of a tract of 1,056 acres granted to me by Patent, July 2, 1739, as surveyed by Johannis Bruyn; Also all the land I have in said Patent adjoining to the above and lying on the southwest side of the Platte Kill. And the money is to be divided among my children and grandchildren. I make my son Cornelius, and my son-in-law, Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr., and my grandsons, Josia Hasbrouck, Nathaniel Dubois, and Cornelius Hasbrouck, executors." My son-in-law, Cornelius D. Wynkoop, is to be guardian of his children.

Dated November 26, 1780. Witnesses, Denie Ral-yea, Joshua Dubois, David Louw. Proved, April 23, 1781.

Page 223.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM WEYGANT, of New Marlborough, in Ulster County, being weak and sick. I leave to my wife Mary all my fast and my movable estate, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son John all my blacksmith

tools and carpenter tools and my wearing apparell. I leave to William Silkworth my gun. After my wife's decease, all my fast estate is to be divided among all my daughters, except my daughter Jane, and she shall have a cow. And I leave all my movable estate to all my daughters, except Jane. I make my wife, and Rick Bush, and Thomas Silkworth, executors."

Witnesses, Matthew Wygant, Robert Hartford, John Bont. Proved, April 21, 1781.

Page 224.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, LUCAS LEZIER, of New York, Cardwainer, being in health. I leave to my wife Ann, and to her heirs and assigns, all my estate, both real and personal, and I make her executor."

Dated July 22, 1762. Witnesses, John Bard, John Ellison, Egbert Vanderloef. Proved before Thomas Tredwell, Esq., May 29, 1781, upon oath of John Bard, of Dutchess County, Physician.

Page 225.—"Be it remembered that on the 10 day of May, 1780. I, SOLOMON HAINS, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being of sound mind. I leave to the four children of my son, Daniel Hains, the land and tenements where his widow now lives, and his widow is, to have the use of the same until the youngest child is of age, and then to be equally divided [*names of children not given*]. I leave to my sons, Joshua and Solomon, and to my three daughters [*not named*] all the rest of my estate and all movables. But my wife Unis is to have the use of the same so long as she remains my widow, and then to all my children. I make my wife, and Peter Tabor, and Henry Mathews, executors."

Witnesses, Henry Mathews, Benjamin Jones, of Tarrytown. Proved, May 12, 1781.

Page 227.—"In the name of God, Amen, November 30, 1780. I, JOHN MEKEEL, JR., carpenter, of the

Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being very sick. My executors are to sell all my real and personal estate, and after all debts are paid, I leave to my wife Ann one-fourth, and the remainder to my sons, Moses and William, and my daughter Phebe, when they are of age. I make my trusty friends, Michael Mekeel and Jacob Smith, executors."

Witnesses, Ebenezer White, Physician, John Mekeel, Isaac Fowler. Proved, March 20, 1781. The executors having resigned, Administration is granted to his widow, Ann Mekeel.

[NOTE.—Dr. Ebenezer White was son of Rev. Sylvanus White, of Southampton, Long Island. He was born in 1746, and died in 1827. He married Helena, daughter of Theophilus Bartow, of New Rochelle, and left a large family. He was a noted patriot in the revolution and greatly esteemed. He was elected to the State Senate.—W. S. P.]

Page 228.—"In the name of God, Amen, August 15, 1776. I, GEORGE WACHTELL, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, Physician, being sick. I leave to my wife Catharine the use of all my estate so long as she remains my widow and not marry again, hereby desiring that she will be so saving thereof as is possible and consistent with honor. My negro wench shall stay with my loving wife, even if she is married again, until my daughter Elizabeth is married. If my wife doth marry again, she shall have so much as the Law allows. I leave to Polly, daughter of my stepdaughter, Anna Maria Hessin, £10. To Dorothy, daughter of Mr. George Stevers, £10. All the rest, real and personal, I leave to my daughter Elizabeth when of age or married. But if she dies, then I leave all to my four loving stepchildren, Anna Maria Hessin, Catharine Riegler, Susannah Fisher, and David Riegler, after their mother's decease. It is my wish that my house and lot in New York shall not be sold without urgent necessity. I make my wife Catharine, and

my good friends, John Kettelman, John W. Tillman, and Conraat Baumes, executors."

Witnesses, John Michael Frederick, John Schultzs, Christian Schultz. Proved, June 18, 1781.

Page 229.—"I, CAPTAIN WILLIAM RITCHIE, of New York, ship master, do make my last Will and Testament as followeth. I leave and bequeath to my Spouse, Elizabeth, in case she continues my widow, the use of my house, shop, cellar, and ground in New York, situate near Peck's Slip; Also one-half of the household furniture, plate, and utensils in my dwelling house, and £250, to be paid in 12 months. If she marries, she shall have the use of said house. I leave to my sister Margaret, wife of James Ronalds, one-half of all the household furniture and plate. I leave to my mother, in North Britain, all the remainder of my estate during her life, and then to my three sisters in Britain, Janet, Agnes, and Mary, and my sister Margaret in America. After the death of my wife, my house and lot in New York are to be sold and the money paid to my sisters. I make Archibald Currie and John Young, saddler, both of New York, and James Ronalds, executors. I have set my hand and seal in Albany, November 1, 1776."

Witnesses, John Boyd, Jr., late of New York, now of Kinderhook, Abraham Fonda. Proved, August 2, 1781.

Page 231.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DE WITT, late of New York Island, now of Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, farmer, being sick and weak. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Ann the use of the house in which I formerly lived near the freshwater pump in New York, with the lot, during her life. I also leave her a good feather bed, with bedstead, curtains, and bedding complete, and sufficient household furniture for a dwelling room and kitchen, and all her wearing apparel.

I leave to my son, William De Witt, the sum of £5, or twelve dollars and a half in silver. All the rest of my real and personal estate to be divided into four parts to my children, William, Ann, wife of John Quackenbush, Nancy, wife of Peter Ogilvie, and the remaining quarter to my executors, to be invested for the use of the children of my daughter Gertruyd, wife of Samuel Harris. I make my wife Ann, and my sons-in-law, John Quackenbush and Peter Ogilvie, executors."

Dated July 14, 1781. Witnesses, William Barns, Dr. Peter Tappen, Gilbert Livingston. Proved, August 9, 1781.

Page 232.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB ARDEN, at present of Kakeat, in the State of New York, butcher. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my son Jacob five shillings, in bar to any claim as heir at law. I leave to my wife Catharine the use of all my estate for three months. After that time, my executors are to pay to my son Jacob £200 and to my daughters, Elizabeth, wife of George Leayercraft, and Catharine Arden, each £100, and if necessary my executors may sell any part of my estate. I leave to my wife the use of all the remainder during her life. If she marries, then I leave all to my children, Jacob, Alijah, wife of George Wilt, Elizabeth, wife of George Leayercraft, and Catharine. I make my wife and my friend and kinsman, Thomas Arden, Jr., executors."

Dated April 15, 1778. Witnesses, Jonah Halsted, Viner Leayercraft, John Leayercraft, of Clarkstown. Proved, August 21, 1781.

[NOTE.—Kakiat was a large tract of land in the centre of Rockland County, embracing part of Clarkstown and other towns.—W. S. P.]

Page 234.—"Dutchess County, the 3d day of the 11 month, 1775. I, PAUL OSBORN, of Dutchess County, Province of New York. I direct all debts to be paid.

Imprimis, I give to the legatee or possessor of my estate the following privilege. I do order a straight line to be run from the northwest corner of my dwelling house unto the southwest corner of my corn crib, then East 11 Degrees South until it comes to the highway, then South along said highway as far as a West 11 Degrees North line will leave a vacancy of 30 feet wide on the south side of said house, then running the last course so far that a North 11 Degrees East line will strike the southwest corner of the old part of the house, then on the same course to the said corner, and then by the said house east, north, and west to the place of beginning. To use the same in common for passing and repassing. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all my wearing apparell and one-half of my indoors movable estate, except bonds and notes. I also leave her during her life two small tracts of land adjoining my house, and the use of the east end of my house, containing the great room and bedroom at the northeast corner of the house, and the cellar, with entry way and stairway, and the southwest room, where she shall have the privilege to wash and bake; Also the use of £100, to be paid by Isaac Osborn. And as it hath pleased Divine Providence to deprive my wife of her eyesight, and also bring her under some other afflictions, by which she is incapable of living alone, I make choice of my esteemed friend, Mary Reynolds, having some knowledge of her good conduct, to live with her during her life. And she is to have a living out of my estate. And Isaac Osborn is to pay to my wife the interest on £100, and also twelve bushels of wheat, twenty-five of corn, five of Rye, ten of oats, thirty pounds of flax, six of cotton, six gallons of molasses, twenty pounds of Sugar, six of coffee, two pounds of Chocolate, six bushels of turnips, and six bushels of potatoes every year; Also her firewood. And all her grain is to be brought to and from the mill. And she is to have a good cow, to be kept winter and summer, and the privilege of keeping

poultry to run about the house. And after the death of my wife the said Mary Reynolds is to have £100, to be paid by my cousin, Isaac Osborn, and one-half the household goods. I leave to my cousin, Isaac Osborn, my farm on which I now live, which is Lot No. 31 in the oblong, and my little meadow in Lot 29, and is bounded by highway and the lands of Amos Osborn and Consider Morgan. The second piece begins at a highway leading from Henry Chase's towards the Meeting House on the Oblong Hill, and east by Benjamin Ferris. And he is to keep a house of Entertainment for my Friends, the People called Quakers, traveling on the Truth's account, namely, the house where I now live, and if it be neglected, I leave the said land and house to the Yearly Meeting of Friends, the People called Quakers, of Philadelphia. And if he performs the same, I leave him all my bonds and notes and book debts, and all movable estate. I leave to my cousins, Amos and Stephen Osborn, £10 each. I make my friends, Solomon Haight, John Hoag, 2nd, Jr., and Abner Hoag, executors."

Witnesses, Aaron Vail, Martha Vail, widow, David Sands. Proved, August 29, 1781.

[NOTE.—The above lands on the Oblong are in the southeastern part of Dutchess County. The Quaker Meeting House was on what is still known as "Quaker Hill," in the town of Pawlings.—W. S. P.]

Page 239.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, NOAH ELTINGE, of the Precinct of the New Paltz, in Ulster County, being weak in body. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Jacomyntie all her wearing apparell, clothes, and raiment, and bed and furniture, and my large cupboard, and as much household and kitchen furniture as she may have need of, and one-half of all my books, and a negro servant, George. I leave to my niece, Annatje Eltinge, daughter of my brother-in-law, Jacobus Eltinge, £50 in money or household goods. I leave to my wife during her widowhood all

my lands and buildings, and all personal estate. And I order that so long as my son-in-law, Direk D. Wynkoop, shall continue to live with my wife on the farm where I now live, as he hath done since his marriage, he shall have one-half of the income. If my wife dies before my granddaughter, Cornelia Wynkoop, is of age, he shall have the use of the same, but he is to give my two granddaughters, Geertje and Cornelia, a good and decent education and maintainance. I leave to my granddaughter, Cornelia Wynkoop, after the death of my wife, all my farm where I now live, bounded west by Paltz river, south by Cornelius Dubois, Esq., east by three Lots, No. 22, 23, 24, being part of a tract granted by Patent, June 20, 1753, to Abraham Hasbrouck, Levinus Bevier, and Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr., north by land of Daniel Dubois, called the Bouwery, and now in possession of Abraham Doian; Also all those two lots of land on the west side of Paltz river in the lands called the Grootestucken Killetye, bounded east by Paltz river, west by the run of water called the Grootestucken Killetye; Also my right in Lots 22, 23, 24 on the east side of my farm; Also all the lands I own in a certain tract granted to Cornelius Dubois, Esq., by Patent, July 2, 1739; Also all that narrow piece of land on the northeast side of my land, and adjoining the same the whole length of my land, it being a tract granted to Nathaniel Lefevre and me by Patent, May 12, 1748; Also Lot 4, containing 48 or 50 acres, on the northeast side thereof, and is a part of said tract granted to me and Nathaniel Lefevre; Also Lots 4 and 6 in the bounds of the New Paltz, on the east side of Paltz river, in the first 12 Lots on the east side of the Paltz river, adjoining the line of the southwest side of the New Paltz. I leave to my granddaughter, Geertye Wynkoop, all the rest of my lands and tenements granted to me and Nathaniel Lefevre; Also Lots 4 and 7 in New Paltz, in the first 12 Lots of the west Division, commonly called the second tier; Also one-half of Lot 11 in the North-

ern Division on the west bank of the Hudson river, being the lot whereon Abraham Donaldson now lives; Also all my right in the lands between the second tier and the lots on the west bank of Hudson river, which have been lately divided and laid out. And all the rest of my rights in New Paltz. And whereas the part of my granddaughter Cornelia is more valuable than the other, she shall pay to my granddaughter Geertje £400. And whereas those lands between the second tier and the lots on Hudson river are yet undivided, my executors are to make a division, and they may sell the portion of my granddaughter Gertrie, and also her part of Lot 11. If both of my granddaughters should die, then I leave all the lands of Cornelia to my nephew, Noah Eltinge, Jr., son of my nephew, Abraham Eltinge, And all the rest to my niece, Annatje Eltinge, and to my nephew, Thomas Eltinge, son of my brother-in-law, Jacobus Eltinge. I make my wife, and my son-in-law, Direk D. Wynkoop, and my nephews, Abraham and William Eltinge, Jr., executors."

Dated April 5, 1775. Witnesses, Matthew Lefeyre, Jonathan Lefevre, Joseph Coddington. Proved, August 16, 1781.

[NOTE.—"Grootstuchen Killetye," means the little brook at the Great Plot, or place.—W. S. P.]

Page 243.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 26, 1781. I, JOHN NEELY, of Hanover Precinct, Ulster County, being sick. My executors are to collect all money due to me. If it should please God that my daughter, Sarah Wilkens, should be left a widow, I leave her £200, to be paid £50 a year by my executors for four years. But if her husband, James Wilkens, should outlive her, I leave her nothing more than she has already had. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my daughter, Mary Neely. If my said daughter Mary should have a male child, it is to be called John Neely. But if she should have no issue,

then I leave all my real estate to Samuel Neely, son of my brother Matthew. And if he has a son, it shall be called John Neely, and all the lands shall descend to him. And further, as there is a prospect of my daughter Mary marrying Andrew Wilson, if she dies before him, without issue, he is to have one-half of the movables, and my daughter Mary may leave the other part to any of the blood relatives of the family of Neely. I make my daughter Mary and Andrew Wilson, executors."

Witnesses, Alexander Trimble, John Trimble, Patrick Barber, Esq. Proved, August 17, 1781. At the date of swearing in the executors Mary is the wife of Andrew Wilson.

Page 245.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS BRUYN, of Bruynswick, in the Precinct of Shawangonk, Ulster County, being sick and weak. I leave to my eldest son, Severyn Tenhout Bruyn all that part of my farm where I now live, situate and lying in the Precinct of Shawangonk; To wit, All that certain tract of land granted by Letters Patent unto Thomas Lloyd, and containing 410 acres; Also all that tract of woodland adjoining the same, lying on the northwest side of the Shawangonk Kill, containing 300 acres, being part of a tract of land granted by Letters Patent unto John Rutsen and my father, Jacobus Bruyn, deceased, and was afterwards conveyed unto the said Jacobus Bruyn by said John Rutsen, as by his deed may appear; Also three other lots adjoining to the northwest and southwest of the last mentioned tract, containing in the whole 161½ acres, being also part of the said part tract granted to John Rutsen and Jacobus Bruyn, deceased, two of which lots, in the last partition of said tract, fell to my share or dividend, and the other lot to the share of Peter Smedes and Benjamin Smedes, who afterwards conveyed it to me, as by their deeds will appear; Also all that part of a certain tract of land granted by Letters Patent unto

Hendricus Dubois and Cornelius Schoonmaker, Jr., lying where my saw mill now stands, and is in the tenure of Robert Sparks, containing 209 acres, being laid out in the partition between me and said Cornelius Schoonmaker, Jr., into two separate lots, and one fell to my dividend and the other to said Cornelius Schoonmaker, which I afterwards purchased of him, as by deeds of partition and his conveyance to me may appear; Also all that part of a certain tract of land, containing 438 acres, adjoining the land granted by Letters Patent unto Edward Broomhead, and the aforesaid 209 acres, being also part of the aforesaid tract of land granted by Letters Patent unto Hendricus Dubois and Cornelius Schoonmaker, Jr., which said part, hereby devised unto my said son Severyn Tenhout, is to contain all the land within the said tract lying on the northeast side of a certain run of water commonly called the Klyne Kill; Also all that tract of land which I hold by title from the Trustees of Rochester, on the southeast side of the Shawangunk Mountains, extending southwesterly from the bounds of a tract of land, also part of the said lands by me conveyed unto Cornelius Schoonmaker, deceased, to the Klyne Kill aforesaid, as the same runs down said mountains; Also all that piece of low land commonly called Mascarks together with the upland thereto belonging, as I purchased the same from Zacharias Hoffman, Jr., lying within a certain tract granted by Letters Patent unto Severyn Tenhout, deceased; As also the upland, purchased as aforesaid, thereto adjoining, lying within the bounds of a tract granted by Letters Patent to Zacharias Hoffman, deceased. Together with all buildings and houses, grist mills, barracks, saw mills, etc. I leave to my son, Jacobus Bruyn, all that part of the farm now in his occupation, with all the woodland thereto belonging, situate in the Township of Rochester, on the north side of the Rondout Kill or river, being part of a certain tract commonly called and known by the name of Knights.

field, granted by Letters Patent to John Knight, deceased, as the same was conveyed to me by Isaac Van Kempen and Elizabeth, his wife, with all buildings and improvements. I leave to my son Johannes all that certain piece or part of my farm where I now live, situate in the Precinct of Shawangunk, which is not herein devised to my eldest son, Severyn Tenhout; To wit, all that parcel of land granted by Letters Patent to Gertrie Brown, lying between the aforesaid tract of land granted to Thomas Lloyd and the land granted to John Van Camp and Company; Also two lots of land which I hold in the lands granted by Letters Patent to Gerard Beekman and Company, on the southeast side of the Shawangunk Kill, adjoining to the aforesaid land granted to Gertrie Brown. One of which lots, containing 93 acres, was conveyed unto me by Andrew Graham, and the other, containing 45 acres, was conveyed to me by Nathan Smedes, as by their deeds will appear; Also another lot of land now in tenure of Abraham Richards, being the remaining part of the land which I purchased of Zacharias Hoffman, Jr. (not herein devised to my son, Severyn Tenhout), lying in the bounds of the said lands granted by Letters Patent to Gerard Beekman and Company, also adjoining the land granted to Gertrie Brown; Also all that part of the said lot of 438 acres, part of the land granted by Letters Patent to Hendricus Dubois and Cornelius Schoonmaker, Jr., lying on the southwest side of the run of water called the Klyne Kill; Also all that part of the tract which I hold by title from the Trustees of Rochester, which lyeth on the southwest side of the run of water called the Klyne Kill, as the same runs down the Shawangunk Mountains, and extending from the said Klyne Kill southwesterly along the said mountains as far as the said tract goes; Also all my right, title, and interest in any part of the lands granted by Letters Patent to John Van Camp and Company, with all improvements. I also give to my son Cornelius all that farm late in the

tenure of Thomas Porter, and now of Robert Graham, Jr., situate in the township of Rochester, as the same was conveyed to me by Cornelius Van Kampen and Catharine, his wife, being also part of the tract known by the name of Knights field; Also all that certain tract of land, being also part of the said Knights field, lying on the south side of the Rondout Kill or river; Also all that certain tract of land, containing 50 acres, in the Precinct of Shawangunk, being the northwest end, and residue or remaining part which is not sold by me of Lot No. 1, late belonging to George Graham, deceased, within a certain tract of 3,000 acres of land granted by Letters Patent to Gerardus Beekman and Company, bearing date March 24, 1709. I leave to my two daughters, Gertruyd, wife of Cornelius Dubois, Jr., and Mary, wife of Nicholas Hardenbergh, all that certain tract of land situate at Southfield, in the County of Northampton, in Pennsylvania, together with the Island lying in the Bush kill adjoining, both containing 132 acres, as the said tract and Island was conveyed to me by Moses Depuy, late of Rochester, as may be seen by his deed, dated June 16, 1767; Also all my right and title to two small islands lying in the Delaware river, near the most southerly corner of said tract, with all my right to the houses and woodland in said tract. I also leave to my daughter Gertruyd my silver Tankard, my cupboard, best Looking glass and table, and my best bedstead and bed, and two cows. I leave to my daughter Mary my chest of drawers, best table, tea tables, three small looking glasses, silver tablespoons and teaspoons, silver milk pot, and my second best bed and two cows, and to each of them £100. I leave to my son Jacobus one good horse before any division. To my sons, Johannis and Cornelius, each £200. And as the Congress money is now very much depreciated, and is still in a fluctuating condition, the said legacies are to be made good in equal value as it was in the year 1775. I leave to my three sons, Severyn Tenhout, Johannis,

and Cornelius, all the rest of my estate, the legacies and debts and funeral charges being first paid. And whereas since forming this will I have made agreement with John Smith, of Knowlton, Sussex County, New Jersey, for the sale of my farm and land at lower Smithfield, Pennsylvania, for £1,700 in Spanish milled Dollars, at the rate of seven shillings six pence per Dollar. If he makes good his agreement, each of my daughters is to have £300, and the remainder to be secured to them by mortgage. I make my three sons, Severyn Tenhout, Johannis, and Cornelius, executors."

Dated April 1, 1781. Witnesses, Benjamin Smedes, Jr., Abraham Smedes, Jr., James G. Graham. Proved, August 16, 1781, before Joseph Gasherie, Surrogate.

Page 249.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MORRIS, of Rhynebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, being sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Jacobus Morris, £5 for his birthright. I leave to my four sons, Jacobus, John, Abraham, and Isaac, the farm, land and buildings, where I now live. To be sold to any one of them that will bid the highest or pay the highest price, and the money to be divided among them; Also all my personal estate, my bonds, and chattels, in whatsoever part of the world it may be. But they are to pay to my daughter Anattje, wife of Johannis Van Vredenburg, £40. I make my four sons, executors. My son that shall possess my farm shall pay the yearly rent."

Dated June 22, 1779. Witnesses, Peter Westfall, John Wells, Jr., Zacharias Weydman. Proved, October 4, 1781.

Page 251.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JUSTUS WILSON, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County. I order all debts and funeral expenses paid. I leave to my well beloved and dutiful wife Elizabeth one-third of my lands and tenements and one-third of my movable estate, to be at her disposal forever; Also all household goods and furniture. I leave to my beloved

brothers, Samuel, Andrew, and Thomas, two-thirds of my real and movable estate after all debts are paid. I make my wife and my brother Thomas, executors."

Dated April 10, 1781, "and in the 5th year of American Independence." Witnesses, Samuel Thompson, James Reynolds, Stephen Herriek, of Amenia, carpenter. Proved, May 18, 1781.

Page 252.—"In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these Presents that I, HARMANUS GARDENEER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, yeoman, being of perfect mind, do make this my last Will and Testament, April 14, 1761, in the First year of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, King, etc. I direct all debts to be paid. All my personal estate I leave to my seven daughters and to the children of my deceased daughter Mary [names not given]. I leave to my two sons, Harmanus and David, all my real estate. I do order that my wife Antie shall be clothed and maintained out of the estate left to my sons. I make my sons, executors."

Witnesses, Philip Ver Planck, Anna Maria Ver Planck, Philip Ver Planck, Jr. Proved, October 9, 1781, upon oath of Catharine Ver Planck and Gertruyd Ver Planck as to handwriting of witnesses.

Page 253.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID FLINN, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being of sound mind. My executors are to collect all money due to me and pay all debts. And all the rest of my estate I leave to my two cousins, Zebulon Mills and Jacob Mills, sons of Hezekiah Mills. I make my uncle, Hezekiah Mills, and my friend, Thomas Stilwell, both of Charlotte Precinct, executors."

Dated May 9, 1781. Witnesses, Richard Amberman, James Weeks, Thomas Stilwell. Proved, October 10, 1781.

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brothers, Samuel, Andrew, and Thomas, two-thirds of my real and movable estate after all debts are paid. I make my wife and my brother Thomas, executors."

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Page 254.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTINA GOES, of the Precinct of Kinderhook, in Albany

County, widow, being in an ill state of health. I leave to my two daughters, Jane, wife of Cornelius J. Sebring, and Joeyna, wife of Thomas Willbeck, all my apparel. I leave to my two younger children, Laurens D. Goes and Dirck Goes, all the rest of my personal estate which is in my possession, and what is yet undivided, as widow of my husband; Also what has come to me from my late father, Peter Van Alen. I make my brother-in-law, Luykas J. Goes, and my friend, Henry Van Schaak, executors."

Dated May 2, 1776. Witnesses, John D. Goes, Joannis Goes, Elizabeth Huyck. Proved, November 20, 1781. At that time Henry Van Schaak had "been sent within the Enemies Lines, by a law of the State, and is totally disabled from being an executor, and Luykas Goes had resigned." Letters of Administration are granted to the two sons.

Page 255.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAS JONES, of Dutchess County, yeoman. After all debts are paid, I leave to Gilbert Coregain two cows, one pair of three-year-old steers, thirty bushels of wheat, 8 sheep, and a two-year-old mayr. I leave to my wife [not named] eight cows, one yoke of oxen, a four-year-old heifer, three jades, and all the rest of my goods and estate during her life. I leave to Ananias Jones, my brother's son, a five-year-old heifer. I leave to Mary Jones, my brother's daughter, a two-year-old heifer and three sheep. I leave to the eldest son of my brother, Nathaniel Jones, five shillings. I make my brother, Samuel Jones, and John Rhoads, both of Dutchess County, executors."

Dated April 20, 1781. Witnesses, James Rhoads, Mary Shaw, spinster, Hannah Porst. Proved, November 3, 1781, upon oath of Mary Shaw and William Nelson as to handwriting of witnesses, etc.

Page 256.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH SIMSON, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being

sick. I direct all debts to be paid in some convenient time. I desire that after my just debts are paid, that the remainder of my substance and cash may be put in the hands of my wife, so long as she continues my widow, until my children are of lawful age. And then one-third to my wife and the rest to my son and daughter, my son to have one-fourth more than my daughter [not named]. I make my honored father, Joseph Simson, Sr., and my brothers, Peter and James Simson, executors."

Dated September 17, 1781. Witnesses, Ananias Cooper, Alexander B. Thompson, Frederick Haver. Proved, November 1, 1781.

Page 258.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, BENIGNA SEBELLA BERKENMYER, of the County of Albany, widow, being sick and weak, August 1, 1778. I leave to Thomas Hicks, son of my niece, Charlotte Hicks, my negro boy 'Abraham.' And all the rest of my estate, should there be any left after my debts are paid, I leave to the children of my niece, Charlotte Hicks, and the grandchildren of my sister, Susanah Hurtin, deceased. I make my dear friends, Coenradt Flake, Francis Hardeek, and Johannes Van Loon, Jr., and Henry Van Hoesen, executors."

Witnesses, John Van Loon, Jr., Harmanus Bout, Coenradt Flake, of Loonenburgh, merchant. Proved, September 14, 1781, before John De Peyster.

[NOTE.—The testatrix was the widow of Rev. Willem Christoph Berkenmyer, Lutheran minister at Loonenburgh (now Athens, Greene County) for many years. He died in 1764, and his will is in Liber 25, page 57. The will is evidently written by the testatrix herself, and many Dutch words are interpolated, indicating an imperfect knowledge of the English language. She was the daughter of Rev. Mr. Joshua Kocherthal.—W. S. P.]

Page 259.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM CYPHER, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County,

being sick. I leave to my wife Nelle all my estate, real and personal, during her being my widow, to maintain and bring up all my children in such a manner as my estate will afford, and she is to take advice and counsel of my executors therein. If she marries she is to relinquish all claim to my real estate, and my executors are to allow her one-third of the personal estate. I leave to my eldest son, David, my longest gun and a sword and belt for his birthright. I leave to my children, David, William, Lodwyck, Elizabeth wife of Carel Hoffman, Margaret, Altie, Annetje and Sarah, all my estate. My executors may sell all estate after the death or marriage of my wife or when my youngest child is of age. I make my son-in-law, Carel Hoffman, and my friends, John Concklin and Teunis Tappen, and my son David, when 21, executors."

Dated January 30, 1760. Witnesses, Henry Livingston, Roelof Westervelt, Job Concklin. Proved, January 10, 1764. Confirmed by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Probate, October 16, 1781.

Page 260.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEWS BLANSHAN, of Bloomingdale, Precinct of Hurley, in Ulster County. I direct all debts to be paid out of personal property within six weeks. I leave to my oldest son, Johannis, my Large Dutch Bible for his birthright. If it should please God to call me out of this world before my daughter Brackey is 18, and she, my said youngest daughter, be without as much education as to enable her to read the Holy Scriptures, either in English or Dutch, then she shall receive the sum of £30 in lieu of such education, and over and above her share in my estate. I leave all the remainder of my real and personal estate to my six children, Johannis, Jacob, Matthews, Anattie, Catharine, and Brackey. I make my three sons, Johannis, Jacob, and Matthews, and my son-in-law, Simon Frere, executors."

Dated April 21, 1770. Witnesses, Samuel Lefevre, Jacob Lefevre, John Cantine, of Marbletown, Gabriel Ellison. Proved, September 29, 1781.

Page 262.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN UPHAM, of Claverack, in Albany County, being very sick. It is my express will and desire that my well beloved wife Wintie shall remain and be Master of all my estate, real and personal, during her being my widow. I leave to my son John my gun as a birthright, he being my heir at law. I leave to my son John all my real estate, dwelling house, barn, barracks, and buildings situate at Claverack and elsewhere. After the death of my wife, I leave all the rest of my estate to all my children, Eme, Magdalene, Gestis, Mary, Elizabeth, Bata, Susanna, and John. I make my wife Wintie and Richard Esselstyn and Jacobus Phillip, Michael Horton and John Price, executors."

Dated April 10, 1777. Witnesses, Richard Morris, attorney, David Spoor, Lewis Morris, 3d, Gent. Proved, October 16, 1778.

Page 263.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAH GILBERT, of Gray Court, in Orange County, being in good and sound mind. I leave to my true and loving wife Hannah all my real estate so long as she lives and remains my widow, and then my estate to be divided into six parts: To Mary and her two children; To Elizabeth and her children; To Calip and his three children; To Hannah Breasted, to have the whole in her hands for her children, that is, their share; To Sarah Person and Bethia Seeley. My grandson, Gilbert Seeley, is to have £10 beyond his share, to be put at interest till he is of age. I leave to my grandson, Josiah Breasted, a black colt. To Bethia Seeley a cow, when she demands it. Elizabeth Persen and Hannah Persen shall pay to James Davisson Seeley £10. I leave to Abby Gilbert a pair of large silver buckles, and to Martha Gilbert another pair. I leave to my three grandsons all my wearing apparell, their

names being Josiah Breasted, James Davisson Seeley, and Gilbert Seeley. I leave to my wife all the house furniture for a room, and a bed. Likewise Mrs. Seeley is to have a looking Glass and a great wheel and a small wheel. All the rest of my movable estate to be sold at discretion of my executors, and they are to pay funeral expenses and all debts, and if there be not enough of movables, they must get it out of my fast estate, and if more, it must be shared among my heirs. I make Silas Person, of Hamptonburgh, and my wife Hannah, and Birdseye Youngs, executors."

Dated September —, 1781. "A tract of land in Haverstraw mountains, joining a pond, in either the Cheesequakes Patent or the Wawayanda Patent, a right in common of 200 acres, to be sold, to discharge debts, either at Publick or private sale, at discretion of my executors." Witnesses, Philip Doyle, school-master, John Carpenter, Jonas Seeley. Proved, October 10, 1781.

Page 265.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL WRIGHT, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Rachel the use of my farm and all personal estate during her widowhood, and after her death to my sons, Daniel, Micajah, and James. The land which I purchased of George Booth, where Nathaniel Underhill now lives, is to be sold by my executors. I leave to my seven daughters, Sarah, Hannah, Esther, Fanne, Miloson [Millicent], Rachel, and Phebe, £40 each when of age. I make my wife Rachel, and her brother, Stephen Horton, and my eldest son, Daniel, executors."

Dated February 18, 1777. Witnesses, William Adey, Moses Travis, Israel Barker, of Amiwalk.

Codicil. "I, Daniel Wright, have a mind to make some alterations by way of Codicil. I leave to my two sons, Micajah and James, what I left to my son Daniel, who is deceased, except £40, to his daughter, Gloriana Wright. All the rest of my will to stand."

Dated The 3d day of the 3d month, 1781. Witnesses, William Adey, Jacob Wright, John Hallock. Proved, April 26, 1781, before Richard Hatfield, Esq.

Page 266.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELISHA COVERT, of Cortlandts Manor, being sick. All debts to be paid. I leave to my daughter Sarah a feather bed and furniture. To my daughter Dorothy a bed and curtains, smoothing irons, iron pot, kettles, and a cupboard. I leave to my daughter Mary £200, to be put at interest for her maintenance. My executors are to sell all estate, and pay the proceeds to my daughters, Phebe, wife of Jesse Nelson, Elizabeth, wife of William Horton, Tamar, wife of Peter Warren, Hannah, wife of John Teed, Sarah, and Dorothy. I make my friends, Jesse Nelson, of Dutchess County, and Benjamin Field, executors."

Dated September 23, 1779. Witnesses, William Oakley, Jonathan Hart, Isaac Hatfield. Proved, July 14, 1781.

Page 268.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC COVERT, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, being sick. I leave to my wife Mary a side saddle and the best horse on the farm, and all household goods, and her choice of the negro wenches, and one-half of the remainder of my movable estate, and the use of both places while she remains my widow. If my wife marries, she is to quit the place where I live, and she is to have the use of the place where John Lyon lives during her life. I also give to my wife one-half of my movables without doors. I leave to Elizabeth Lamoreux £10. To Phebe Travis, widow, £10. If my wife marries, the place where I now live and the negroes and the rest of my movable estate to be sold and divided between my wife and my three brothers, Luke Covert, Abraham Covert, and Elisha Covert. My executors are not to put up the negroes at public sale, but to sell them to as good masters as

they can get. I make my well beloved, true, and trusty friends, my wife Mary and Elisha Covert, executors."

Dated May 4, 1780. Witnesses, Henry Purdy, Isaac Hatfield, Mary Covert. Proved, August 8, 1781.

Page 269.—"I, DAVID HORTON, of the White Plains, in Westchester County, being sick and weak. My executors are to pay all debts as speedily as can be after my decease. I leave to my wife Billecha £100 and a good bed, with its furniture, to be her own forever. I leave to my son Daniel £5, over and above what he has already had. I leave to my daughter Rebecca £16, over and above what she has already had. I leave to my granddaughter, Mary Hosier, £20 and a bed. My executors are to sell all the rest of my estate at vendue as soon as can well be, and divide the proceeds among my five sons, William, Thomas, Joseph, Daniel, and John, except £20 less to William, which he has already had. My wife is to have all the linen in the cupboard, besides what I have given her. I make my son Daniel and my friend, Robert Graham, executors."

Dated the "9th day of the First month, called January," 1775. Witnesses, John Hosier, Hannah Hosier, Benedict Carpenter. Proved, July 30, 1781.

Page 270.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 15, 1780. I, JOHANNES CLEMENTS, of Beekmans Precinct, Dutchess County, being of old age and weak in body. I will that my funeral charges and all my just debts and my son, Tobias Clements, be paid for my board and living. All the rest of my estate I leave to my daughter Cate, late wife of Deliverance Mabey, my son Thomas, my son Tobias, my daughter Rachel, wife of Gideon Hall, my son Peter, and to my three grandchildren, Thomas, Mariche, and Cornelius Clements, children of my son John, deceased. I leave to my two grandchildren, William and Gabriel Strang, the children of my daughter Hannah, deceased, wife of Ga-

riel Strang, one-seventh of my estate. I make my son Tobias, executor."

Witnesses, Jesse Oakly, William Hall, Daniel Whitehead. Proved, December 3, 1781.

Page 271.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM VAN TASEL, of Dutchess County, in Phillips Precinct, farmer, being sick. I leave to my wife Esther all my estate, real and personal, while she remains my widow, and after her death to Isaac Van Tasel, whom I have taken as my son, who now lives with me. If my wife marries, she is to have one-third of my estate and Isaac Van Tasel two-thirds." Joseph Bard, John Lickly, Esther Van Tasel, executors.

Dated October 31, 1781. Witnesses, Philip Steenback, Isaac Odle (Odell). Proved, December 27, 1781.

Page 272.—"In the name of God, Amen, September 10, 1781. I, ROBERT CLENCH, of Schenectady, being of perfect mind. I leave to my eldest son, Ralph, one Spanish Milled Dollar, wherewith he must be satisfied, and make no further pretence or demand to any part of my estate by right of Primogeniture. I leave to my second son, Benjamin, one dollar. I leave to my dear and loving wife all the rest of my estate, real and personal, to dispose of, by the counsel and advice of my executors, for herself and my four other children, Rebecca, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Euretta. If either of my sons should be in want, my wife shall assist them as she may think proper. If either of my daughters get married, my wife is to give them an outset of as great value as she may be able without disturbing or distressing herself. If my wife Hannah marries, the whole is to be divided between her and my four younger children, Rebecca, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Euretta. I desire that, as long as my brother-in-law, Mr. John Vernon, shall choose that his little daughter Polly, now living with me, shall continue, she shall live with my wife. I make Mrs.

John Brown, and Mr. James Ellice, and my wife Hannah, executors."

Witnesses, Harmanus Bradt, Henry Glen, William Van Ingen. Proved, December 21, 1781.

Page 274.—"The last Will and Testament of EPHRAIM PALMER, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick. All debts to be paid and money due to me to be collected. I leave to my wife Rachel one-third of my homestead farm, except three acres in the northern corner, and one-third of all my movable estate, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son Silvanus a piece of land which lyes in the northeast corner of my homestead farm, being three acres and sixty rods; Also a horse and my oldest saddle, six sheep, besides what he has already had. The said piece of land is to run thirty rods north and south and eighteen rods east and west. I leave to my son Uriah all the remainder of my homestead farm, besides what I have already given him. And he is to maintain my son Ephraim in a decent manner during his life. As likewise Uriah is to pay out £5 apiece to each of these girls, Gehannah, Dorkes, and Rebecca, when he is 23 years of age. I also leave him the one-third of my farm given to my wife, after her decease. I leave to my daughter Abigail £5, besides what I have given her. To my daughter Rachel £7. To my three daughters, Gehannah, Dorkes, and Rebecca, each a bed and one cow and six sheep. I make my brothers, Nehemiah Reynolds and Edward Palmer, executors."

Dated December 10, 1774. Witnesses, David Husted, Reuben Palmer, Silvanus Dewel, Jr. Proved, January 19, 1782. (The witnesses were Quakers.)

Page 276.—"New York, August 13, 1771. I am in a head state of hilt, and have no time to spend my time for world cafers, but intend a vill mey castete acordin as follos. To my dere father and moder I will and bestow my place laying at Hopvill [Hopewell] and all

my horses and my negor boy, and liekvis bestow the goods that I have at Fishkill in my store there. To my brother Abraham and my sister Antye all my bonds, notes, and books to pay debts, and divide the rest between them. But I allow Abraham for his trouble in collecting the money. I further desire that after my death you vill remove to my father's old place and enjoy it, if it be your minds. I leave to my dear sister Sally a bond against Philip Ver Planck of £80. But mind, if Col. Lott shall make any demands upon my estate, don't allow one farthing. If Mr. Scott shall tell you it were best, don't mind it, but take course of the Law. Dear brother must have my wearing apparell. So no more but Love and Friendship.

STEPHEN DURYEE."

Witnesses, Luke Kierstede, Peter De Riemer. Proved in Dutchess County, February 6, 1782, before Gilbert Livingston, Esq., upon oath of Dr. Lucas Kierstede, of Kingston, Ulster County. Abraham Duryee was made executor, but resigned, and Letters of Administration were granted to Abraham Duryee, Abraham Duryee, Jr., and Peter I. Montfort, all of Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County.

[NOTE.—The will is a most remarkable example of bad spelling and strangely mixed ideas. — W. S. P.]

Page 277.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PINE, of the Fishkill, in Dutchess County, being weak in body. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Joshua, my tract of land whereon he now lives at Cow Neck, on Long Island, being 35 acres, with all buildings, etc.; And a negro man, Isaac, now with him. I leave to my son Sylvanus the house where he now dwelleth at Fishkill, and six acres of land adjoining the main road before his door and surrounding his house. I also leave him one half of the farm I now live on, and one half of the grist mill and orchard. I leave to my son Philip one half of my farm where I now dwell, and one half of my grist mill, barn, and

orehard. The house and barn to be valued by two neighbors, and Philip is to pay to Sylvanus one-half the value directly after in cash. I leave to my daughter, Abigail Bailey, a negro wench and £280. My sons, Sylvanus and Philip, shall pay to my son Joshua and my daughter Abigail £210. I leave to my daughter Abigail my silver tankard and spoons. I leave to my son Philip six Shillings of Patent Right in the Town of Hempstead, on Long Island. I leave to my son Joshua one-half of my undivided lands in Hempstead, and the other half to my sons, Sylvanus and Philip. All the rest I leave to my four children. I make my friend and brother-in-law, John Carman, and Cornelius Van Wyck, executors."

Dated August 19, 1765. Witnesses, James Duncan, Henry Buys, James Bailey. Proved, November 27, 1781, upon oath of James Duncan, Esq., "now of Dutchess County, but late of Queens County, Long Island." The executors died before the will was proved, and Letters of Administration were granted to Joshua Pine, "miller, formerly of Hempstead, Long Island, but now of Rombout Precinct, in Dutchess County."

Page 278.—"I, ELISHA AKIN, of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick, April 11, 1777. I leave to my son Thomas the farm on which he now liveth, and which I purchased of Timothy Dakin. I leave to my sons, Timothy and James, all my homestead farm and all cattle and farming utensils, and they shall pay to my son Abraham £160, and to my two daughters, Ruth Sheldon and Sarah Briggs, £25 each, and to my three youngest children £10 each. And to my wife Sarah £10, and to my four daughters, Ruth Sheldon, Sarah Briggs, Margaret Akin, and Olive Akin, each one good cow and a good bed. And to my youngest son, Murray Akin, a good horse and saddle, worth £25, and he is to be put to a trade. I leave all my lands in the Hampshire Grants to all my children. I

make my trusty friends, Jonathan Akin and Timothy Akin, executors."

Witnesses, Edward Briggs, Wilber Wood, Murray Lester. Proved, January 11, 1782.

Page 280.—"In the name of God, Amen. Be it known and manifest unto all People by these Presents that I, JOHANNES VAL. DOUW, of Albany County, being weak and sick in body, am minded to dispose of my temporal estate with which God has blessed me, December 13, 1777. I will that after my decease my son Cornelius shall have £20 for his birthright. I leave to my son Cornelius all my real and personal estate, my house and lot in Albany, and all my lots in Schenectady, and all my right I have in Sandgate, and all other lands and tenements of whatever nature. I will that my daughter, Margaretje Douw, shall have a Christianlike and decent maintainance, such as her defects require. I also give her all her mother's wearing apparell. And she is to be maintained by my son Cornelius, and if he refuses or neglects, then I leave her £600. I make my son Cornelius and my nephew, Valckert Oothout, executors."

Witnesses, Hendrick Bogert, carpenter, Henry Oothout, Jr., John Jost Zabriskie. Proved, January 28, 1782.

Page 281.—"I, AGRIPEA MARTIN, of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County, cordwainer, being in health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Susannah a riding beast that was formerly hers, and the use of my estate for her support and the bringing up of my children. And when they are of age she is to have the use of one-third for life. I leave to my sons, Daniel, Agrippa, and James, a certain tract of land in the Oblong, adjoining the farm that was formerly my father's. All the rest of my estate I leave to my children, Daniel, Agrippa, James, Esther, Sarah, Susannah, and Mary, when of age. I make my respected

and trusty friends, Isaac Sheldon, Thomas Sheldon, John Hoey, 2nd, Jr., executors."

Dated August 15, 1778. Witnesses, Daniel Lake, John Marsh, Daniel Marsh. Proved, February 11, 1782.

Page 282.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEUS VAN KEUREN, of the Precinct of Poughkeepsie, in Duchess County, being sick and weak. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife, Saletija Van Keuren, £100 and all household furniture during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my eldest son, Tjerek, £80. To the heirs of my second son, Cornelius, deceased, £20, allowing the eldest heir two shares. I leave to my third son, Abraham, £50. To my fourth son, Benjamin, £40. To the heirs of my eldest daughter, Margaret Lawson, deceased, £20, the eldest male heir to have two portions. I leave to my second and last daughter, Mary Lawson, £50. All the rest of my estate I leave to my youngest son, Mattheus, and make him executor."

March 13, 1781. Witnesses, Cornelius Brewer, Thomas Dearing. Proved, December 29, 1781.

Page 284.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 28, 1776. I, EVERT HERMANSE, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Duchess County. I leave to my dearly beloved wife, Ackamanchee Hermanse, and to my sister, Elizabeth Hermanse, all my real and personal estate that remains after my debts are paid, and I make them executors."

Witnesses, Andries P. Heermanse, George Heermanse, John Coates. Proved, February 9, 1782.

Page 285.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS FINGER, of the Manor of Livingston, in Albany County, State of New York. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son Michael one milk cow, or in lieu thereof the sum of £4 hard money, either gold or silver, in bar to all claim as heir at law. I also leave to

the children of my son Michael £15 each, in like hard money. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Hendrick B. Smith, £21 hard money and one negro wench child named Suze, aged three years. I leave to my son David £21. To my sons, Jacob, Coenrat, and Petrus, each £21, and to each of them a gun, and to Petrus my sword, powder horn, and Psalm Book. To my daughter Anna, wife of Jacob Blass, £21. To Johannis Blass, son of my late daughter Catharine, late wife of Peter M. Blass, £21. All the rest I leave to my children, David, Coenrat, Jacob, Petrus, Anna, and Elizabeth. All my estate to be divided in six weeks. I make my sons, David, Coenrat, and Jacob, and my friend, Direk Jansen, executors."

Dated August 12, 1770. Witnesses, Neal McFall, Albertus Simon, Josias Lup. Proved, February 13, 1782.

Page 287.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS QUICK, of Rochester, in Ulster County, April 24, 1777. I leave to my oldest son, Jacobus, all my horses, cows, sheep, wagons, slays, and my bed and bedding. I leave to my daughter Johannah £40. To my daughter Magery £80. To my daughter Elizabeth £60, provided she takes the two bonds of her son out of her share. I leave to my son Petrus £200. I leave to my son Jacobus all that piece of land yet unsold; also my Bible, and my pots, tongs, shovel, and hand irons. The sums bequeathed are to remain unpaid for six years, and then the legacies are to be paid in the order named, with one year's interval between them. I leave to my grandson, Jacob Quick, my gun. To my son Jacobus one cloth coat, Jacket, and breeches of black; likewise my Beaver Hatt. I leave the rest of my apparell to my sons, Jacobus and Petrus, and I make them executors. I make my friend, Richard Davis, overseer."

Witnesses, Cornelius Hoornbeck, Jr., Richard Davis, Friederich Schoennig. Proved, January 16, 1782.

Page 288.—“In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three distinct persons, but one God. I, JEDEDIAH DEAN, of the Precinct of New Paltz, Ulster County. I leave to my three sons, Gideon, Jedediah, and Isaac, all my real estate, houses, and lands. I leave to my wife Arientyea the use of all so long as she remains my widow, and if it should so happen that she shall marry another husband, then she shall only have the sum of £14 yearly out of my estate. My estate is to be appraised by two men, one chosen by my three sons aforesaid and the other by my three daughters, and for every hundred pounds the estate shall be valued at my sons are to pay £10. And I leave the same and all my household furniture to my son Abraham and my daughters, Jenny Ellsworth, Elizabeth Woolsey, and Mary Laroe. I leave to my two sons, Jonathan and Daniel, ten shillings, but no legacies are to be paid until three years after my wife's decease. It is also agreed by my wife that all the debts and legacies due me in this state or in the Jerseys are to be applied to pay my just debts. I make my sons, Gideon, Jedediah, and Isaac, executors.”

Dated July 20, 1781. Witnesses, Dr. Benjamin Ely, Simon Doian, Andreas Dubois, Jr. Proved, November 17, 1781.

Page 290.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHAN COOLEY, of the Precinct of Cornwall, Orange County, November 25, 1781. I order all my household furniture of every kind, except my wife's bed and my daughter Hannah's bed, to be sold at public vendue at the end of one year, and the money used to pay debts. All my stock to be sold, except one yoke of oxen and my black mare and grey horse, which are to be left on the farm for my son Nathan and his mother to carry on the business of farming, as long as they can agree to live together. If they cannot agree, my executors are to sell the creatures and bind my son

Nathan to a trade, and to rent two-thirds of my farm till my son Nathan is of age, and pay the rent to my three daughters, Mary, Hannah, and Experience. I leave to my wife Keziah one-third of my farm and the best room in my house, and a cow, and the furniture. I leave to my daughter Hannah one cow and a bed. To my son Nathan my best suit of wearing apparell and my great coat. I leave to my son Justus my second best suit. My family are to live together on my farm for one year. And at the end thereof I order that my wife's daughter Peniner shall have no more privilege in my house. I leave to my wife £20 for the use of her daughter Peniner. All flax, hogs, and grain to be for my family. My son Daniel is to be bound to a trade. I leave to my son Nathan my farm where I live, subject to the above terms. I make my wife, and my brother-in-law, John Carpenter, and Johanes Moffatt, executors.”

Witnesses, George Duryea, Garrett Duryea, Enos Ayres. Proved, January 22, 1782.

Page 292.—(Written in the German language.) “In Namen Gottes, Amen. I, PETER SCHERER, in the Camp, in Albany County, being somewhat sick. I direct all things to be done in a Christianlike and orderly way. As to the goods which God has blessed me with, I direct all debts to be paid. I give to my son John for his birthright two half Johannes. I leave to my son Petrus all my real estate as it may be found in my deeds or documents, with house, barn, gardens, and orchard, to him and his heirs forever. And within three years he shall pay £80 to my son George, and £30 to my daughter Maria, wife of Peter Wisner, and £30 to my daughter Gertie, wife of Frederick Maul, and £30 to my daughter Margareta, and £30 to the three children of my daughter Catharina, late wife of Philip Rockefeller, viz., Petrus, Eva, and Catharina. My daughter Margaretta shall dwell in my dwelling house while she remains unmarried. I

leave to my son Petrus £20 hard money, and my negro Dan and my negro Donn, for which he shall pay to my daughter Maria £12. I also leave him a feather bed, with all that pertains thereto, and two horses, two cows, six sheep, and wagons and Sleighs, and harrow and plow; Also my house lock and stove and hand irons. And he shall pay to my other five children £18. I leave to my son George my negro Bran and a horse. I leave to my daughter Maria £20 hard money. To my daughter Margareta £20 and a feather bed, two cows, six sheep, and her choice of two negro benches. All the rest I leave to my daughter Gertrude, and she shall pay £15 to my daughter Maria. I leave to the three children of my deceased daughter Catharina £20 for their share of my negroes. All the rest of my personal estate I leave to my six children, George, Petrus, Maria, wife of Peter Wismer, Gertie, wife of Frederick Maul, Margaretta, and the three children of my daughter Catharina, deceased, late wife of Philip Rockefeller. This is my last will and Testament. I make my sons, George and Petrus, executors, and also my two good friends, Christian Philip and Hendrick Will."

Dated December 13, 1780. Witnesses, Johannes Peter Russ, Abraham J. Delamater, farmer, Gerhard Daniel Cock, minister of the Gospel. Proved, February 20, 1782.

Page 294.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GODFREY SHOMAKER, of Claverack District, Albany County, being sick and weak, June 3, 1781. I leave to my wife Anna Maria the use of all my estate during her widowhood. I leave to my son Henry five dollars, over and above for his birthright. All the rest of my estate I leave to my eight children, Henry, Elizabeth, Margaret, Catharine, Johannes, John Mathias, Hannah, and Godfrey. I make George Lown and Johannes Stall, executors."

Witnesses, Johan George Gobel, Wijnant Mantil, Martin Delong. Proved, February 9, 1782. "I make my good friend, Lawrence Hogaboorn, overseer."

Page 295.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CONRAD REITSER, of the Manor of Livingston, Albany County, being very sick. I give and bequeath to Anna Stall (in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have to said Anna Stall) £100. I leave to my nephew (by way of affinity), Hendrick Stall, Sr., all my estate, real and personal. I make Samuel Ten Broeck and Antonius Snider, executors."

Dated May 5, 1778. Witnesses, Richard McMullen, Casper Hamm, William Lee. Proved, February 6, 1782.

Page 296.—"This 22 day of the 5 month, 1781. I, JOSEPH DAVIS, of Beekmans Precinct, in Dutchess County, being of a sound disposition in mind and memory. I direct all debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my wife Jemima my sorrel mare and newest side saddle, and best bed and its furniture, and large looking glass, one cow, platters, plates, spoons, and my coarse round table, and the use of one-third of my estate during her widowhood. I leave to my son Joseph such a part of my movable estate as will make him equal to my other two sons, Abner and David. The legacy left to him by his grandmother is to be part of this bequest. I also leave him my sorrel mare. I leave to my son Abner, when he is 21, a cow and silver teaspoons. To my son David, when he is 21, one cow and one silver spoon. To my daughter Mary, when 18, a new bed and furniture, one cow, one table-spoon, copper kettle, and £30 in gold or silver. I leave all the rest to my three sons, Joseph, Abner, and David. I make my wife Jemima, Joseph Davis, and Robert Moon, executors."

Witnesses, Joseph Clapp, John Lee, William Moore. Proved, February 22, 1782.

Page 298.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CARPENTER, of Fredericksburgh, in Duchess County, yeoman, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Hannah all my estate, both real and personal, during her widowhood. I leave to my grandson, Caleb Carpenter (son of Gabriel Carpenter), £50. To my grandson, Benjamin Carpenter (son of Ame Carpenter, wife of Caleb Carpenter), £50. To my grandson, Joseph Crane (son of Thamar, wife of John Crane), £100. To my grandson, Joseph Lewis (son of Sarah, wife of Henry Lewis), £100. I leave all the rest to my daughters, Ame, wife of Caleb Carpenter, Thamar, wife of John Crane, and Sarah, wife of Henry Lewis. I appoint my trusty friends, Caleb Carpenter and John Crane, executors.”

Dated October 31, 1777. Witnesses, Caleb Carpenter, John Crane, Henry Lewis. Proved, December 21, 1781, before Gilbert Livingston, Esq.

[NOTE.—Fredericksburg is the eastern part of Putnam County.—W. S. P.]

Page 299.—“In the name of God, Amen, this 19 of January, 1776. I, JOSIAH GILBERT, of Salem, in Westchester County, being in perfect mind and sensible of my duty respecting setting my house in order. I direct all just and righteous debts to be paid. I leave to my children, Gilbert, Nathan, and Lois, during their lives, the following tracts of land, viz., 50 acres 2 roods and 8 rods lying east of the grist mill, and 9 acres 2 roods and 30 rods of land lying east of Ephraim Gilbert's, and my home lot, 12 acres and 12 rods, and a lot above the bridge by the great meadows, being 14 acres 27 rods, and the Great Hill east of my house, with the barn, 26 acres 3 roods 15 rods, and the land I had of Matthew Bouton, 7 acres, with the meadow adjoining, and 66 acres lying south of Nehemiah Stebbins. I also leave them three good beds, with proper furniture, and 3 cows, 1 horse, 10 sheep, a yoke of oxen. The rest of my movables to be sold at public

vendue, and out of the proceeds I leave £60 to my daughter, Elizabeth Bouton. All the remainder of my estate and all my lands about the round pond in Connecticut I leave to all my sons, viz., Nathan, Abijah, Ephraim, Benajah, and Jacob. After the death of Nathan and Lois, I leave all the movable estate which they improved to all my sons, except £40 to my daughter, Elizabeth Bouton, or her daughter, Lois Bouton, and I leave their lands as follows. The lot above the bridge by the great meadows and 10 acres of the lot by the Great Hill to my son Abijah. The rest, with the Great Hill, barn, and meadow, to my son Jacob. To my son Ephraim the lot of 9 acres 2 roods and 36 rods east of his house; Also 9 acres off the lot west of Ephraim's. The rest of the tract, being 41 acres 28 rods, I leave to my son Benajah, and the lot I had of Matthew Bouton. The lands south of Nehemiah Stebbins I leave to my three sons, Abijah, Ephraim, and Jacob. To my son Abijah I leave 6 acres of the west end of my home lot. The rest, with my house, I leave to my son Jacob. I make my sons, Abijah and Benajah, executors.”

Witnesses, Jonathan Loder, Lewis Stebbins, Solomon Mead. Proved, March 25, 1782.

Page 301.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LEVI PAWLING, of Marbletown, Ulster County, Esq., being sick. After all debts are paid, I leave to my wife Helena the cellar kitchen and one-half of the back cellar so long as she remains my widow or until my executors think proper to sell my estate. In which case my four children are to find her a good room and cellar equal to the one I leave for her. I leave to my wife the bed she now makes use of, with the bedstead, covering, and curtains, half dozen chairs, the cupboard she brought with her, and the looking glass in the cellar kitchen; Also a negro man, Abraham, and a negro wench, Jin, during her widowhood, and then to my four children. My four children are to pay to

my wife £15 yearly, and she is to have two cows and six sheep. All my estate in Marbletown is to be sold by my executors when most advantageous, and the money paid to my four children, Albert, Henry, Levi, and Margaret. I leave all personal estate to my children. All my lands in the Shawangunk Mountains I leave to my four children. So long as my wife and children shall agree to live with each other my wife is not to claim her legacies. I make my sons, Albert and Henry, executors."

Dated February 27, 1782. Witnesses, Nathan Smedes, Adert Smedes, John Cantine. Proved, March 19, 1782.

Page 303.—"In the name of God, Amen, July 28, 1778. I, SILVENUS DUZENBERRE, of New Windsor, Ulster County, being in health. All debts to be paid. I leave to my son Samuel £10. To my three daughters £10 each. I leave to my wife Mary all the farm where we now live and all my movable estate, to her own proper use, to sell or dispose of as she shall think fit. I make my wife, and Samuel Sands, and Benjamin Westlake, executors."

Witnesses, William Cumming, Agnes Cumming, his wife, Elizabeth Westlake. Proved, March 30, 1782.

Page 304.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN LOW, late of Newark, in New Jersey, but now of Albany County, March 15, 1774. I leave to my grandsons, Peter and John (sons of my deceased son Cornelius), John Farrand, John, the son of Nicholas Low, and Jacob Farrand, all my wearing apparell. In case Peter should not return, then his part to his brother John. I leave to my grandson, John Low, son of my son Cornelius, deceased, one of my Large Dutch Bibles, and he is to have his choice. I give to my grandson, John Low, son of my daughter, Sarah Low, my long Holland gun. I leave to my grandson, John Farrand, my other Large Dutch Bible and all my

Dutch books on Physick. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of all the rest of my estate, and she is to pay all debts. I give full power to my wife and my son-in-law, Kilaen Van Rensselaer, to sell all my real estate in Loonenburgh and in New Jersey or elsewhere. And the money is to be put at interest for my wife during her life, and then all to be divided into six parts, as follows: To my daughters, Mary Van Rensselaer, Sarah Low, and Johana Franklin, and to Margaret Low, widow of my son Cornelius, and her children, Peter, Elizabeth, and John, and to my daughter, Margaret Hedden, and her children, and to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of James Gray, and her children. I make my wife and my sons-in-law, Kilaen Van Rensselaer, Esq., Nicholas Low, and Hendrick Andriese Franklin, Esq., executors."

Witnesses, Abraham A. Lansingh, Christian Abrams, J. Roerback. Proved, September 27, 1774, before John De Peyster. Confirmed, April 10, 1782, by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Probate.

Page 306.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SMITH, of Orange County, being in a low condition, but of sound memory, as I have been for some time past. I leave to my son John 37½ acres of land at the southwest end of the lot which I now live on, joining to his land which he lives on, which is 75 acres, which his father gave him before, making the equal half of the farm of said John Smith. I leave to my son Edward the other half of my land and my house and buildings, which is the homestead. And they are to take care of their mother and maintain her during her widowhood. I leave to my wife the choice of my negroes, and all bonds and notes due to me. And after her death the money and all household goods shall go to my six daughters. I leave to my wife two cows, one horse, six sheep, a cupboard, and a warming pan. After her death, my daughter Hete is to have the cupboard and warming pan. [Rest of daugh-

ters not named.] I leave to my son, Edward my Bible. To my son John my saddle and my Beaver Hatt. My clothes I leave to my two sons. I make my wife and sons, and Thomas Halsted, executors."

Dated June 25, 1761. Witnesses, Delila Smith, wife of Elihu Smith, Joseph Jones, of Haverstraw, Adriaen Onderdonck. Proved, April 30, 1782. The affidavit of Joseph Jones states: "That John Smith having a disorder on the tongue, sent for Adriaen Onderdonck to make his will. And after he had been there some time, the said Joseph Jones was called in to witness the same, and he was informed by said Onderdonck, in the presence and hearing of said John Smith, that the within instrument was his will, to which the said John Smith made no kind of objection. And the said Delila Smith, being upon a visit to said John Smith, and was a witness without any objection. The said Joseph Jones and Delila Smith signed in their marks, as they could neither write nor read writing."

Page 308.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HALL, of Beekmans Precinct, Dutchess County, being single. I leave to my wife two rooms in my house, and two beds, four cows, ten sheep, one black mare, and after her death the same are left to John Hall, son of Benjamin Hall. My wife is to have firewood and all the necessaries of life, to be furnished by Gideon and Benjamin Hall, and I leave to them all the farm on which I now live, to be divided east and west, and Benjamin is to have the south part and Gideon the north part. And I leave them all the stock and utensils, and the yoke of oxen called the staggs. I leave to William Hall the farm on which he now lives, with all buildings. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Daniel Ketcham, twenty shillings. To Abigail, wife of John Mott, twenty shillings. To Wait Titus, wife of Austin Titus, twenty shillings. I make Benjamin Hall, Gideon Hall, and William Hall, executors."

Dated January 22, 1782. Witnesses, Dr. Ebenezer

Cary, Thomas Clements, Benjamin Rogers, Abner Seidmore. Proved, May 6, 1782.

Page 309.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN HAIGHT, of Fishkill, in Dutchess County, being infirm. I order all debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Samuel, £5, in bar to all claims as heir at law. I leave to my wife the use of all my estate during her widowhood, towards educating and bringing up my younger children. If my wife should marry before my youngest son, Jacob, is of age, the executors are to divide all the estate (and what may fall to me on the death of my father, Jonathan Haight, of the Manor of Cortlandt) among my six children, Martha, Samuel, Cornelius, Susan, Jacob, and Elizabeth. My executors are to pay attention to my younger children, who have not had the advantage of education, out of my estate. I make my wife Elizabeth, and my brother, Benjamin Haight, of Connecticut, and my friends, Petrus Bogardus, William Van Wyck, and Jacob Van Voorhees, Jr., executors."

Dated August 8, 1779. Witnesses, Zacharias Van Voorhees, Thomas Skinner, Henry Schenck.

Codicil. "If either of my elder children should marry, my executors are to pay them part of my estate." Proved, May 2, 1782.

Page 311.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN LOSEE, of Dutchess County, Beekmans Precinct, August 18, 1775. I leave to my wife Elenor the bed she daily lies on, and a cupboard, Chest, tea kettle, tea pot, and all tea ware, and one iron pot, called the flat pot, and a horse, saddle, and bridle, and two best cows, and the use of the big room. I leave to my son John £50, first and foremost, out of my estate. I leave to my son William £50 and a colt. All the rest of my movables to be sold at public vendue, and all debts paid, and the remainder put at interest for my wife during her life, and then to dispose of it at her discretion.

I make my wife Elenor, Stephen Van Voorhees, and Michael Vincent, executors."

Witnesses, Jacob Hasnor, Bartholemew Noxon, Jr. Proved, January 2, 1776, before Bartholemew Crannell. Confirmed, February 16, 1782. Michael Vincent was then the surviving executor.

Page 312.—"In the name of God, Amen, January 15, 1772, in the twelfth year of King George III. I, TOBIAS VAN DEUSEN, of Claverack, in Albany County. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Robert, £4 for his primogeniture, he being my eldest son. I leave to my son Robert all that certain tract of woodland containing 50 morgen, and one-half of another piece of land of 6 morgen, as the same was conveyed to my father, Robert Van Deusen, deceased, by the Lord Patroon Van Rensselaer, with all buildings. And he shall pay to my three daughters, Hyltie, Ariantie, and Mary, each £21. And to my son Johannis £3. I leave to my son Tobias all my estate of land where I now live, with all buildings, as the same was released to me by my brother, Mattheus Van Deusen, March 20, 1748; Also the other half of the piece of 6 morgen. And he shall pay to my three daughters, each £37, and to my son Johannis £5. I leave to my son Johannis two certain Swamps situate at Claverack which I purchased from the Patroon John Van Rensselaer. All the rest of my movable estate I leave to my six children, Robert, Johannis, Tobias, Hyltie, Ariantie, and Mary. I make my three sons, executors."

Witnesses, Robert Van Deusen, Jacob Corrie, David Brouwer. Proved, January 17, 1782. David Brouwer was then the only witness living.

Page 314.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF, of the city of New York, in America, merchant. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Catharine one full suit of mourning and £300,

to be paid in nine months, in lieu of dower. Whereas Christopher Abeel, late of Albany County, did by deed, dated September 16, 1771, confirm to his son, David Abeel, and to Elbert Willet and Catalina, his wife, Jacobus Abeel, and to the said Dirck Brinckerhoff, and Catharine, my wife, $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{3}{4}$ part of a certain tract of undivided land in Albany County, on the east side of the Hudson river, called Westen Hook Patent. I leave all my said part to my wife Catharine. But if I should sell the same, my wife is to have as much as it sold for. I leave to my son George my fowling piece with my name engraved on the barrel thereof, and my case of pistols, my silver-hilted sword, my mother-of-pearl powder horn set in silver, and all my English and Latin Books, whether Law, History, or Divinity. I leave to my wife her choice of a piece of plate out of my plate for a remembrance. I leave to my children, George, Elizabeth, and Catharine, each a piece of plate for a remembrance. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I leave to my children when of age or married. I make my brother-in-law, Theodorus Van Wyck, Esq., and my cousin, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Jr., and my two esteemed friends, Isaac Roosevelt and Garret Rapalye, executors, and they may sell or divide at discretion."

Dated July 2, 1772. Witnesses, James Van Varek, Abraham Van Wyck, Theunis Bogart. Proved, November 21, 1775, in New York, before Cary Ludlow, Esq.

Confirmed by Thomas Tredwell, June 5, 1782. The probate says that the testator, Dirck Brinckerhoff, was late of Stoney Creek, in Rombouts Precinct, Dutchess County, and that Dirck Brinckerhoff, Jr., was executor, but died intestate before all the estate was fully administered, and that Theodorus Van Wyck is deceased and that Isaac Roosevelt had resigned, April 3, 1782, and that Garret Rapalye is absent and not within the state, and that George D. Brinckerhoff, the son of the testator, had relinquished all his right as adminis-

trator. Letters of Administration were granted to Dirck Brinckerhoff, Esq., of Rombout Precinct.

Page 316.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER JAY, late of Rye, in Westchester County, but now of Rombout Precinct, in Dutchess County, Esquire. I leave to my executors £500, to be put at interest for my son Augustus during his life, and then to my four sons, James, Peter, John, and Frederick. I leave to my executors £1,800, to be put at interest for the support of my daughter, Eve Munro, during her life, and to my grandson, Peter Jay Munro, after my daughter's decease, and when he is 21 years old. I leave to my daughter, Anna Maricha, £1,800. All the rest of my estate real and personal I leave to my sons, James, Peter, John, and Frederick. My executors may choose men to divide my estate, but they are not instructed to do so. But it is my will that my son Peter shall have my farm at Rye at its true value. And my son John to have the choice of any one of my farms at Bedford. And that my son Frederick shall have, if he choose it, all that lot of ground and water lot late in his possession, and on which he built a storehouse, in Dock Ward, bounded north by Dock wharf, and opposite to the house late in occupation of Evert Bancker, east by Augustus and Frederick Van Cortlandt, west by John W. Vreedenbergh, and south by the river. As granted to me by the Mayor and Commonalty. I leave to all my children the house and lot in occupation of Evert Bancker, and my children are to release to my son Frederick all the privilege granted by the Mayor and Commonalty as regards water lot opposite. And whereas it is probable that my son-in-law, Rev. Harry Munro, may object, the will makes arrangements in that case. I release all my children from any indebtedness to me, but I do not release my son James from a ballance due me. My two negro women, Zilpha and Mary, in consideration of long service, are to have their choice of mas-

ters among my sons. I make my sons, James, John, and Frederick, executors.”

Dated January 28, 1778. “Written on two sides of six sheets of paper, sewed together.” Witnesses, William Van Wyck, Theodorus Van Wyck, Jr., John Van Wyck.

Codicil. The £500 and the £1,800 left to my executors are to be in Spannish Milled Dollars, at the rate of eight shillings per dollar, and I leave the said sums to my sons, John and Frederick, and my friend, Egbert Benson, on the same conditions.

June 22, 1780. Witnesses, William Van Wyck, Theodorus Van Wyck, George Way.

Codicil. I, Peter Jay, late of Rye, but at present of Poughkeepsie. Since making my will I have purchased the messuage and lot in Poughkeepsie where I now reside, late in occupation of John Davis. The same is to be considered part of my residuary estate.

September 11, 1781. Witnesses, Egbert Benson, Augustine Lawrence, James M. Hughes.

Codicil. I, Peter Jay, of Poughkeepsie, December 18, 1781. Whereas my son John is now beyond seas, I authorize the major part of my executors to divide my estate, or to sell and divide. And to the end that such division may be made in the most impartial manner, and to prevent even the suspicion of injustice to either of my devisees, no such partition or sale shall be made without the assent and approbation of George Clinton, Melancthon Smith, and Egbert Benson, Esquires, whom I appoint Trustees. I give to my son James all my family portrait paintings. I leave to my son John my negro slave “Peter.” I give my slave Mary to such of my children as she shall elect to live with.

Witnesses, Theodorus Bailey, student, James Kent, Anthony A. Hoffman. Proved, May 28, 1782.

[NOTE.—The testator was the progenitor of a most distinguished family. The son John was in later years Governor of the State and Chief Justice of the United

States. The house and lot of Peter Jay in "Dock Ward" is now No. 64 Pearl street. This was given by Jacobus Van Cortlandt, in his will, to his daughter Mary, who married Peter Jay. This was a water lot, which was extended by later grants from the city. The part left to Frederick Jay was south of Front street. —W. S. P.]

Page 322.—"The last will and Testament of CALEB HAIGHT, SR., is as followeth. I, Caleb Haight, of Charlott Precinct, in Duchess County, in my perfect mind and memory. All money due to me is to be called in by my executors, and the westernmost equal half of the land whereon I now live is to be sold, and the money from said sale and the money due me is to be used to pay all debts. I leave to my wife Elizabeth one-third of the benefits arising from the remaining part of my lands and one-third of my movable estate. I leave to my son Caleb the monies remaining after debts are paid. I leave to my son Josiah £10. I leave to my son Benjamin the east half of the farm whereon I now live, and he is to pay the following legacies. I leave to my son Nathaniel £10 a year. I leave to my daughters, Elizabeth, Abigail, and Elenor, all movable estate. I make my son Josiah and Caleb Mosher, executors."

Dated April 6, 1775. Witnesses, John Nelson, Aaron Haight, Jr. Proved, November 12, 1779. Confirmed, July 1, 1782. The executors resigned, and Letters of Administration granted to Caleb Haight, Esq.

Page 323.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 25, 1782. I, WILLIAM DIETZ, of Schoharry, in Albany County, yeoman. I leave to my son William all the blacksmith tools in the shop at Schoharry for his birthright. I leave to my son, Johan Jost Dietz, a bed and bedding, and a weaving loom and the utensils thereto belonging. I leave to my son Johannes all my

wheelwright tools. I leave to my daughter Eva a bed, with pillows, sheets, and blanket, and one green rugg, and curtains complete for a bedstead; And my wife's blue broadcloth Cloak and black quilted petticoat, and four cows, one heifer, one horse, seven sheep, two iron pots, and all my pewter. I leave to my daughters, Marilies, wife of Hendrick Ball, and Eva, all my household furniture and my wife's wearing apparell. I leave to my children, William, Johannes, Adam, Johan Jost, Eva, and Marilies, wife of Hendrick Ball, all my cattle, sheep, and hogs. I leave to my son Adam all that farm situate at Beaver Dam, in the Manor of Rensselaer wyck, now in his possession, and the stock of horses and cattle on the same. I leave to my other sons all the land to which I am entitled by the will of my brother, Adam Dietz, deceased, and all my wearing apparell. All the rest of my estate I leave to my sons, William, Johannes, and Johan Jost, and they are to pay to my daughter Marilis £50 and to my daughter Eva £100, as also one decent suit of wearing apparell. And they are to pay to my two granddaughters, the children of my deceased son, Peter Dietz, each £20. And they are to buy for my son Adam so much more blacksmith tools as to make it fit to work with, and also buy him half a ton of iron and steel. I make my sons, William and Johannes, executors."

Witnesses, David Sternbergh, Peter Vroman, Abraham Sternbergh. Proved, June 6, 1782.

Page 325.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAS SWAN, of Schoharry, in Albany County, being weak in body. All debts to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Tenes, £5 hard cash in right of Primogeniture. I leave to my wife Gertruy, so long as she remains my widow, all the use of one-half of that farm which I have herein bequeathed to my youngest son, Bartholomew, until he is of age. And whether she marries or not he shall pay her annually the sum of £12, good

hard money, for her maintainance. I leave to my eldest son, Tenes, one-half of all my lands in Smith Dorp, on the east side of Schoharry Kill, and on the west side of Schoharry Kill the low land and one-half of the woodland in Schoharry Patent and in other Patents. I leave to my son Bartholemew the other half of said lands. As for my daughter Sarah, I have paid and satisfied her with the amount of £150, good silver money, and her marriage portion, and she must be satisfied therewith. I leave to Josias Clark, the heir of my deceased daughter Gertruyd, when he is of age, £100, good silver money. As for my other daughter, Steynge, I have paid and satisfied her with £150, and her marriage portion she hath also received. I leave to my daughter Maria £75. To the heirs of my deceased daughter Susannah £65. To my daughter Engel £150. To my youngest daughter, Eva, £150. I leave to my daughters all my personal estate and household goods after my wife's decease. I leave to my wife all my negroes, horses, and cattle, and she may give them to any of my children she may choose. I make my wife, and my son Tenes and Johannes I. Lawyer, executors."

Dated February 22, 1781. Witnesses, Adam Smith Vroman, Daniel McMichael, William Schermerhorn. Proved, June 14, 1782, before John De Peyster Dowe, Surrogate.

Page 327.—(Written in the Dutch language.) "In de Name Godes, Amen, the 9 day of April, —. I, MARIA WENDEL, widow of Evert Wendel, of Schenectady, in Albany County, being weak in body. As regards my worldly estate, after all debts are paid, I leave to my brother, Isaac Truex, thirty shillings, with which he must be satisfied and make no further claim as heir at law. I leave to Johannes and Simon Arientzen Vedder, the sons of Arent Vedder, my house and lot where I now live, as I received the same from my grandfather, Andries Nak. I also leave to Maria

Arentse Vedder, daughter of Arent S. Vedder, my negro girl Cris, who now lives with Arent S. Vedder. I leave to Maria Rosa my gold neck chain and my gold ring. I leave to Gertruy Lambert my gold earrings and gold finger ring. I leave to my sister Susannah my wrapper and an apron and the curtains of my bed. All the rest of my real and personal estate I leave to my three sisters, Elizabeth, wife of Caleb Beek, Sarah, wife of Claas Vander Volgen, and Catalyntie, wife of Claas De Graaf. And she shall give to her daughter Maria the best or most valuable piece of plate and the best piece of my clothing. My negro Harry shall be free to select which of my three sisters he would like to live with. I make Claas Vander Volgen and Andries Van Petten, executors."

Witnesses, John Henry, John P. Truax, Direk Van Ingen. Proved, April 26, 1782.

Page 329.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK DUBOIS, of New Paltz, in Ulster County, being sick and weak. All debts to be paid. I leave to my youngest son, Methusalem, all that my homestead, being part of my farm where I now live, containing five acres, which five acres are to begin at a stone set up on the south side of the King's road, to the northeast of my dwelling house, and is marked M. on the south side, and is 75 links distant on a S. 1 degree 45 minutes west, course, from a black oak tree, standing on the north side of the King's road, and which tree is the south corner of a lot by me conveyed to my son Hendrick, and to run from said stone S. 1, 45 W. 6 chains 24 links; Then S. 69, 45 W. 8 chains; Then N. 40, 15 W. 4, 39 to said road, and then along the same N. 59 E. 10 chains, then N. 77 E. 2 chains to beginning. I also leave him 95 acres, being part of my said farm on the northwest side of said road, and running southwest along said road to a lot heretofore conveyed to my son Philip in his lifetime, and to extend west to make 95 acres. With the dwelling house

and buildings, being in all 100 acres. This is to make him equal with my other sons, they having had an equivalent. I leave to my sons, Hendricus and Methusalem, all the remainder of my farm and lands, and after the death of my wife Jannettie they shall pay to my two daughters and my grandchildren, hereafter mentioned, £400, viz., to my daughter Tryntie, wife of Matthew Dubois, and Lea, wife of Christoffel Kierstede, each £100, and to my grandchildren, the children of my son Philip, deceased, £100, and to my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Diana, late wife of Abraham Eltinge, £100. I leave to my said children and grandchildren all personal property. I leave to my son Hendricus one bench in the church at the Grootstuck. I leave to my son Methusalem another bench in said church, and also in the church at Shawangunk. All the other seats I leave to my grandchildren and to my daughter Rachel, wife of Johannis A. Hardenbergh. As I have already given to my eldest son, Solomon, his full proportion in helping him purchase an estate after his marriage, he is to be satisfied. I leave to my wife Jannettie the full use of my estate for life, and I make her and my sons, Hendricus and Methusalem, executors."

Dated June 21, 1774. Witnesses, Severyn T. Bruyn, Jacobus Bruyn, Jr., Johannes Bruyn. Proved, June 4, 1782.

Page 332.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH DECKER, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, in Ulster County. I leave to my seven children, Benjamin, Jacob, David, Rachel, Catharine, Elizabeth, and Joseph, all my farm where I now live at Shawangunk, with all the woodland thereto belonging; And all my personal estate after debts are paid, and my executors may sell enough to pay debts. I leave to my wife Rachel the income of my estate to bring up the children. I make my wife, and Jacob Smedes, Matthew Smedes, and Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, executors."

Dated August 28, 1776. Witnesses, George Smith, innkeeper, Teunis Terwilliger, Elizabeth Smedes. Proved, June 6, 1782. Elizabeth Smedes was then the wife of John Taylor.

Page 334.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS L. BRINK, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, in Ulster County, yeoman, being sick and weak. First, I give and devise all that my farm whereon I now live, situate in Shawangunk Precinct, with all the woodland thereto belonging, and all the rest of my real estate, with all appurtenances, to my eight children, Cornelius, Solomon, John, Petrus, Catharina, Elshie, Lena, and Rachel; To each one-eighth. My wife Hester is to remain in full possession of all my estate, for her support and that of my children, during her life or widowhood, and my executors may sell property if advisable. I make my wife and my sons, Cornelius, Solomon, John, and Petrus, executors."

Dated February 10, 1777. Witnesses, Benjamin Van Keuren, farmer, Elizabeth Rosekrans, Cornelius Schoonmaker, farmer. Proved, June 6, 1782.

Page 335.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAH REEDER, of Goshen, in Orange County. I direct all debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my wife Sarah one-third of my movable estate. All the rest of my estate I leave to my four sons, Samuel, Peter, Stephen, and Philip. I leave to my eldest son, Jacob, £60. All my estate may be sold by my executors at discretion. I make my wife Sarah and my friend, Thomas Wickham, executors."

Dated July 12, 1768. Witnesses, Daniel Denton, Esq., Jonas Denton, Jonathan Swayze. Proved, June 29, 1782, before James Everitt, Surrogate.

Page 337.—"In the name of God, Amen, February 15, 1776. I, JACOB SEBRIN, of the township of Broucklin, in Kings County, on the Island of Nassau, yeo-

man, being at present pretty well and in good health. All debts to be paid. My executors are to pay to my son John £10 before any division, he being now my eldest son. I leave to my wife Femmetye, during her widowhood, £30 yearly, to be paid by my children and my grandson, John Suydam. And my wife is to have the choice of a room in any of my houses, and she is to have firewood from my woodland, and my executors are to bring it ready cut for use at her door, and she is to have as much of my housekeeping furniture as she thinks fit, and also a negro wench to serve her during the time she remains a widow. But if she marries again, she shall have a bedstead, bed and bedding, with the furniture thereto belonging, and a negro wench, and therewith she shall quit all further pretence to my whole estate. I leave to my two sons, Jacob and Isaac, all my real estate in Broucklin, with all the appurtenances, for the sum of £3,000, which they are to pay to my children as follows: To my son John £230, in eight payments, to begin two years after my decease. I have before given to my said son John £770, so that his part of my estate is £1,000. To my son Joseph £1,000 when of age. To my daughter Femmetye, wife of Rynier Suydam, £500. I have before given to her as an outset £500. The said £500 are to be paid to her in eight payments, two years after my decease. I leave to my daughter Catharina £700, £200 of it is to be for an outset, to be paid on demand. I leave to my grandson, John Suydam, £600 when of age, in three payments, and he is to be brought up and educated out of my estate until he is of age. The £770 which I have paid to my son John is to be part of his share. I make my sons, Jacob and Isaac, and my son-in-law, Rynier Suydam, executors."

Witnesses, Hendrick Suydam, Johannes E. Lott, Hendrick H. Suydam. Proved, July 29, 1782, before Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate, upon the oaths of the executors above named.

[NOTE.—The above is an instance of a will made before political circumstances made it necessary for the testator to remove to another portion of the State, and the witnesses to the will could not be produced.—W. S. P.]

Page 340.—"In the name of God, Amen, December 10, 1769. I, EZEKIEL GRIFFIN, of Bedford New Purchase, in Westchester County, being very sick. I leave to my wife Ann her bed and furniture and her clothes, and my sorrel mare and her side saddle, and one cow. The rest of my movable estate is to be sold at public vendue, at the discretion of my executors, who are my sons, Ezekiel Griffin, Jr., John, and Joseph. And they are to pay all just debts, and the rest of the money is to be put at interest. I leave to my wife Ann £7 yearly for her support, and more if required, during her widowhood. After her death or marriage, if the land whereon I now dwell, which is in dispute, be not recovered, then the money put at interest by my executors is to be divided among all my children, viz., Mary, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Joseph, Ann, Adam, Hannah, Phebe, and Sarah. But if the land is recovered, then the said money is to go to my daughters, except £8, which I give to my grandson, John Williamson. If the land is recovered, I leave to my youngest son, Adam, one hundred acres of the south part, with the homestead, and he shall take his mother to live with him, and also my daughter Sarah, so long as they remain unmarried. And they are to have the privilege of the best room in the house, and pasture for a cow and horse, and two hogs yearly. All the rest of my land, which is one hundred acres, to be taken off the north part, I leave to my other sons, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, and Joseph."

Witnesses, William Dusberre (Dusinberre), James Marshall, Lot Sarlls. Proved, June 24, 1782, before Richard Hatfield, Surrogate, upon affirmation of James Marshall.

Page 342. "In the name of God, Amen, January 29, 1782. I, ROBERT TOWNSEND, of the South East Precinct of Dutchess County, State of New York. It is my will and desire that all just debts be paid. My body to be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner. I leave to my wife Anna one third of my house and barn, and one third of my lands on the south side thereof, running from east to west the length of my farm, during her life, and then to my son Isaac. And she is to have a privilege in my orchard for a necessary supply of apples, and she is to have the old mare, so called, and one cow, eight sheep, and one half of household furniture during her life, and then to my two daughters, Rebeckah Wood and Anna Townsend. I leave to my granddaughters, Deborah and Rebeckah Townsend, heirs of my son, Solomon Townsend, deceased, ten shillings each. I leave to my son Isaac all the rest of my real estate, and if he dies without heirs, then to my two daughters. When my son Isaac is twenty one he shall pay to my daughters, Rebeckah Wood and Anna Townsend, £30 each. My daughter Anna to be first made equal with my daughter Rebeckah, and then the rest of my movables to be divided between them. I make David Pamer [Palmer] and Thomas Veal, both of Salem, executors."

Witnesses, Stephen Townsend, of Salem, Joshua Lea, Thomas St. John. Proved, June 4, 1782.

[NOTE. South East Precinct of Dutchess County is now the town of South East, Putnam County. W. S. P.]

Page 344. "In the name of God, Amen. I, SIMON TOLL, of Schenectady, in Albany County, March 7, 1776. I leave to my eldest son, Charles H. Toll, my Large Dutch Bible and twenty shillings, New York money, for his birthright, wherewith he is to be fully satisfied as heir at law. I leave to my sons, John and Daniel, the lowermost half of my lot of land in the County of Albany, on the north side of the Scatecook

creek, at a place called Maghquamekack, with one half of the saw mill, and privilege of the creek and privilege of land to lay boards and logs, and they are to make good the value of one half the saw mill to my son Jesse. I also leave to my sons, John and Daniel, all my real and personal estate in the bounds of Schenectady, except as herein given. I leave to my son Jesse the uppermost half of my lot of woodland in Albany County, on the north side of the Scatecook creek at a place called Maghquamekack, whereon he now lives, with all the buildings, except one half of the saw mill and one half of the advantage of the creek. I also leave him a negro, Sam. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Farly, a negro girl, Dean, who now lives with her, and a negro boy, Kof. I leave to my daughter Alle, wife of John Mabie, a negro girl. I leave to my daughter Anneca, wife of William Kittlehurn, my old negro wench Gen and a negro girl. To my daughter Effie, wife of Lodewikes Vielen, a negro wench Phillis. To my daughter Sarah, wife of Stephanus Vielen, a negro wench. I leave to my five daughters, Elizabeth, Alle, Anneca, Effie, and Sarah, all my household furniture and implements, and my wife's bodily apparell, and all horned cattle. I leave to my four daughters, Alle, Anneca, Effie, and Sarah, £300 between them. It is further my express will and order that my dear beloved wife Hester shall stay in full possession of all my estate so long as she remains my widow, she making no waste. And if any of my children shall be troublesome, and try to alter any part of my will, they shall be debarred from any share. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Farly, the £60 which I have given her some time ago to buy a lot of land of Frederick Van Petten. I make my wife Hester and my sons, John and Daniel, executors."

Witnesses, Claas De Graaf, farmer, Carl H. Toll, Jr., Christopher Yates. Proved, June 28, 1782, before John De Peyster Douw, Surrogate.

Page 345.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, OLIVER PERKINS, of Little Hoosack, in the State of New York, being sick and weak. As for my burial, I desire it may be done decent, without pomp or state. All debts to be paid. I leave to my dear and loving wife one-third of all my estate so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son Rufus ten shillings. To my son Moses ten shillings. To my son Silas ten shillings. To my son Oliver thirty shillings. To my son Phineas I leave one hundred acres of land. I leave to my daughter, Charity Herinton, twenty shillings. To my daughter, Hannah Tanner, fifteen shillings. To my daughter, Susannah Perkins, ten shillings. To my daughter, Elizabeth Prosser, ten shillings. To my daughter, Prudence Newel, one cow. To my daughter, Eunice Brown, thirty shillings. The rest of all my estate to all my sons and daughters. I make Richard Brown, executor.”

Dated January 26, 1782. Witnesses, Nathaniel Niles, Nathan Tanner, farmer, Daniel Kinyon, farmer. Proved, June 2, 1782.

Page 346. “In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY GODWIN, of Rumbouts Precinct, in Dutchess County, Being very weak in body, occasioned by the ill treatment of a cruel and inveterate Enemy while in their hands a prisoner of War. Having some trifling property which I would willingly dispose of in such manner as to prevent disputes amongst those whom I may leave behind. By Body to be buried in the following manner, To wit: That eight good and faithful friends of the glorious Cause of Liberty shall be my bearers, and only such of my relations to attend as shall always have been, and then shall be, friends to the said cause. That no ostentatious shew shall be made, but my Body buried in the most private manner in the nearest burying ground adjoining to the place of my decease. And it is my will that the whole amount of my funeral expenses shall not exceed the sum of £5, New York Cur-

rency. All debts due me are to be collected, and all my debts paid. I leave to my wife Catalina the use of all my estate, real and personal, during her widowhood, and she is to maintain and educate my children until they are married or able to support themselves in a decent manner. If she marries, she is to have £50. I leave to my son, Abraham Gates Godwin, all my lands and tenements, and he shall pay to my three daughters, Phebe, Helena, and Henriett, £100 each, after the death or marriage of my wife. I make my wife and my trusty friend and brother, Samuel Demarest, executors.”

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, James Cooper, merchant, Adolph De Grove, Jr., Stephen Seaman.

Codicil. “If necessary for the support of my wife and children, part of my real estate may be sold. And from the proceeds, my son is to have two thirds and my daughters one third. I make my trusty friend and brother, Obadiah Cooper, also an executor.”

Dated March 9, 1782. Witnesses, James Wills, William Brower, Daniel Le Dew. Proved, June 5, 1782, before Gilbert Livingston, Esq., Surrogate.

[NOTE. It would seem from the above will that the sum of £5 (\$12) would be considered a reasonable charge for funeral expenses at that time. W. S. P.]

Page 349.—“In the name of God, Amen, September 22, 1781. I, HENRY PURDY, of the Manor of Cortlandt, in Westchester County, being sick and weak. I do order that my funeral charges, together with all my lawful debts, to be paid out of my movable estate. I leave to my daughter, Anne Purdy, £40, to be paid at the end of twelve months. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Covert, and to my daughter, Anne Purdy, each £85, to be paid at the end of four years. All the rest of my estate to continue in the hands of my executors until my son Henry is Twenty. Then all to be sold, and the proceeds paid to my sons,

William, Samuel, and Henry. I make my three sons and two daughters, executors."

Witnesses, David Stanly, Joseph Fowler, Joseph Strang. Proved, June 6, 1782.

Page 351.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH VAN KLEECK, of Rumbout Precinct, in Dutchess County, widow, being somewhat indisposed in body. All debts to be paid in some convenient time. I leave all my estate, real and personal, to my six children, Barent, Baltus, Maria, wife of John Freer, Neelye, wife of Peter Freer, Elizabeth, wife of John Laroy, and Antonetta, wife of Jacob Becker. I make my son-in-law, John Freer, executor."

Dated October 8, 1772. Witnesses, John Robinson, Jacobes Frear, of Poughkeepsie. Proved, May 17, 1782.

Page 352.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BITCHER, JR., of Rynbeck, in Dutchess County. I will and positively order all lawful debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Margree the young negro wench named Dolly. I also give to my loving wife, so long as she remains my widow, the management of my whole family, and she shall have her maintainance out of my estate during her widowhood. I leave to my son John all my real estate and a negro slave, Tom, and one span of horses, the best of such as shall be on my estate, when he shall be of lawful age. If my son die without issue, then I leave all my estate to my daughters, Catharine, Greetie, Jenny, and Cartie. When my son John is of age he shall pay £600, and this and all the rest of my estate shall be divided between my wife and children. I leave to my daughter Catharine a negro, Jack. It is my will and desire that my son-in-law, John Stal, shall have one-half of the profits of my estate until my son John is of age, if he stays on the estate and manages the farm well, keeping it in good fence and manufacturing the said farm

as a farmer ought to do. If they wish to hire a man on the farm, John Stal shall pay half of his wages and my estate the other half, and the Blacksmyth work must be paid in like manner. I make William Bitcher, Jacob Schermerhorn, and Ryer Hermance, executors and guardians of my wife and children and my son, John's education, which I hope they will not neglect."

Dated May 10, 1779. Witnesses, Patt Hogan, Cornelius Schermerhorn, Jacob Stalk. Proved, May 24, 1782.

Page 355.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN KNIFFEN, of Rye Neck, Westchester County, farmer, being very weak. I leave to my wife one-third of my estate, so long as she remains my widow. All the rest I leave to my children, Gilbert, Robert, Daniel, Isaac, Sarah, Phiany, Abigail, and Mary. The girls having half as much as the boys. I make my wife Fiany; and my brother, Robert Kniffen, and my eldest son, Gilbert, executors."

Dated July 18, 1781. Witnesses, John Guion, Nicholas Hains, Benjamin McConnell. Proved, June 8, 1782.

Page 356.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 10, 1777. I, BENJAMIN WILLBUR, of the Upper or Little Nine Partners, in Dutchess County, Province of New York, being very sick. All debts to be paid, and what my bills and bonds don't make out to be raised out of my outdore movable estate. I leave to my wife Maribah one-third of my lands during her life, and 2 horses, 2 cows, 1 heifer calf, 10 sheep, and all household goods, except one desk and one chest with a draw to it. I leave to my son William £60, to be paid by my sons, Robert and Benjamin; Also one desk and all my wearing apparell. I leave to my son Robert the west half of my farm and one chest with a draw to it. I leave to my son Benjamin the east half of my farm. I leave to my daughters, Sarah and Ruth, each ten

shillings. I make Brittan Tallman and Clark Willbur, executors."

Witnesses, Stephen Atwater, Benjamin Atwater, Bette Wilbur. Proved, June 28, 1782. Bette Wilbur was then Bette Brownenn, wife of George Brownenn (Browning?).

Page 358.—"Know all men by these Presents that I, ROBERT WILLBURE, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being this 13 day of April, 1779, pretty well in body. I give my old farm where I now live unto my two sons, Clark Willbure and Brownen Willbure, equally. I leave to my son Samuel that farm I bought of Taylor John Mott. I also leave to my son Samuel the privilege to pass and repass through my farm so long as he lives. I leave to my sons, Clark and Brownen, all my outdoor movables. I leave to my wife Freelove the choice of my beds, and furniture sufficient for it, and one silver spoon marked M. W. and her choice of my pewter platters, and broad-brim bason. I leave to my son Obadiah all the money he owes me, and my blue homespun broadcloth coat and Jacket, and a spoon marked W. W. M. I leave to my son Cas Willbure, my durey coat, vest, and britches, and a silver spoon marked E. W. to R. W., and £20, and my sons, Clark and Brownen, are to pay the same in seven years. I leave to my daughters, Phebe Crandel and Freelove Hed, each a bed. I leave to my son Samuel half of my reeds and geers. All the rest of my wearing apparell I leave to my sons, Samuel, Clark, and Brownen. I leave to my three daughters, Phebe, Elizabeth, and Freelove, all the rest of my indoor movables. I order my sons, Clark and Brownen, to maintain my wife so long as she lives my widow, except one pair of shoes, which I order my son Samuel to give her yearly. My sons, Clark and Brownen, are to pay all debts, and they are to pay to my five grandsons, viz., William, Robert, and Benjamin, sons of my son Benjamin, deceased, and Brittan and John, sons of my son Robert,

deceased, £4 each when of age. I reserve a privilege for me and my posterity for a burying ground north from the head of the graves where the burying ground now is, then east to a line that comes across the woods, and a privilege of coming from the road to the lot, which I reserve for a burying ground, and no other use. I make my sons, Clark and Brownen, executors."

Witnesses, Job Taber, Thomas Tripp, Stephen Pratt. Proved, June 28, 1782.

Page 360.—"Dutchess County, in the State of New York, this 6 day of December, 1781. I, JACOB PRATT, of Beekmans Precinct. My right in the farm or improvements whereon I now live, together with as much stock, household furniture, and farming utensils as may appear convenient, are to be sold. After debts are paid, I leave to my wife £40, to be paid to her on her day of marriage, should that be the case, in full of Dower. And she is to have the interest of my whole estate to bring up my children, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son John £100. All the rest to my son John and my daughter Nancy. I make my brother, Stephen Pratt, and my friend, Jesse Oakley, executors."

Witnesses, William Moore, Zebulon Green, carpenter, William Gray. Proved, June 28, 1782.

Page 361.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD GOLDSMITH, SR., of the Precinct of New Cornwall, in Orange County, being in perfect health, do make this my last will and Testament, and desire that it may be received by all as such. I leave to my son Richard all that tract of land belonging to me lying on the south side of the Goshen road, with all the buildings. I leave to my grandchildren, James, Benjamin, Daniel, Richard, John, and Mary Goldsmith, all the remainder of my estate lying on the north side of the Goshen road. And my executors may sell the same and pay the proceeds to them when they arrive at years of

discretion. The rent of said land before it is sold shall be for said grandchildren and to be a help to the widow of Benjamin Goldsmith. My son, Richard Goldsmith, Jr., is to have the refusal of said land, he paying as much as any other person. I leave to my son Richard one-half of my movable estate, and what he has with me to be all valued as one. And whatever furniture his wife brought along with her must be valued with mine. I leave one-fourth of the remainder to my three daughters, Susanah, Abigail, and Anne, and the rest to my said grandchildren. I leave to my three daughters one right in the Susquehanah Purchase, as it stands recorded in the Company's books. I make Richard Goldsmith, Jr., Edward Neely, Henry Winsner, and John Seers, executors."

Dated March 3, 1781. Witnesses, William Hudson, James Mathews, James Martin. Proved, June 6, 1782.

Page 363.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, THEODORUS VAN WYCK, of Rumbout Precinct, Duchess County, being in perfect health. I desire to be decently buried. I confirm the settlement made on my wife Janiche of £100 for her jointure, and I also give her a horse and riding chair, and all furniture and goods which she brought to my house when I married her. I leave to my son William all the land on the west side of the mill brook, being part of the farm on which I live, except ten acres of meadow on the west side of the mill brook, to begin at the brook in the line between Frances Way and my land, and running on said line till it meets the division line, at what is called the stump meadow, and then running southeast by said fence until it gains such a breadth as will make ten acres. Which ten acres I give to my son Theodorus. I leave to my son Theodorus as much land, lacking twenty acres, on the east side of the mill brook, including all the meadow that is now mowed, and my dwelling house, barn, and orchard, as will make as many acres, wanting twenty, as I have given to my

son William. I leave to my said two sons all the rest of my lands and all my right of transport, storehouse, and land thereto belonging. Reserving to my son William the privilege to get apples and make syder for his family's use in my orchard for eight years. In case of disagreement in dividing my lands, my other executors are to make the division. My son Theodorus is to pay to my other executors £400 in one year. All the rest of my estate, including the £400, is to be divided into five parts. I leave one-fifth to Albert Adriance, the only child of my daughter Margaret, deceased; one-fifth to the children of my daughter Letitia, deceased, viz., Theodorus, Catalina, Ra, Isaac, and John; one-fifth to the children of my daughter Elizabeth, deceased, viz., John Graham, Elizabeth, Chancey, Abigail, John, Theodorus Van Wyck, Stephen Curtis, Zephaniah Platt, and Sarah. The said John Graham is to be carryed through Colledge; one-fifth to my daughter Abye, wife of John Baylie; one-fifth to my daughter Mary, wife of Zephaniah Platt. I make my sons, William and Theodorus, and my sons-in-law, Isaac Adriance, John Baylie, and Zephaniah Platt, executors."

Dated October 1, 1775. Witnesses, John Van Nostrand, Benjamin Hasbrouck, Abraham Garrison.

Codicil, April 23, 1776. "In the division of my land my son William is to have the lot called the mill field. Beginning at a brook by a fence, and running by the fence till it comes to the brook, and along the brook to the place of beginning, including the house where my son William now lives, with the mills, cooper's shop, and orchard. And he is to have a road to the public highway through my lands."

Witnesses, John Bedel, John Van Nostrand, Abraham Garrison. Proved, August 14, 1782.

Page 366.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 6, 1780. I, CATHARINE VAN HOESEN, of Claverack, in Albany County, spinster, being sick and very weak.

I leave to my Godchild, Catharine Van Alen, daughter of Stephen Van Alen, my bed and bedding, and six tablespoons, a looking glass, and my cloth cloak and four pictures. I leave to Engeltie Huyck, daughter of Casparus Huyck, my large cupboard. I leave to my said Godchild, Catharine Van Alen, all my wearing clothes and apparell. I make Caspar Huyck, executor."

Witnesses, Matthyas Goes, John Van Hoesen, Jr., David Brower. Proved, August 17, 1782.

Page 368.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN YALE, of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick, this June 26, 1782, and in the 6th year of our Independence. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my son Ozias, if living, forty shillings. I leave all the rest of my estate to my six sons and two daughters, Job, Thomas, Enos, Stephen, Benjamin, Uriah, Lydia, and Ruth Rice. My two daughters to have a single share between them. What any of them has received is to be part of their share. I make my sons, Enos and Stephen, executors."

Witnesses, Alexander Kidd, David Close, Samuel Mills, Jehiel Weed. Proved in Fairfield, Connecticut, before Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate, of New York, upon the oath of Jehiel Weed, of Fredericksburgh Precinct, Dutchess County, August 21, 1782.

[NOTE.—The testators and all the witnesses to this will, lived in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County.—W. S. P.]

Page 369.—"In the name of God, Amen. We, ROELOF JANSEN and ELIZABETH JANSEN, both of Schoodack, in Albany County, Province of New York, being weak in body. We leave to our beloved granddaughter, Elizabeth Jansen, the halfe of the Sandhoogten and the halfe of the Kampie, as we have it now in possession. We leave to our grandson, Roelof Jan-

sen, the lands and tenements we have in Schoodack, and all the lands we have over the kill, and all we have now in possession, and our negro wench called Deaen and her children, we leave to our said grandson and granddaughter. We leave to our grandchildren, Mary I. Huick and Roelof I. Huick, our negro wench Efe and her children. We leave to our grandchildren, Elizabeth Jansen and Mary I. Huick, all household stuff. Our granddaughter, Elizabeth Jansen, is to have an outset when married as our daughter Gerrette had, and she is to be maintained out of our estate while single."

Dated August 18, 1768. Our grandchildren, Elizabeth Jansen, Mary I. Huick, and Roelof Jansen, are each to have £50 out of our estate. Witnesses, Kaspar Springsteen, Andries Ten Eyck, John Fitzgerald. Proved, August 16, 1782. There being no executor, Administration is granted to Elizabeth Jansen.

Page 371.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB THOMAS, of Rynebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, being very sick. I leave to my eldest son, Henry, my Large Bible and small bay horse as his birthright. All the rest, real and personal, I leave to my wife Greitie so long as she remains my widow, and then to all my children, Henry, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Sarah, Herman, Catharina, and Roeloff. And my wife and children shall provide Jacob Yaughner and his wife Elizabeth good and sufficient lodging, meat, drink, and shoes during their lives, according to an agreement made. I make my wife, and my brother-in-law, Abraham Fetter, and my friends, Matthew Van Vradenburgh and Herman Hoffman, executors."

Dated September 19, 1780. Witnesses, Peter Van Alen, Elizabeth Back. Proved, April 30, 1782.

Page 372.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS TEN BROECK, of Kingston, Ulster County, September 11, 1773. All debts to be paid. I leave to my

eldest son, Petrus, one of my horses, which he is to choose, in lieu and stead of his birthright. I leave to my son Petrus my whole real estate, houses, lands, and buildings, lying in Kingston, except ten acres of the land called Arme Bowery, which lyes on the north side of the road that leads to the Vlacke Bos. And I make the estate left to him chargeable for the sum of £500, which he is to pay £100 yearly for five years, and to be paid to my daughters as here directed. I also leave him the negroes, Harry, Sam, and Tom, for which he shall pay £50; Also my wood wagon and plow. I leave to my daughter Margriet, wife of Coenraedt Ten Broeck, £200. To my daughter Sarah, wife of Abraham Van Gaasbeck, £150. To my daughter Catharine, wife of Jonathan Elmendorph, £200. To my daughter Gertruy, wife of John Dumond, £200. These are to be paid by my executors out of the money to be paid by my son Petrus, and also out of the money due to me on bond from my son Benjamin. I leave to my son Benjamin a negro man, Bal. To my daughter Margriet a negro, James, and a negro wench, Ragien, with her children. To my daughter Sarah a negro man and woman and her children. To my daughters, Catharine and Gertruy, each a negro man and woman. I leave to my four daughters ten acres of land called the Arme Bowery. All the rest of my estate I leave to my six children. I make my sons, Petrus and Benjamin, and my son-in-law, Abraham Van Gaasbeck, executors."

Witnesses, Johannes Beekman, Jacob Ten Broeck, Charles De Witt. Proved, September 2, 1782.

Page 375.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID PRESTON, of Albany County, farmer, being very sick. I leave to my wife Sibbel one-third of my movable estate and the use of one-third of my lands during her widowhood. I leave to my son David one-half of my lands. To my son Joseph the other half, and to each one-third of the movables. And if this present dis-

turbance between Great Britain and America does not deprive my two sons of what I have given them, then they are to pay to their sisters, Abial, Anne, and Sibbel, £10 each. I make my wife and my trusty friend, Caleb Smith, executors."

Dated September 18, 1777. Witnesses, William Brown, farmer, Betty Maberry, Sarah Smith. Proved, August 19, 1782.

Page 376.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PHILIP DEFOREST, of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, being in good health, February 2, 1774. I leave to my son David £3 as his birthright, willing and desiring that he be therewith contented and do not claim any of my estate as heir at law. I leave to my son David that easternmost homestead and buildings, where he now dwells, and one-half the lands belonging to me joining to the homestead mentioned and the one whereon I now dwell. I leave to my son John the homestead and buildings where I now dwell; And one-half the lands before mentioned. I leave to my daughter Rebeckah the house and lot lying between the houses and lots of ground of John Bradt and Isaac Onderkirk in the Colony of Rensselaerwyck; Also her mother's clothes and a great cupboard and great table after her mother's decease. And when she marries she is to have an outset out of my estate, and if she should not marry, then she is to be maintained out of the estate by her brothers, David and John, and to live with either if she pleases. I leave to my son John all the cattle and farming tools belonging to the old homestead where I live. All the rest of my goods I leave to my children, David, John, and Rebeckah, except my wearing apparell, which I leave to my sons. I make my wife, and my brother, Martin De Forest, and my brother-in-law, Maas Bloemedal, executors."

Witnesses, Henry Beasley, Abraham Roseboom, John Ostrander, of the city of Albany, schoolmaster. Proved before Henry Oosterhoudt, one of the Surro-

gates of Albany County, May 24, 1782. In the probate the wife is mentioned as Maria Deforest.

Page 378.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, MARTIN VAN DUSEN, of Pawlings Precinct, in Dutchess County, being in perfect health, October 2, 1774. I leave to my son Robert that part of my land lying in Pawlings Precinct where he now lives, formerly the possession of John Osterhout, except the woodland along the Oblong line, of which woodland my son Mellegert and his two sons, Martin and Hendrick, shall have an equal share. But Robert's part of the woodland shall extend no farther west than the small bridge over a small run of water coming out of the farm formerly belonging to Adam Mase for meadow. Nevertheless Mellegert and his sons shall always possess the Island east of said run of water and bridge. And my son Robert shall have the plow land which he now improves west of said run of water, but no meadow land extending north from the river, along the fence, and to the two pine trees, and thence east to the south side of a pond hole to the old farm of Adam Mase. I leave to my son Mellegert all the rest of my lands and buildings and orchard in Pawlings Precinct. I leave to my son John £42, to be paid by my sons, Robert and Mellegert. After the death of my son Mellegert, his sons, Hendrick and Martin, shall have his lands, and they shall pay to their six sisters £12 each in three years after their father's decease. I make my son John and my son-in-law, Abraham Van Duesen, executors.”

Witnesses, Jacob Van Duesen, Carolina Rose, David Rose. Proved, September 17, 1782.

Page 379.—(Written in the German language.) “In den Namen Gottes, Amen. First, I leave to my wife Catharine £600; also a well appointed feather bed, and the full use of all my land and cattle and negroes, and all household furniture, so long as she remains a widow. After her death or marriage, I leave to

Jacob, the eldest son of my brother Stophel, all my land and buildings and farming utensils. And if he dies without issue, then to his brother Jonas. I leave to my six brothers and sisters, Stophel, Marx, Jacob, Friedrich's surviving son Henrick, Handeis, and Lena, £1,200 in bonds, besides other and depreciated bonds. I leave to my wife's nephews, Samuel Miller, Peter, Jacob, Fiet, Jonas, Henrick, Hans, Anna, Margaret, Maria, and Elizabeth Miller, each £50. After the death of my wife, I leave all the rest to my nephews, two parts, and the rest to my wife's nephews and neices. I leave to the Lutheran Church at Claverack £50 for silver vessels for Holy Communion. I make my wife Catharine, Stophel Blattner, and Fiet Miller, executors.”

Dated June 7, 1782. Signed “Jacob Blattner, Jr.” Witnesses, Johannes Kells, Benjamin Kuhner, Johan Friedrich Kies. Proved, October 7, 1782. In probate George Keaner is mentioned as witness.

Page 381.—“I, VALENTINE WHEELER, being sensible that it is appointed for all men once to die, and after Death to come to Judgment, being sensible of my own frailty and mortality, would now, whilst I am in perfect senses, make this my last will and Testament. I leave to my wife the use of the home farm where I now live until my son Josiah is of age, and after that the use of one-third. I leave to my son Josiah all my home farm after his mother's decease. I leave to my son Ephraim the farm where he now lives, lying on the mountain, beginning at the road on the top of the mountain, and all south as the road runs to the hog meadow, and south as far as my land goes. I leave to my son John the farm where Adam Coon now lives, running south as far as my land goes to John Bolt's land, and then a straight line to the top of the bald mountain, from thence to the French Doctor's former line. I leave to my daughter, Catharine Wheeler, the lot of land where Johanas Coon now lives, run-

ning, from the top of bald mountain south to Justice Matthews' land, from thence to the Connecticut line."

Dated August 10, 1782. Witnesses, Edward Wheeler, George Wheeler, John Chamberlain, Physician. Proved, September 18, 1782.

"The verbal, nuncupative will of Captain Valentine Wheeler, made the next morning after he made his written will, being the 11 day of August, 1782. Captain Valentine Wheeler called John Chamberlain to come to him, and he said he had forgot some things as to his movable estate. He had more than enough to pay his debts, and that his son Ephraim should have his young oxen and horses. And that there was an obligation against Johannis Koom, which he gave to his daughter, Catharine Wheeler, and the rest of the movables to his wife, and Tom the negro was to live with her as long as he or she lived. And he desired that John Chamberlain should assist his wife in settling his estate."

In presence of John Chamberlain, Catharine Wheeler, Anna Conant. Proved, August 18, 1782, upon the oath of Doctor John Chamberlain, of Amenias Precinct, and Catharine Wheeler, and Anna Conant, of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County. The widow, Sarah Wheeler, was confirmed as executor.

Page 383.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 24, 1782. I, ABRAHAM MYER, of New Hempstead, in Orange County, being weak in body. My will is that my son Jacobus shall have fifty acres of land off the west end of my lot. The rest of my lands I leave to my other children, Charity, Annatye, Sarah, Elizabeth, Marya, Grytye, and Altie, each an equal share. I leave to my wife Margaret her bed and bedding, with all the furniture belonging thereto, and she is to remain in possession of my estate during her widowhood. After her death her portion is to fall in the hands of my daughter Hyllitie, and she is also to have

a full portion of the personal estate. All the rest of my personal estate to all my children, viz., Jacobus, Charity, Annatye, Sarah, Elizabeth, Marya, Grytye, and Altie. I make my brothers, Isaac and John Myer, executors."

Witnesses, A. D. Haring, Abraham Blauvelt, Harmanus Blauvelt. Proved, September 13, 1782, before James Everitt, Surrogate.

[NOTE.—New Hempstead was the name given to the north half of the Patent of Kakiat, which was purchased and settled by a company from Hempstead, in Queens County, in 1719. It embraces part of Clarks-town and Ramapo. New City is a portion of it.—W. S. P.]

Page 384.—"In the name of God, Amen, February 17, 1773. I, JERRY MOSSEER, of the West Camp, in Albany County. I leave to my son Jacob a young horse, or £5, and my Large Dutch Bible, in bar to all claim as heir at law. I leave to my son Thomas the farm he now lives on, with all the buildings, and the remainder of the lands which I have not made over to my son Jacob out of Lot Number five, out of which I have made over to my son Jacob three hundred and thirty acres, as by deed. My two sons are to pay each an equal part of the Quit rent. My son Thomas shall pay in three years to my executors £150 for the use of my other children, and £18 for money lent him. I leave to the Poor belonging to the Reformed Congregation or Church, at a place called the Haasbaan, for the relief of said poor, fifteen shillings. After my wife's death I leave all the rest of my estate to my children and children's children, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Peter Young, my grandchild, Elizabeth Kerker, Christina, wife of Harme Fritts, Margaret, wife of Michael Finger, my grandchild, Christina Chifham, Helena, wife of Johannis Petrie, Lea, wife of Christian Petrie, and Susanna, wife of Christian Sax. I make my trusty friends, Harme Best, Johannis

Michael, and Dirck Jansen, of the Manor of Livingston, executors."

Witnesses, Petrus Van Gaasbeek, Christian Valkenburgh, Jon Habs. (*Name of wife not given.*) Proved, October 2, 1782.

Page 386.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE THOMPSON, of Goshen, Orange County, being sick. I leave to my wife Elizabeth the use of the north room in my dwelling house, with the privilege of cellar, chamber, oven, and well, and wood for one fire, and a quarter of an acre for a garden near the house, and hay and pasture for a cow, and an equal part of my estate with my daughters, and all sorts of provisions sufficient for her. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth a bed, with furniture, and a cow, and a piece of homespun linnen, about forty yards. I leave to my son George £150 when twenty-one. To my son James £100. If Henry Jackson shall pay to my executors £100 by the first of April next, with one year's interest, they shall give him a deed for ten acres of land on the rear of my lot. The rest of my lands and movables are to be sold by my executors and all debts paid, and the rest to my daughters when of age or married. Except my daughter Elizabeth, who is not to have so much as the rest by £10. My sons are to be put to trades when fifteen. I make William Allison, Esq., Doctor Daniel Wood, and William W. Thompson, executors."

Dated August 9, 1782. Witnesses, Samuel Smith, Anthony Dobbin, Amaziah Rust. Proved, August 30, 1782.

Page 387.—"In the name of God, Amen, August 26, 1777. I, HENDRICK LENT, of Rikes [Rycks] Patent, in Westchester County, yeoman, being very sick. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all my hard money forever, and the use of that part of my house which I live in, and all household furniture, and all stock of creatures, cattle, sheep,

and horses, all of them, and a negro man and two boys, and the use of as much of the farm as she needs for her family and stock, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my sons, Hercules Lent and David Lent, all my farm I now live on equally, and all my rights in other lands, and all my estate after my wife's death. I leave to Catren Cronklight, the daughter of my daughter Hester, £100 when of age. I make my only sons, Hercules and David, executors. I leave to my eldest son, Hercules, £25 over and above my son David."

Witnesses, John Ferris, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Andrew Glover, Thomas Van Pelt. Proved, July 6, 1782.

Page 389.—"In the name of God, Amen, March 4, 1782. I, JOHN COE, of Orange County, State of New York, Gentleman, being very sick. I leave to my wife my best bed and furniture forever, and two best cows, and she is to have the full command of the farm where I now live and of the movable estate during her widowhood. I leave to my eldest daughter, Abigail Gurnee, £15. To my daughter, Margaret Vandervoort, £30. To my eldest son, Benjamin Coe, twenty shillings, as being my heir at law. I also leave him 100 acres of land and meadow on the north side of the lot where he now lives. I leave to my daughter, Hannah Smith, £40. To my youngest daughter, Sarah Coe, £60. I leave to my son Samuel all the blacksmith tools, and a piece of land lying along the road, containing near three acres; And another piece lying on the south of Peter Reed's and north of John Coe's, running as far west as Peter Reed's; Also five acres beginning at Peter Reed's southwest corner, and running as far west into the woods as to contain five acres, with the south line joining to the road. I leave to my son Samuel a horse of the value of £10. I leave to my sons, John Coe, Jonas Coe, and Halsted Coe, all the rest of the farm where I now live, equally, except

the buildings and orchard, which I leave to my sons, John and Jonas. I leave to my four sons, John, Samuel, Jonas, and Halsted, thirty acres of meadow lying on the southwest corner of the lot where my son Benjamin now lives, running east to the ditch joining the upland, and running north by the ditch so far as to contain thirty acres. My son Samuel is to have nine acres and the others the rest. And my four sons are not to sell without giving their eldest brother the refusal. I leave to my youngest son, Mathew Coe, £100 out of the share of my eldest son, Benjamin, when he is of age, and he is to be put to a trade. I leave all the rest of my estate to my six sons. My son Benjamin is to have the whole of the lot where he lives, except thirty acres given to the rest. I make my sons, Benjamin, John, and Jonas, executors."

Witnesses, Gilbert Cooper, Peter Read, John D. Coe. Proved, October 25, 1782.

[NOTE.—John Coe was one of the most prominent men of Orange County in his time. He was County Judge, 1764–70; member of Provincial Assembly and Provincial Congress, 1775; member of Assembly, 1778–80. He was born December 7, 1719, and married Hannah, daughter of Jonah Halstead. His children were Abigail, wife of John Gurnee; Margaret, wife of Gilbert Vandervoort; Benjamin, born November 13, 1746; Hannah, wife of Walter Smith; Sarah, Samuel, John, Jonas Halstead, and Matthew.

Jonas Coe was a Presbyterian minister in Troy, N. Y. The homestead of Judge John Coe was in the western part of Haverstraw, and is yet standing opposite the "English Church," on the road to Tappan. It was at his house that the guard in charge of Major John André stopped for dinner while conducting their prisoner to the latter place. A broken tombstone in a family burying ground bears the following: "In Memory of John Coe, Esq., son of Samuel Coe, who departed this life the 11 of May, 1782, aged 62 years, 5 months, and 11 days."

Benjamin Coe, his eldest son, was Judge of Common Pleas; Member of Assembly, 1778–79. The only instance of father and son being Members of the Legislature at the same time. He was the first member from Rockland County, 1799. The descendants of this family are numerous.—W. S. P.]

Page 391.—"In the name of God, Amen, April 19, 1782. I, DANIEL ROSECRANTS, of the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County, farmer, being very sick. I leave to my wife Caterin one meadow lot joining the Lackewaney line, and her bed and bedding. All the rest of my lands I leave to my six sons, and my daughter is to have an equal part of the same, paid to her in money. My sons are to pay my honest debts, and all the movables are to be divided among them. I make my loving son, Mannes Cowchendale, and my brother, Jacob Cole, executors."

Witnesses, Alexander Campbell, Schoolmaster, Benjamin Cole. Proved, October 5, 1782. (*Names of sons not given.*)

Page 392.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN ALLISON, being in good health, October 1, 1779. I leave to my wife Amey the use of all estate during her life. I leave to my children, John, Elizabeth, Thomas, Richard, Margaret, William, Joseph, Isaac, Jeremiah, and Benjamin, each one-tenth of all my lands and estate. I make my wife and my friend, John Robart, executors."

Witnesses, John Dunscomb, Jr., William Sloo, Charity Sloo. Proved, November 7, 1782, upon oath of William Sloo, of the Precinct of Haverstraw.

Page 393.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT CASTLE, of New York, mariner. After all debts are paid, I leave all my estate to my brothers, John, William, and James, and my sisters, Ann and Elizabeth Castle. I make Mr. Adam Gilchrist, of New York, merchant tailor, executor."

Dated September 8, 1775. Witnesses, Thomas Paul, Andrew Oughterson, Duglis Clark. Proved, November 7, 1782, upon oath of Andrew Oughterson, "late of New York, but now of Rumbout Precinct, Duchess County, taylor."

Page 394.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL COE, being weak and sick in body. I leave to my wife Rachel £200, to be paid in six months, and she is to be maintained out of my estate so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my eldest son, John Coe, all my lands. To my son Matthew £200 when of age. To my son Daniel £200 when of age. To my sons, Samuel and Alexander, each £100. To my eldest daughter, Sarah, £100 when 18, and to my younger daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Rachel, £50 each. I leave to my wife a young negro wench. I make my eldest son, John, and my nephew, Benjamin Coe, executors."

Dated October 11, 1777. Witnesses, Jacob Cole, William Crom, John Coe. Proved, November 7, 1782, upon oath of Jacob Cole, of Haverstraw, who adds, "that John Coe, who wrote the will, informed him, not long after the will was executed, that the testator had given the children which he had by his first wife twice as much as those he had by his second wife."

[NOTE.—Daniel Coe was born February 19, 1730. He was brother of Judge John Coe, whose will appears on page 389. His eldest son, known as John D. Coe, was State Senator and Member of Assembly. He and his son, John D. Coe, Jr., purchased large tracts of land in Seneca County, and founded the town of Romulus.—W. S. P.]

Page 395.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COOK, of New Windsor, in Ulster County, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave all my estate to my wife Sarah and my daughter Mary until

my child is of age, and then to be divided between them. If my child dies, then I leave all to my wife. I make Patrick Burnet, executor."

Dated October 18, 1782. Witnesses, George Huggan, Schoolmaster, Mary Coleman, Patrick Burnet. Proved, November 12, 1782.

Page 396.—"In the name of God, Amen, July 15, 1774. I, JONATHAN JONES, of Beekmans Precinct, in Duchess County, yeoman, being sick and weak. I leave to my eldest son, Lewis, £20 when of age. To my daughter Mary £10 on demand. To my daughter Hannah £10 when 18 years of age. To my daughter Elizabeth £10. To my son Nathaniel £20. To my daughter Rhoda £10. To my daughter Sarah £10. To my daughter Levinah £10. To my daughter Dorcas £10. All the rest I leave to my wife Hannah during her widowhood, and then to all my children. I make my wife and my brother, Daniel Jones, executors."

Witnesses, Mary Smith, John Platt, Benjamin Paddock. Proved, November 13, 1782.

Page 398.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 25, 1782. I, SAMUEL GORSLINE, of Rumbout Precinct, in Duchess County, farmer, being weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Samuel, the choice of a horse for his birthright. All the rest of my estate I leave to my children, Samuel, Martha, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ruth, James, Richard, and Jose. Except such expense as my son William has been at in building, which is to be allowed. My son Richard is to have one year's schooling at the expense of my estate, and my son Jose is to have three years' schooling. I make my sons, Samuel, William, and Richard, and my son-in-law, George Adriance, executors."

Witnesses, Obadiah Cooper, merchant, Michael Tremper, Stephen Smith, latter. Proved, November 7, 1782.

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Witnesses, Obadiah Cooper, merchant, Michael Tremper, Stephen Smith, hatter. Proved, November 7, 1782.

Page 399.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH GREEN, of the Fishkills, in Dutchess County, being sick. I leave to my granddaughter, Mary Green, a feather bed, with bolster, two pillows, three sheets, and two blankets. And the same to my granddaughter, Sarah Green. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Cooper, the same, and a looking glass and warming pan and my wife's wearing clothes. All other movables to be sold, and all debts to be paid, and if any money remains it is to be given to John Ter Boosh's two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah. All my lands and tenements to be sold, and from the proceeds I leave one-third to my son Joseph, one-third to Joseph Green, son of James Green, and he shall give one-half of his share to his brothers, Daniel and James Green, for their bringing up and schooling. I leave to my sons, Joseph and Jeremiah, all my wearing apparel, and make them executors.”

Dated October 12, 1782. Witnesses, Sylvanus Pine, Philip Pine, Teunis Dubois, cooper. Proved, November 18, 1782.

Page 400.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHUA PAINE, of Amenia, Dutchess County. All debts that I owe to any manner of person to be paid. I will that £6 be paid to my brother-in-law, Elisha, living on Long Island, it being a debt that he has no security for, and he living so remote from me that I have lacked opportunity to send it to him. And whereas I am something in debt, I will that my half right of land, which I bought of Beriah Kelle, lying in the Township of Pownal, supposed to be in the Province of New Hampshire, and also my one-fourth of a right of land lying at a place called Susquehanah, be sold to pay debts. And if not sufficient, then so much of my land in the Nine Partners to be sold as to pay the same. I leave to my wife Constance all my personal estate within doors, and one-half of the outdoor movables, and the improvement of all my lands and build-

ings where I now live while she remains my widow, and the right to take firewood and fencing from my two pieces of land. I leave to my two sons, Ephraim and Barnabas, all my wearing apparel. To my son Ephraim, £20. I leave to the children of my son, Ichabod Sparrow Paine, deceased, viz., Rebecca, Joshua, and Ichabod Sparrow Paine, £30. I leave to my daughter, Rebecca Dyer, £18. To my daughter, Phebe Munro, one-half of my outdoor movables. I leave to my son Barnabas, after the death of my wife, all my lands and tenements, and he is to pay all legacies. I make my wife and son Barnabas, executors.”

Dated June 16, 1774. Witnesses, Eunice Wheeler, Solomon Wheeler, Benjamin Doty. Proved, October 6, 1775, before Bartholemew Crannell, Surrogate. Confirmed, October 13, 1778, by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate.

[NOTE.—Elisha Paine, who is mentioned as “living on Long Island,” was probably Rev. Elisha Paine, who was the pastor of the “New Light Church,” so called, at Bridge Hampton. He was son of Elisha Paine, and was born at Cape Cod, from whence he removed to Canterbury, Conn., and practiced as an attorney. In 1742 he became a preacher, and was ordained minister of the “Congregational Church of Christ,” in Bridge Hampton, May 11, 1752. He died August 26, 1775, aged 82. His tombstone may be seen in the Hay Ground Cemetery. His son and heir, Elisha Paine, and Elisha Paine, Jr., were living at Cardegan, Grafton County, New Hampshire, in May, 1776.—W. S. P.]

Page 402.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, AARON HAMMOND, of Philipstown, Albany County, being sick and weak, May —, 1781. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Creamer, one-half of the farm whereon I now live, and to my daughter, Rebecca Hammond, the other half after the death of my wife Meacey. I leave to my daughter Rebecca my part, which is one-half,

of a farm in Philipstown, now in possession of Thomas Carrol. I leave to my wife Meacey one-third of all personal estate during her life, and then to my two daughters. I leave to my wife £50 in gold and silver, and the use of dwelling house and buildings for life, and all the rest to my two daughters. I make my friends, John Dusenberry and Robert Bullis, executors."

Witnesses, Sarah Holmes, Elizabeth O'Neal, Abraham Holmes, of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, farmer. Proved, October 10, 1782. The executors refused to serve, and Letters of Administration were granted to Hezekiah Coon, December 9, 1782.

Page 403.—"In the name of God, Amen, November 3, 1779. I, JOHN GIGGS, of Newburgh, in Ulster County, yeoman, being sick. My will is that my wife Martha and my children live and remain on the farm I now own, and occupy and mutually aid and assist each other in carrying on the same for their own maintenance and bringing up and educating the younger children, until my youngest child is of age. My wife to have the principal management and government of affairs. But if she marries, then the management is to be in the hands of my eldest son, Samuel, with the counsel and advice of Col. Thomas Palmer. I leave to my three sons, Samuel, John, and Ferdinand, all my real estate, to be divided when my youngest child is of age. And they are to pay to my three daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary, each £100 in Spanish Milled Dollars. After the partition, my wife is to have one cow and one horse. The rest of the stock and farming utensils I leave to my sons. All household furniture to my wife, and then to my daughters. My wife is to live with either son, and he is to provide a good sufficient warm room, with a good fire-place therein and sufficient firewood, and she is to have £5 a year. I make my wife Martha, and my

son Samuel, and my trusty friend, Col. Thomas Palmer, executors."

Witnesses, Catharine Ward, John Foster, Samuel Edmonds. Proved, December 5, 1782, upon the affirmation of Catharine Ward, "wife of Masson Ward, late of New York, but now of Newburgh, carpenter."

Page 405.—"In the name of God, Amen, February 4, 1777. I, GEORGE PETERS, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick. I leave to my wife Sarah £250 and a living on my farm until my youngest child comes ten years old. I leave to my son Richard £50 and a set of blacksmith tools and all the iron in the shop. I leave to my sons, Charles, Morres, Hewlett, George, and Samuel, £100 each, to be paid when of age. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Peters, £83, and to my daughter Jemima £83, to be paid when of age or married. All the rest of my estate I leave to all my children, Abel, Richard, Charles, Morres, Hewlett, George, Samuel, Molly, wife of Joshua Hallock, Jerusha, wife of Jesse Oakley, Ruth, Sarah, and Jemima. All my children to be brought up and supported out of my estate, and my sons are to be put to trades. I make my wife Sarah, and my son Abel, and my son-in-law, Jesse Oakley, and my friend, Jacob Smith, executors."

Witnesses, George Sands, James Scott, Jemima Sands. Proved, December 2, 1782.

Page 407.—"In the name of God, Amen, May 24, 1781. I, JOHN NATHAN HUTCHINS, late of New York, but at present of Newburgh, in Ulster County, School-master, being sick and weak. I leave to my wife Mary all my estate, and make her executor."

Witnesses, Henry Smith, Robert Morison, Physician, William Albertson. Proved, December 5, 1782.

[NOTE.—John Nathan Hutchins was a noted School-master in New York, and was the projector of "Hutchins' Almanac," which is continued down to the present time.—W. S. P.]

Page 408.—“In the name of God, Amen, June 6, 1769. I, DAVID MANDEVIL, of the Precinct of Cornwall, Orange County, Gentleman, being somewhat disordered in body. My executors are to pay all debts. All outdoor movables to be sold, except two cows and two horses. I leave to my wife Anna the use of my farm where my family now live, until my youngest child is of age, to bring up the children, provided she remains my widow, and she is to give them common Schooling, and use the estate to best advantage. But if she marries, she is to have one riding horse and one-third of the movable estate, and she is to have a good maintainance so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my six sons and one daughter all my farm and house, with all appurtenances, viz., Joseph, Jacob, Henry, Francis, Michael, and David, and my daughter, Mary Westcoat. Joseph is to have £10 more than the rest, and my daughter is to have half a share. I make my brother, Francis Mandevil, and my friend, Henry Wisner, Jr., and my son Jacob, executors.”

Witnesses, Amos Mills, Langford Thorne, David Sands. Proved, November 14, 1782.

Page 409.—“In the name of God, Amen, July 24, 1782. I, ISAAC ROGA, of Schenectady. I leave to my eldest son five shillings, in right of primogeniture. To my wife Maria all my real and personal estate while she remains my widow, and no longer, and she is to make no waste or destruction. After her death, I leave all to my six children, Johannes, Annatie, Reykert, Magleldie [Magdaline?], Jacobus, and Baas Van Franken, when my youngest child is of age. I make my wife Maria, Christopher Yates, and Dirk Van Ingen, executors.”

Witnesses, Abraham Fonda, Esq., Seymen Schermerhorn, John Clute, blacksmith. Proved, October 10, 1782.

Page 410.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BROWN, of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, being

sick. I leave to my wife Judith all lands, messuages, and tenements in Pound Ridge, and all movable effects. And she shall pay to my son, John Brown, a minor, £5 when he is of age, and I make her executor.”

Dated April 12, 1782. Witnesses, Ezekiel Osborne, William Fansher, Eber Brown. Proved, November 7, 1782.

Page 411.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES SAWYER, of Orange County, farmer. I leave to my son Benjamin all lands and tenements, but if he die under age, then to my son Moses. And if he dies, then to my son Matthew. But my son Benjamin is to pay to each of them when of age £100. All debts to be paid out of movable estate. I leave all the rest of movable estate to my daughters, Sarah and Marah. If both die, then to my daughter Temperance. I leave to my daughter Temperance £2, and no more. My wife is to have the use of my farm until my son Benjamin is of age, and the movable estate until my daughter Sarah is of age, and she is to have her choice of rooms. My sons are to be given good English Learning and put to trades. I make my wife, and John Steward, Esq., and Benjamin Carpenter, executors.”

Dated February 16, 1782. Witnesses, Anthony Dobbin, Michael Jackson, Thaddious Finch. Proved, November 23, 1782. (The testator signs his name “James Sayer,” but is called “Sawyer” in the probate.)

Page 413.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD WOLSEY, of Bedford, Westchester County, being weakly in body, I make Daniel Wolsey of New Paltz and Jacob Griffin of Fishkill, executors. I leave to my wife Sarah, all my estate during her life, and then to my son Thomas £10 and the rest of my estate to my three daughters, Ruth, Sarah and Hannah.”

Dated April 21, 1779. Witnesses, Justus Harris.

James Clark, Betty Clark. Proved December 12, 1782.

Page 414.—(This contains the will and probate of the will of Caleb Haight. It is also on page 322 of this book.)

Page 415.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY HOLLAND, of New York, merchant, being in good health. I leave all my real and personal estate to my executors for the following uses. They are to sell all the estate and put the money at interest for the maintenance, educating and bringing up of my grandchildren, and when they come of age each is to have one-third. If all my grandchildren die, then all my estate is left to my nephew, John Holland. Within one year my executors are to manumit my negro woman, Dinah, and she is to furnish security against becoming a public charge, according to law. I make my two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Frances Holland and Mrs. Elizabeth Schuyler, and my good friends, Mr. Robert Watts and Mrs. John Oothout, of New York, merchants, executors.”

Dated March 10, 1777. Witnesses, Gardiner Jones, Cornelius Roosevelt, Corden Proctor. Proved, May 22, 1782, before Henry Oothout, one of the Surrogates of Albany County, upon oath of Cornelius Roosevelt, of Orangetown, Orange County, merchant.

Page 416.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, LEWIS HUNT, of Dover, in Dutchess County, Pawlings Precinct, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my wife Alice one-third of my goods and real and personal estate during her widowhood, and then to my two daughters, Susanah Briggs, and Mary Stevens. And they are to maintain my daughter, Sarah Hunt, who is at this time underwitted and Ideot with sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging and apparel. I make Elkanah Briggs and Samuel Stevens executors.”

Dated February 29, 1776. Witnesses, Ephraim Gray, Agrippa Martin, Ebenezer Preston. Proved, December 27, 1782.

Page 418.—“In the name of God, Amen. June 3, 1775. I, JAMES WRIGHT, of Bedford, New Purchase, Westchester County. I make my wife Amy, and Jacob Carpenter, Benjamin Hall and Joseph Owens, executors. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife Amy one-third of my homestead and one-third of movables, so long as she remains my widow. I leave to my son Jesse all that which I call my homestead farms, on which my dwelling-house stands, and all other buildings, when he is of age. If he dies without lawful issue, then to his surviving sisters. I leave to my five daughters, Sarah, Mary, Amy, Phebe and Fanny, the following pieces of land. One piece which I purchased of the trustees of Samuel Honeywell's estate, being 140 acres. Another piece which I bought of Thomas Nichols, being 53½ acres. The said pieces are to be sold to best advantage. And they are to have an equal share of movables, with their brother Jesse.”

Witnesses, James McDonald, Nehemiah Brundage, Phinehas Lounsbury, John Frenchard. Proved, May 20, 1776, before Caleb Fowler, Surrogate. Confirmed by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate, January 24, 1782. David Judson, Clerk.

[NOTE.—The Clerk of the Court and Joseph Hazard and David Judson, seem to have been for a short time clerks *pro tempore*.]

Page 419.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB CLYNE, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County. I make Frederick Clyne, Hendrick Slegt and John Freiligh, executors, and they are to collect all debts. I desire that after my decease, my executors shall publish in the public prints, in order that my beloved sister, Orshal Ward, wife of William Ward and Benjamin Akely, if in being may have notice by such publish-

ment, and come within twelve months, in order to receive his or their effects, which is the residue of my estate after all debts are paid. If they do not appear within twelve months, I leave all to my executors."

Dated July 11, 1782. Witnesses, William Terry, Walter Simson. Proved, January 3, 1783.

Page 420.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CASPER LIEP, of Canajohary District, Tryon County, August 4, 1775. I leave to my wife Catharina all that messuage and tenement in Canajohary District, joining John Appeal, and the Mohawks river, where I now live, with all the pasture and woodland; And one-half of that part of the Expense Lot, which I and my son Adam did jointly purchase from the Commissioners, Nancy Fisher and others; Also another lot of sixty-six acres, adjoining the woodland of John Appeal and others; And another lot of twenty acres adjoining to John Bleyher and Conrad Mathews, during her life, except what I allow to my son Adam. I leave to my wife all my goods, household stuff and personal estate during her life. I leave to my son John all that land adjoining John Appeal and the Mohawk river with one-half of the Expense Lot and pasture and woodland, and the other half after the death of my wife; And he is to pay to my son Adam one-half the purchase money he was to pay Jacob Ten Eyck for his lands, and he is to bear half the expense of building a new barn for my son Adam; And he is to pay to my daughter, Anna Maria, wife of Jacob Van De Werken, £45, and to my son Jost £16. I leave to my son John one hundred acres of land, lying in Riemenshneider's Bush, known by the distinction No. 2. I leave to my son Jost £233, eight pence, which he is indebted to me. I also leave him one hundred acres of land in Riemenshneider's Bush, known by the distinction No. 5. I also leave him £16. I leave to my son Adam one hundred acres in said Bush, known as No. 3. One-half of the purchase money for his land is to be paid by my

son John, and one-half the expense of a new barn. I leave to my daughter, Anna Maria, £55, due to me by a bond. I leave to my daughter, Maria Elizabeth, one hundred acres in said Bush known as No. 1. I leave to my daughter Anna one hundred acres, in said Bush, known as No. 4. After the death of my wife I leave all the remainder of personal estate to all my children, and to my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Margaretha, late wife of Adam Condermann. I make my wife executor, and my friend, John Daspel Gros, overseer."

Witnesses, William Seeber, Jacob Seeber, Johannes Wohlgemuth, Jr. Proved, November 16, 1782, before Christopher P. Yates, Surrogate.

[NOTE.—When a Patent or large grant of lands was divided among the several owners, it was customary to lay out one lot, which was to be sold to defray the expenses of survey and division. This was called the "Expense Lot."—W. S. P.]

Page 421.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER SARVICS, of Tryon County, farmer, being in a low satisfaction of bodily health, but perfect in my understanding, I leave to my two beloved sons-in-law (stepsons?) Jacob Kitts and Johannis Kitts, all my real and personal estate, and movable estate and I make them executors; And they are to pay all debts and take upon them the maintainance of my dear and loving wife, Madallaine Sarvis, during her lifetime; And when it shall please God to call her to himself, I order and charge my executors to give her a good, decent funeral."

Dated August 11, 1782. Signed "Peter Servos." Witnesses, James Platto, of Caehnawage, in Tryon County, Godfrey Shew, Stephen Shew. (In the probate the testator is called Peter Service.) Proved, January 10, 1783.

Page 422.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, ARIANTJE VAN WOERDT, widow of Peter Van Woerd, of

late of the Colony of Rensselaerwyck. I leave to Cornelius, the son of my brother Nicholas, a negro girl. I leave to Nicholas, son of my brother Johannis, a negro girl. I leave to Antje and Maria, daughters of my sister Anna, and to Annatje, daughter of Ariantje, who was also a daughter of said Anna, and to Peter, son of my brother Petrus, and to Santie, daughter of my brother Johannis and to Nicholas, son of my brother Cornelius, and to Santie, daughter of my brother Cornelius, £20 between them. I leave to Catharina, Rachel, and Santie, daughters of my sister Anna, and to Antie, daughter of my sister Jannekie, and to Marytie and Alida, daughters of my sister Sarah, all my household goods and all my clothing. I leave all the rest of my estate to Cornelius, son of my brother Nicholas, and to Nicholas, son of my brother Johannis and Antie and Maria, daughters of my sister Anna, Annattie, daughter of Ariantie, was also a daughter of my sister Anna, Petrus, son of my brother Petrus, Santie, daughter of my brother Johannis, Nicholas, son of my brother Cornelius, Santie, daughter of my brother Cornelius, Catharina, Rachel and Santie, daughters of my sister Anna, Antie, daughter of my sister Jannekie, and Mary and Alida, daughters of my sister Sarah. I make Cornelius Van Den Bergh and Nicholas Johannis Van Den Bergh, executors."

Dated August 21, 1773. Witnesses, Johannes Yates, Jr., of Albany, taylor, Abraham Hooghkirk, brick-maker. Proved, April 3, 1776. Confirmed January 30, 1783, by Thomas Tredwell, Judge, David Judson, Clerk.

[NOTE.—It will be noted that it is impossible to index these persons under their family names, as none are given. The name of her brothers was probably Van Den Bergh, but not certain.—W. S. P.]

Page 423.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, CATHARINA TEN BROECK, widow of Petrus Ten Broeck, late of Rhynbeck Precinct, Dutchess County, Esq., being in

good health, being desirous to settle all worldly matters while I have strength and capacity. Whereas by a certain Indenture of lease and Release dated November 9th and 10th, 1772, between the said Petrus Ten Broeck, and the said Catharina, and Robert Van Rensselaer, of Albany County, Gentleman. They did grant to said Robert Van Rensselaer four Lots of land in Dutchess County, bounded as may more fully appear. In Trust for them the said Petrus and Catharina, during their lives, and then, as regards the first lot on Hudson river, in Rhynbeck Precinct, to the behoof of Cornelia, wife of Robert Van Rensselaer; And as regards the second and third Lots, called Lot three and Lot eight, adjoining each other in Poghquaiwonk, in Beekman's Precinct (except one farm on which John Anderson then lived, and which is described in a lease from Albert Pawling and Catharina Pawling, to Martin Wilson), to the use of Catharina Rutsen, a daughter of John Rutsen, late of Rhynbeck Precinct, Gentleman, deceased, and her heirs, and in default of heirs, then to Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer; And as to the farm on which John Anderson lived, to the use of Cornelia Thorn, a daughter of Jonathan Thorn, of Dutchess County; And, as regards the fourth Lot, called Great Lot No. 5, to the use of Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer, son of said Robert Van Rensselaer. It being agreed that if the said Catharina Ten Broeck survived her husband, she could give leases for any part for twenty-one years, or for one, two, or three lives, reserving the customary rent. The said Catharina also had power to limit the trust as follows. As for the Lots three and eight to the use of Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer and his heirs and assigns. And as to the farm of John Anderson, to the use of Petrus Ten Broeck Meyers, son of Seymon Johnson Meyers, by Cornelia Thorn his wife, and to his heirs, and in default of heirs to Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer and his heirs and assigns. And as regards the Great Lot No. 5, one half to the use of Jacob Rutsen Van Rensse-

laer and one-half to Catharina Rutsen, daughter of John Rutsen, deceased. I leave to Cornelia, wife of Robert Van Rensselaer, two lots of land in New York [not described]. I leave to the minister and Elders of the Reformed Protestant German Church of Rhynbeck, £50. I leave to Henricus Van Hoevenbergh £100. To Catharine Hannion for faithful service £25. To John Dumont, Esq., of Kingston, £100. To Petrus, son of Abraham Gaasbeck, £200. To Petrus, son of Benjamin Ten Broeck, £100. To Catharine and Sarah, daughters of John Rutsen, deceased, £100. I leave to Robert Van Rensselaer £100 to buy him mourning, and to his wife Catharine and to their children, £200, for the same purpose. To Petrus Ten Broeck Meyers £100. To Cornelia, wife of Seymon Johnson Meyers, £25, to buy her mourning. I leave to Cornelia Van Rensselaer one-half of all my plate and household furniture and cattle, and the other one-half to Catharina Rutsen. I leave to John Robert Van Rensselaer and Jacob Rutsen Van Rensselaer all my horses. Four slaves are to be made free for faithful service, and the others to choose their masters. I leave all of my estate to Robert Van Rensselaer and I make him and his wife Cornelia, executors."

Dated December 31, 1777. Witnesses, William Beam, William Beam, Jr., Henry Van Hoevenbergh, Esq.

Codicil. I leave to Peter Van Gaasbeck £150. To my nephew Petrus, son of Benjamin Ten Broeck, £50. To my niece Catharine, daughter of Benjamin Ten Broeck, £50. To my sister-in-law, Gertruy, wife of James Dumont, £50. To my nephew, Jacobus S. Bruyn, £150. Mentions John, son of my brother-in-law, John Dumont. I leave to Catharine, daughter of Robert Van Rensselaer, £200. All my slaves (seven in number) to be free.

Dated September 30, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Van Hoevenbergh, John J. Feller, Johannis Van Etten. Proved, February 7, 1783.

Page 427.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN KAIN, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, in Ulster County. I leave to the child with which my wife is now pregnant all my estate, real and personal. But if it die, then I leave to my wife Idah, one-third and the rest to my brothers and sisters [not named]. I make my wife and my brother, James Kain, and James G. Graham, executors."

Dated January 5, 1778. Witnesses, Jane Graham, Francis Kain, James G. Graham. Proved, December 21, 1782. Confirmed, February 7, 1783. The widow was then Idah Hoornbeck.

Page 428.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, Jones Johnston, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, March 21, 1776. I will and order that a sufficient quantity of woodland on the western end of my lot of land whereon I now live, situate in said Precinct, be sold, in order to discharge my mortgage in the Loan Office of Ulster County. The remainder of said lot I leave to my two eldest sons, James and George, with all the improvements. And they shall pay to my two younger sons, William and Michael, each £20, when George is of age. I leave to my sons, William and Michael, each one good horse and saddle. I leave to my two daughters, Elizabeth and Christian, £20 each when eighteen. Also if the child wherewith my wife Mary is now supposed to go, be brought forth, a living and male child, my eldest sons shall pay him £20 when of age and a horse and saddle. But if it be a female, it shall have as my other daughters. The younger sons are to be put to trades when they are fourteen years old, and to be schooled and instructed at expense of the estate. My wife Mary is to continue in full charge of the farm and family, until my son Michael is of age. I make my brother Michael Johnson and my brother-in-law, James Graham, executors."

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Page 429.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MASTEN, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, in Ulster County, July 21, 1774. I leave to my wife Marytie, one room in and the use of cellar and homestead while she remains my widow. Also one bedstead with all the beds and furniture, thereunto belonging, to be her own property. I also leave her £12 yearly. I leave to my two sons, Cornelius and Art, all that certain lot of land lying at the plains on the east side of the Wallkill, in the Precinct of Shawangunk, which I purchased of the executors of Samuel Erwin. I leave to my sons, Ezekiel and Abraham, all that certain two lots lying on the east side of the Wallkill in Shawangunk Precinct, it being the old homestead. The first contains two hundred and fifty acres, it being part of a certain tract of land of one thousand acres, purchased by John Andrew and Company, from Frances Barbarie, of New York, deceased. And also the other lot of land on the east side of Wallkill, it being the lot I bought of the Wintfields, in partnership with Johannes Bevier. To each one-half of the said lots, my sons, Ezekiel and Abraham, shall pay to my wife £8 yearly and my other two sons shall pay her £4 yearly. My sons, Cornelius and Art, shall pay to my three daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Johannes Roos, Satie, wife of Johannes Weller, and Marytie, wife of Philip Rank, £150 between them. The share of my daughter Elizabeth is to be put at interest until her children are of age, and then paid to them. But if she is left a widow, it shall be paid to her. My sons, Ezekiel and Abraham, are to pay to my sons, Johannes and Matthew, £200 between them. I leave to my eldest son, Johannes, five shillings as his birthright. If either of my sons, Cornelius, Art, Ezekiel and Abraham, should not have convenient buildings, before I depart this life the whole four are to build for each not having sufficient buildings, a house and barn, the house to have one room about twenty feet by twenty-four feet, and a barn of about forty feet square. My executors are to

sell all the rest of movables, at public vendue, and pay all debts, and the rest to my children. I leave to my youngest son, Abraham, all my wearing apparell. I make my brother, Ezekiel Maston, of Kingston, and my sons, Cornelius and Ezekiel, executors.”

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Page 431.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS BRUYN, of Shawangunk Precinct, Ulster County, yeoman, being weak in body, I leave to my oldest son, Zacharias, my writing-desk for his birthright. I leave to my daughter, Tryntie, wife of John Graham, jr., all that two hundred acres of land being the southeast end of a certain lot of land known as Lot No. 2, lying on the southeast side of the Shawangunk river, opposite to Pacanasink. The said lot being one-seventh part of two thousand acres, part of a tract of two thousand five hundred acres granted to Jacobus Bruyn and Henry Wileman, by Letters Patent, April 20, 1722. Which Lot No. 2, I purchased of Elizabeth Sharpas, deceased. The said two hundred acres are to be divided from the rest at right angles, by a southwest and northeast line. I leave to my daughter, Gertruyd, wife of Methusalem Dubois, two hundred acres, being the northeast end of a certain tract of five hundred acres, in Ulster County, called Pacansink, on the north side of Shawangunk creek or river, granted to Jacobus Bruyn by Letters Patent, November 26, 1719. To be divided from the rest by a line parallel to the northeast line. I leave to my sons, Zacharias and Abraham, all my other farms, land and real estate. Also £150 each, when of age. I leave to my son Abraham a horse, to make him equal with my son Zacharias, who has already had one. I leave to each of my sons a negro boy, and I leave them all my horses and farming tools, and all the rest of stock and money and crops. Also my seats in the church at Shawangunk and my household goods. My wife, Ida, is to remain in full

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possession of estate during her widowhood, and the whole income for her support and that of my children, until the youngest is of age. And then I leave my wife a negro wench and £10 yearly. I make my wife, Ida, and my son Zacharias, and my son-in-law, Methusalem Dubois, executors."

Dated May 20, 1776. Witnesses, Severyn T. Bruyn, Jacobus Vander Lyn, Johs. Bruyn. Proved, December 21, 1782.

Page 432.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS SCHOONMAKER, of Rochester, in Ulster County, being weak and sick, September 6, 1779. All debts to be paid. I leave to my wife, Gertruy, the whole benefit and income of all houses and lands at Rochester, and all personal estate during her life, and £600. After her decease, I leave to my two daughters, Maria and Helena, each one-half of my estate. Nevertheless, if in case my wife be now pregnant, if it proves to be a male child, I leave him all my houses and lands, which I have inherited from my father, Jacobus Schoonmaker, and in that case I leave to my daughters the lots of land I recently purchased of Benjamin Depue, Cornelius Depue and Hendricus Hoorbeck. I leave to my nephew, Johannis Low, who now lives with me, one good horse, such a horse as formerly sold for £20, in gold or silver, and a new saddle and bridle, and a new suit of holyday clothes. I make my wife and my brothers-in-law, John Contine and Charles Brodhead, and my nephew, Cornelius Cole, executors."

Witnesses, John Evans, Louis Brodhead, of Middletown, farmer, Christopher Tappen, Esq., of Kingston. Proved, September 12, 1782.

Page 434.—"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SANDERS, of Schenectady, merchant, being in good health, January 27, 1779. I leave to my only son, John Sanders, my Large Dutch Bible, which I have of Colo-

nel Glen, and my house clock and one gun, and he is to have his choice of my guns, and my silver tankard, where my father and mother's name stands ingraven on in a seypher, and all my wearing apparell, linnen and woolen, for his Primogeniture. I leave to my wife Debora all my real and personal estate during her widowhood. And she is to bring up, find and keep, my daughter Margrita Sanders, until she comes of age or gets married, and such an outset as my daughter, Maria, wife of John Ja. Beeckman has had, and to give her as much learning and education as possible she can. After the death or marriage of my wife Debora, I leave to my son John all my lowland and upland, meadows, pasture and arable land in the Town of Schenectady, with houses, mills and saw mill and creek dam, excepting twenty-four morgen of woodland, and eight morgen of hay land, and Indian corn land, lying on the east end of the lowland called Scotia, on both sides of the creek of the Lake. I leave to my daughters, Maria, wife of John Ja. Beeckman, and Margrieta, and to Jacob Sanders Glen, son of my daughter Sarah, wife of John Sanders Glen, and to John Sanders Ten Eyck, son of Myndert Schuyler Ten Eyck, twenty-four morgen of woodland, about one mile north from my dwelling house at Scotia. Beginning at the south side of the water of the stone flats, where my north line of woodland crosses said water, which north line is to be run from the west end of the lake, and runs from thence along the south side of the water, easterly to where the old mill road, which goes to Ball Town crosses said water, and running from said road north, and from the place of beginning north, till it makes twenty-four morgens. I leave to my daughters, Maria, wife of John Ja. Beeckman, Sarah, wife of John Sanders Glen, Elije, wife of Myndert Schuyler Ten Eyck, and Margrieta, all the rest of my lands and tenelements, reserving two small Islands lying in the Mohawk river opposite Scotia, the one named Spite en Duyvel, and the other Cruysbesse island, which I give

to my son John. The lands so left to my daughters, are eight morgen of lowland, hay land and Indian corn land, lying on the east end of Scotia lowland, and being the east point thereof, on both sides of the creek of the Lake, and running along the river and along the hill on the north side till it takes in just eight morgen; Also my dwelling house and lot in Schenectady, lying on the north of the house and lot of Isaac Glen, and on the south of the house and lot of Jellis Fonda; Also my pasture ground east of Schenectady, having to the south Reniers Pot, or a lane of two chains wide, to the east, John Hall's pasture, to the north Garret Abraham Lansing, and containing four morgen. And my half morgen of hay land lying on Jeffrow's land, near Schenectady. Also my bolting house and lot, and the other buildings, having to the north the house and lot of Jacobus Myndertse, east and south the streets and west the river. Also my house and lot in the easternmost end of the town of Schenectady, to the north of the street that leads direct to Canistigajoene, wherein David Rouse now lives. Also my house and lot on the north side of the street that leads direct from the Dutch church to Canistigajoene, and now in possession of James Ellis, having on the west the house of Messrs. Phin and Ellis, south the street, east the Presbyterian church; And twenty morgen of pasture land about one mile east of Schenectady, bounded north by the lane, two chains wide, east by a lane one chain wide, south by land of Jacobus Van Slyck and Adam Van Slyck. Also eleven hundred acres of woodland in Tryon County, on the south side of the Mohawks river, and on the east side of Aries creek, and within the bounds of a Patent granted to James De Lancey and Jacob Glen and others, and being lots Nos. 3, 7, 11, 15. Containing about eleven hundred acres. Also one thousand and sixty acres of woodland on the west side of Aries creek, within the bounds of another patent granted to James De Lancey and Jacob Glen, of four thousand acres, being Lots Nos. 6, 14, 20 and 22, as by map and

Release of the Patentees. Also six hundred acres of woodland in Tryon County on the south side of Mohawks river in a Patent granted to Philip Livingston, Walter De Boys, and others, being the north half of Lot No. 37, in the first tract, and half of Lot number one in the second tract, and the south half of Lot No. 38, each half lot is two hundred acres, and was conveyed to me by Coenrat Matyes; And five hundred acres of woodland in Tryon County on the north side of Mohawks river in the Patent granted to Jurrie or George Klock, William Nellis and others, being Lots Nos. 29, 41, 84, 142, and the north half of Lot No. 123, sold to me by Johannes Deygert; And the northeast half of No. 122, sold to me by Robert Nellis; Also three hundred and sixty acres of woodland in Tryon County on the north side of Mohawks river, above the little falls in Glens Purchase, sold to me by Abraham Glen, being the south end of Lot No. 11; Also a tract of land on the north side of Hudson river, on both sides of a creek called White creek, about forty-five miles northeast from Albany. Granted by Patent to Lieut. Henry Farrant, excepting four hundred and ten acres, conveyed to Isaac Vrooman, Esq., and John Todd; Also a house and lot in Albany near the Church of England, in the third ward, bounded north by the street, east by Abraham E. Wendell, west by Mr. Sharp, north by street, as by deed from the Corporation of Albany. I leave to my daughter all my wife's wearing apparell. To my son John a negro man and woman and her children, and the cattle and all farming utensils belonging to my farm called Scotia. My daughter, Margrieta, is to be carefully brought up till of age or married. All the rest of my estate to my five children. I make my wife Deborah, and my son John executors."

Witnesses "in the room where he then was," Alexander Vedder, Peter Van Benthuisen, hatter, Abraham Oothout, Esq. Proved, February 7, 1783.

Page 437.—“In the name of God, Amen. I, PETRUS BLAUVELT, of the Precinct of Haverstraw, in Orange County, yeoman, being infirm in body, July 24, 1781. I leave to my son Johannes my Great Bible, for, and as his Birthright. I leave to my son Johannes the house and premises where he now lives, that is, all the land lying on the west side of the road that runs from William Ryders to the Hook Mountain; Also half my lands on the east side of said road, to be laid out on the south side thereof to a certain brook called Crum brook or creek, and also over the said brook or creek easterly and on the south side of the lot I purchased of Nathaniel Odle (Odell) seven chains, fifty links wide, and so to continue to the land of Jacobus Blauvelts, containing one hundred and forty acres. I leave to my son Petrus all the rest of my home lands with the buildings; And the lot of land that belongs to me in the Dry Swamp, so called, the whole containing about one hundred and forty acres. I leave to my son Abraham the lot I purchased of Benjamin Knapp, in the contest Lots, Nos. 4 and 5, being eighty-one acres; Also a lot lying in No. 3, east of the four hundred acre lots, containing sixty-four acres. I leave to my wife Margretie all the goods she brought to me (that is two cows and three sheep), and £10. I leave to my daughter, Petertie, widow of Claus Van Houten, £100. To my daughter, Catharine, wife of Stephen Stevens, £100. All the rest to be sold at public vendue, and the money put at interest for my wife during her widowhood, and if the interest is not enough to comfortably maintain her, my sons are to contribute. If she chooses to live in my house, my son Petrus shall allow her a room. After her death, all to my children and the children of my son, Jacob, deceased. I make my sons Johannis, Petrus and Abraham, and my good friend and brother, Johanas Bla veit, executors.”

Witnesses, Resolvert Van Houten, David Pye, Esq., Jacob Browsers.

Codicil. I leave to the children of my son Jacob, £100 instead of their share left in my will. I leave to my wife, £40 more (no date). Proved, November 12, 1782, before James Everitt, Surrogate. Confirmed by Thomas Tredwell, Judge of Court of Probate, at Rumbout, Dutchess County. December 9, 1782. Joseph Hazzard, Clerk.

End of Liber 33.