

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS
ON FILE IN THE SURROGATE'S OFFICE,
CITY OF NEW YORK.

LIBER 35 (*Continued*).

Page 151.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TUNIS COVERT, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be duly paid. I leave unto my grandson, Tunis, the son of my son Luke, deceased, £5. Fifty pounds to my grandchildren, Tunis, John, Margaret, and Abigail, children of my said son, Luke, to be equally divided. Fifty pounds to my daughter Lena, wife of Garret Golder. A like sum to my daughter Phebe, wife of Garret Van Wicklien. Unto my son Walter, all that plantation whereon he now lives, situated at Forsters meadow in the Township of Hempstead; together with all the houses, barns, buildings, fences, timbers, woods, and privileges, he to pay my executors £20 towards paying the legacies. Unto my son Tunis, all my cleared land in Township of Jamaica, with the buildings; Also, half of my lot of wood land, and one half of my meadow ground at Springfield South. Unto my son Derrick, all my lands whereon I now live, with all the buildings; excepting and reserving the privilege of half the barn to my son Tunis for him to store and "Trash" his grain, and the like. Likewise unto my son Derrick, one half of my woodland, also, one half of my meadow ground at Springfield South. Allowing to my negro man Tom, the kitchen room, where

he now lives, for his dwelling room, and the privilege of one acre of land for him to plant and till for himself, he living with my son Derrick. Unto my daughter Lena, a large pewter dish, which was her mother's. Unto my son Walter, a large pewter dish with holes in it. Unto my daughter Phebe, a brown round-table. Unto my sons, Tunis and Derrick, two plows, two harrows, two sleds, and a waggon to use between them to till the land. All other moveables, not heretofore given away, to be sold at public vendue; the proceeds divided into six parts as follows: to the children of my son Luke, deceased; to my daughter Lena, my sons, Walter and Tunis and Derrick, and my daughter Phebe, each one equal part. I make my well-beloved sons, Walter, Tunis, and Derrick Covert, executors.

(Signed) TUENEUS COEVERT.

Dated March 19, 1778. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, school-master; Isaac Hendrickson, yeoman; Abraham Hendrickson. Proved, June 17, 1782.

Page 153.—In the name of God, Amen. September the twenty-fifth, 1782. I, AMOS RAYNOR, of Hempstead South, Queens County, being weak in body. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my two sons, Isaac and Elijah, all my real estate; likewise, all my rights and interest in the lands of my deceased father, which was given to me by will to be equally divided between them. Unto my loving wife Mary, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves; and order that she shall have the use of all my estate, until my children shall come of age; Also, the use of £200 while my widow. Unto my three daughters, Susannah, Sarah and Annah, remainder of all my moveable estate. I make my friends John Smith, of Coes Neck, and Benjamin Smith, son of Benjamin, executors.

(Signed) AMOS RAINER.

Witnesses, Nathaniel Merritt, Benjamin Rainer, yeomen; James Powell. Proved, November 30, 1782.

Page 154.—Know all men by these presents that I, HENRY ROSE, mariner, and pilot of H. M. Ships of war in America; late of Antigua, have made Mr. James Place, of New York, my lawful attorney to receive all such sums due me; for wages from the sloop of war *Germaine* or any other ships I may belong to. And upon non-payment thereof, to sue, for the same. Also to perform and execute all other lawful and reasonable acts for obtaining and releasing the same. My will is, that whatsoever at the time of my decease I shall be possessed, particularly my house and lands in Antigua, I leave unto the said Mr. James Place; together with all the premises, negroes, and cattle; willing with this proviso, that my negro wench Mariana receive her freedom and £30 at my decease; reposing special trust in Mr. James Place, my friend, to pay all my lawful debts due; he to possess all my estate immediately at my decease. I make him and Mr. John Daniel Banes, executors; desiring Banes to receive £10 for his care in the premises.

Dated December 11, 1782. Witnesses, Stephen Reeves, John Thursby, steward of H. M. Naval Hospital on Nassau Island; Hugh Tarbett. Proved, December 23, 1782.

Page 156.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES DOYLE, belonging to H. M. S. the *Warwick*, Captain Elphinston, commander; being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my friend John Finegan, belonging unto H. M. S. the *Garland*, all my wages, prize money, and personal estate; I make him my executor.

Dated September 17, 1782, and in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's reign. Witnesses, William Pye, John Thursby, steward of H. M. Naval Hospital; Edward Fearn. Proved, December 23, 1782.

Page 157.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD BROWNINGHAM, drummer, belonging to H. M. S. the

Lion, being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my friend John Thursby, all my wages, prize money and personal estate; as also whatever money may be due to me on any account whatsoever. I make my friend John Thursby, now living on Long Island in North America, executor.

Dated December 14, 1782. Witnesses, John Lewis, of Brooklyn, peruke-maker; Joseph Blumley, Thomas Coleman. Proved, December 30, 1782.

Page 158.—In the name of God, Amen. Ye 9th day of July, 1749. I, ABRAHAM WEEKS, of Oyster Bay in ye Province of New York, weaver, being indispos'd in body; but of sound and perfect mind and memory as in my life past. All my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. All my lands and meadows and all my live stock of creatures, and all my farming utensils to be sold by way of vendue by my executors to the highest bidders. The first £20 of proceeds to be paid to my two daughters, Freelove and Deborah; to whom I also give all my household goods and furniture, to be equally divided. My youngest son, Peter, to be well cloathed by my executors, and to be bound an apprentice to learn a trade. All the remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my five sons, namely: Daniel, Richard, Isaac, Solomon and Peter. I make my trusty and loving cousin, George Weeks, and brother-in-law, Richard Powel, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Wheeler, yeoman; Harvey Colwell, Thomas Macoune, William Moyles. Proved, October 22, 1782.

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. This seventeenth day of November, 1780, I, LEMUEL SMITH, of the Town of Smith Town, County of Suffolk, yeoman, being in health. All my just and lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my well-beloved brother Merit Smith, the house and buildings where he now lives; together with

100 acres of land on the east and south-east part of my land adjoining the house aforesaid. Also, one piece of meadow or thatch bead in Stonebrook Harbour, bounded on the east by the meadow of Nathaniel Smith, on the west by meadows of Isaac Daniel; also, one island of thatch bead, lying on the south side of the great thatch beds in said harbor. Unto my beloved sister, Mary Smith, £100. Unto my beloved sister Elesebeth, a like sum. Unto my beloved mother Martha, the use and improvement of all my house and buildings, and all privileges in my lands that be needful for comfortable support during her natural life. Unto my well-beloved brother David, all the remainder of my estate, not heretofore disposed of. Should my mother die before the marriage of my two sisters, Mary and Elisebeth, then each is to have the privilege of living in my house so long as they remain single. I make my beloved mother, Martha Smith, and my beloved brothers, Merit and David Smith, and my good friend, Isaac Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, Nathan Woodhull, Samuel Satterly, yeoman. Proved, November 7, 1782.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH PLACE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being weak in body. My funeral charges to be paid; Also, my just debts. I leave to my well-beloved wife Mary, her full dowry. Unto my son Joseph, ten shillings for his birth-right. The remainder of my estate to be sold at vendue; the proceeds to be divided equally between my surviving family. Firstly my dear wife Mary to have her equal part of the division; likewise my children, namely: Sarah, Joseph, Mary, John, and Jean. Should any of my children die before they arrive to lawful age, then their parts are to be divided equally between the surviving of my children. I make my well-beloved wife Mary and my two good neighbours, Stephen Powel and Isaac Frost, executors.

Dated September 14, 1782. Witnesses, Hannah Din-

gee, spinster; Thomas Cory, yeoman; Robert Dingee, or Dingey. Proved, November 20, 1782.

Page 162.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS FANNING, of Suffolk County, being weak and in a low state of health. I leave to my son David "all my hull and real personal estate"; he paying out what I hereafter order. First, maintaining my wife Lydia with all things necessary for her decent support during her natural life; together with paying my funeral charges and hers. Unto my daughter, Mary Hosmer, twenty shillings. Unto my grandson, William Smith, £200 when he is twenty-one; in case of his death in non-age, then this sum to go to my son David. Unto my daughter Solomy (Salome), £200 when she is twenty-one; in case of her death in non-age, then this sum likewise to go to my son David. I make my son, David Fanning, Hugh Smith and Isaac Overturn, executors.

Dated November 28, 1782. Witnesses, Mary Badcock, James Fanning, yeoman; Hannah Fanning. Proved, January 3, 1783.

Page 163.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON SEAMAN, of Jerusalem in the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being now well in health. I leave to my son Israel, all my lands and meadows in the Township of Hempstead (excepting only what I purchased from Richard Seaman), and one equal half of all my undivided rights which I have in the aforesaid Township; reserving only sufficient room in my now dwelling for the use and benefit of all my unmarried children so long as any of them remain unmarried. All which lands and meadows are given upon condition that he shall pay to my son David, £100. Unto my son Thomas, all the lands which I purchased from Richard Seaman, and the other equal half of my undivided rights in Hempstead, and all my moveable estate without doors, and the equal half of all my male negroes, upon condition that he pay to my son David

£50. Unto my son David, £50; unto my daughter Martha, £300; unto my daughter Amey, £300; unto my two grandsons, Solomon and James, sons of my daughter Deborah, £25 each. The remainder of my estate, after paying all my just debts and funeral charges, to be equally divided amongst my four daughters, namely, Martha, Amy, Deborah, and Mary. I make my two sons, Israel and Thomas Seaman, and my son-in-law Samuel Jackson, executors.

Dated February 16, 1780. Witnesses, Joseph Birdsell, John Archibald, of Hempstead, shop-keeper; Samuel Clowes.

Codicil. Same date. I do farther give unto my children which are now unmarried, full liberty to cut as much firewood as should be necessary for firing in the room heretofore given them; also, to them, full liberty to take as many apples out of my orchard as may be necessary for the family's use during the time any of them are unmarried and no longer. My sons, Israel and Thomas, to retain in their own hands, all the money which I have heretofore given unto my son David, and to pay the same when and at such times as they shall think necessary, and not otherways. Same witnesses.

Proved, December 7, 1782.

Page 165.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH HALSEY, of the Township of Southampton in the County of Suffolk, being very weak and low in body, do make this will, this seventh day of September, 1782. I give to my son Jeremiah all my lands and buildings down Meacocks; Also, my orchard lot lying by Stephen Sandfords, and all my wood land in the same lot; Also, my piece wood land lying by Mathew Halsy, and half fifty commonage extending to the Cano place. Unto my son Simeon, my building and 50 acres of land joining to said buildings; and all my wood land in the Twentieth Lot; and half fifty of commonage. Unto my two sons, Luther and Amos, the remainder of my

lot joining to my son Simeon. Unto my sons, Jeremiah and Simeon, my meadow at North Sea in equal shares. Unto my wife the improvement of one third of my real estate while my widow; Also, all that she brought with her when I married her. All my just debts to be paid out of my moveable estate; the remainder to my daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Jerusha, and Unice. I make my wife, Maltby Gelston, and David Hanes, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Sandford, Esq., Matthew Halsey, yeoman; Sarah Halsey. Proved, December 31, 1782.

Page 166.—In the name of God, Amen. The fourth day of October, 1770, I, EDWARD CORNELL, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my son William, the house and land lying the east side of the brook where he now lives. Unto my sons, Benjamin and William, all my lands lying the west side of the brook, in equal shares; Benjamin to have the west, and William the east side, to be divided by a north and south line. Likewise, unto William, all my salt meadow lying in Hungry Harbour. Likewise, unto my said sons, all my land lying on the plains, and all my Patent right, in equal shares. My son Benjamin to pay to my son John, £100; William to pay £100 to my son Daniel's children, namely: John, Caleb, Milson, and Mary, in equal shares. Unto my daughter, Hannah Abrahams, £25 out of my estate; unto my daughter, Elizabeth Lamberson, the use of £25. Should she have any lawful heir, then it shall fall to them; should she die without such, then it shall go to her son, James Cornell. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Lamberson, my great cupboard; unto my daughter Judah, the use of £25 as long as she lives. At her death to fall to her two sisters, the said Hannah and Elizabeth. Unto my said daughter Judah, one great pewter platter, that was her grandmother's. Unto my grandson, Melson Cornell, one great pewter platter:

unto my grandson, James Cornell, £10. Unto my girl, Martha Dick, five earthen plates, one linen wheel, and £20. If she stays with me as long as I live, and does not marry, after my death she shall have milk of two cows and pasture and hay found them; and also all the "turkeys." Likewise unto her, one bed and bedstead and furniture. Unto my granddaughter, Elizabeth Cornell, daughter of William Cornell, £10, and one linen wheel. Unto my grandson, Lankil Cornell, £10, and my riding beast, saddle and bridle. Unto my four grandchildren, Edward Cornell, son of John Cornell, Marget Watts, Edward Abrams and Marget Abrams, all the remainder of my Buter in equal shares. Unto my two grandsons, Edward Cornell and Edward Abrams, one calf apiece. Unto my son William, one wagon, plow and harrow, and all my farming utensils, one pair of oxen, the remainder of my horses and five sheep. Unto my grandson, James Cornell, five sheep; the remainder of my cattle and things to be sold to pay off my just debts. I make my sons, Benjamin and William Cornell, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Hicks, of Hempstead, yeoman; Frederick Nosran, or Nostran, Benajah Wiggins. Proved, November 20, 1782.

Page 168.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH OUTENBOGART, of the City of New York, butcher, being at present weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my loving son Joseph, my family Bible; unto my loving son John, my silver watch and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Unto my loving daughters, Catharine and Margaret, £500 in equal shares. Unto my said son Joseph, the dwelling house and lot of ground wherein I now live in Queen Street in Montgomerie Ward; together with the gate way leading from said lot to Hage Street, with one half the stable as it now stands; after he arrives to the age of twenty-one, or marry. Unto my said son John, the corner lot of ground with the dwelling house

thereon, being a corner lot in Queen Street and Hage Street, and wherein Martin Morris now lives; with the one-half of the stable as it now stands; when he is twenty-one, or marry. Unto my loving daughters, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, the house and lot of ground, situate in the Out Ward of said City, which I formerly drew in a Lottery, then called and known by the name of Gallaudet's Lottery, and wherein Robert Grayham now lives; together with two dwelling houses situate in Hage Street, wherein James Dove, and my mother and sister now live; in equal shares when each of them arrives to the age of twenty-one years, or marry. Unto my loving wife Elizabeth, one of my beds, bedding and clothing thereunto belonging. The remainder of my beds, bedding and clothing to my said daughters, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, in equal shares. The remainder of my moveables to be sold, the proceeds together with all other of my personal estate, not heretofore given away, to be divided equally among my eight children, namely: Joseph, John, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, Catharine and Margaret. All the rents and income of my above mentioned real estate to be applied toward the maintenance, educating and bringing up of my said two sons until they come of age, or marriage; for the like benefit of my said four daughters under like conditions; and for the maintenance of my wife Elizabeth while my widow. Should that not be sufficient for her support and my youngest child Esther, then the remainder to be applied out of my real and personal estate. My executors not to be answerable to the one for the other as for the act, deed, or default of the other; nor shall either of them be answerable for any part of my estate but such as shall come to their respective hands; they shall, out of my estate, retain and satisfy themselves for costs, charges and trouble they shall be put to in the execution of this will. I make my brother, Abraham Outenbogat and John Woods, Esq., both of

New York, and James Fitzrandolph, of New Jersey, executors.

(Signed) JOSEPH OUTEN BOGART.

Dated October 16, 1782. Witnesses, Robert Heaton, Henry Riker, of City of N. Y., joiner; George Dietenrich. Proved, January 13, 1783.

Page 170.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK HUDSON, of Brook Haven, Suffolk County, being weak in body. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, all my household furniture; my sorrel horse and riding chair; my negro wench Kate, and negro boy Dick; £400 during life; and the use of all real estate while my widow. Unto my beloved son Oliver, all real estate at the marriage or decease of my wife; Also £500. Unto my beloved son, Frederick North Hudson, £1,000. Unto my two beloved daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, £300 each. All personal estate to be disposed of by my executors at their discretion; any of my estate undisposed of to be equally divided between my wife and four children. I make Colonels Richard Floyd and Benjamin Floyd, and Mr. Henry Nicoll, all of this town, together with my wife, Sarah Hudson, executors.

Dated November 12, 1782. Witnesses, Cyrus Punderson, of Brook Haven, physician; Absalom Brown, of Mastick, yeoman; Benjamin Mapes, yeoman. Proved, December 12, 1782.

Page 171.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT SWABRICK, formerly carpenter's mate on board H. M. S. *Robusk*, and late carpenter's mate on board H. M. Sloop-of-war *Hope*, being in bodily health. All such sums of money as are now due to me for wages or prize-money in the books of the said ships, lands, and estate belonging to me at the time of my decease, I leave to Patrick Hapeney, late cook on board the sloop *Hope*. I make the said Patrick Hapeney, executor.

Dated January 23, 1782. Witnesses, Allan McKin-

lay, Donald Campbell. Proved January 20, 1783. Signature of Allan McKinlay identified by Hemye (or Henry) Gower, of the City of New York, harness-maker. The executor also appeared; deposed that the will was genuine; that he would pay the testator's just debts and legacies; and qualified.

Page 172.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN KISSAM, late of the City of New York, now residing on Cow Neck, Queens County, Attorney at Law, being in health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. Whereas I have already given to my son Peter, since his marriage, £600, and would wish to put my children as nearly on an equality as possible with respect to the advantages they are to derive from my estate; and as I have been at some extraordinary expense in educating my son Benjamin, to a profession which promises him advantages that my other children do not possess, he will not consider it as proceeding from any want of affection that on that score I deduct from his proportion the sum I advanced as a fee with him to Doctor Bard. I now therefore give to my son Benjamin, £540, to put him on an equality with his elder brother. As my three other younger sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel are not yet far advanced in their education, and in acquiring it, must be at considerable expense I think it just to make some provision for that purpose. Unto Richard and Adrian, each, £120; unto Samuel, £150, for support, maintenance and education. Unto my daughter Helena, all her mother's wearing apparel; her diamond ring and gold necklace, now in possession of her aunt Sharpe; Also, my silver bowl and pair of silver mugs, a small brass tea-kettle and stand. Unto each of my sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel, and to my daughter Helena, respectively, the further sum of £600. Unto Mrs. Sarah Hollawood, £50, as a testimony of my gratitude for the prudence, care, and good economy with which she has conducted the affairs of my family, and for her

great tenderness and affection manifested to my children. Unto Mary Whitehead and Deborah, children of my sister, Elizabeth Mott, each £5. All my lands, tenements and real estate, unto my six above named children. As upon the death of my late dear and affectionate wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, out of the goodness and benevolence of their hearts took my little daughter to live with them, and intend to support and educate her during her infancy; and will probably make some future provision for her, so I presume there will be no occasion to apply any part of the interest of her share of my estate towards her maintenance and education, the same is to be kept at interest for her benefit, payable when she is twenty-one years old, or marries. Should she die under age and unmarried, then all her mother's wearing apparel, ring and necklace to go to her aunt, Mrs. Anne Sharpe. Should either of my said three sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel, die under age, and without lawful issue, the respective shares of the deceased to go to the survivors in equal shares. Whereas, my estate is considerably diminished since the commencement of the present war, and may be in future still more affected by it; if it should happen that my personal estate should become insufficient to pay the several pecuniary legacies given to my five younger children, they are to abate in proportion to the respective sums; except as to the legacies of £120 each to Richard and Adrian, and £150 to Samuel; all which are to be first paid entire; and so are the legacies to Mrs. Hallawood, and the children of my sister to be paid entire. I make my sons, Peter R. Kissam and Benjamin Kissam; my brother-in-law, Mr. Richard Sharp, of the City of New York, merchant; my uncle, Benjamin Hewlett, of Great Neck, Queens County; and my brother, Joseph Kissam, executors.

Dated January 25, 1781. Witnesses, Willett Taylor, Benjamin Haviland, Cornelius I. Bogart

Codicil. Since making my will I have advanced to

my son Benjamin, considerable sums towards his expenses and education at the University of Edinburgh, which I previously informed him must be considered as part of his portion of my estate; I, Benjamin KISSAM, at present of the City of New York, Attorney at Law, do by this codicil, declare that in lieu of the legacy of £540, now give him £175.

Dated July 8, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius I. Bogart, of City of N. Y., Attorney at law; Jacob Ogden, Willett Taylor. Proved, November 26, 1782.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. The thirty-first day of August, 1776. I, ABRAHAM KING, of the Town of Southold in Suffolk County, being in good health. I leave to my wife Mehettable, all my estate, real and personal,—that is, the use and improvement of it—so long as she remains my widow, for her maintenance and to bring up my children. In case she shall remarry, then she shall have her wearing apparel and one bed and furniture; which I give to her in lieu of her dower. In case she is needy and calls for it, I give her £20 yearly, during her natural life. My executors, to sell any or all my lands and meadows. My wife may, out of my money, buy a convenient house and land for her dwelling. After my wife's interest, and my debts and funeral charges are paid, all my estate is to be equally divided between all my four children, excepting to my oldest son, £10 in a hundred, over and above the rest. I make my brother, Nathaniel King, and my brother-in-law, Daniel Tuthill, and my wife, executors.

Witnesses, Ebenezer Soper, Israel Youngs, yeoman; Jemima Youngs. Proved, November 28, 1782.

Page 177.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RACHEL BRAISTED, of the County of Richmond (spinster), being sick and weak. I leave to my son, John Braisted, "a silver clasps and sleeve buttons," and five dollars. Unto my daughter (Catherine) Catherine, a gold ring and a

silver spoon. Unto my son Egbert, a pair of silver shoes buckles. All my real and personal to be sold by my friend, Anthony Egberts, whom I appoint executor. All my children, John, Catherine, and Egbert to share equally, after my just debts and funeral charges be paid. Should any child die under age and leave no issue, then the share of the one so dying is to be equally divided amongst the survivors, when they shall come of age.

(Signed)

RACHEL BRESTED.

Dated October 31, 1778. Witnesses, John Bodine, William Smith, farmers; Darcus Bodine. Proved, January 7, 1783.

Page 178.—I, LEAH BREVOORT (widow to Elias Brevoort, of the City of New York, deceased), being weak in body, this thirteenth day of May, 1778. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. All my money I give as follows: one fourth part to my son John; one fourth part unto Leah Stout, the daughter to Benjamin Stout, Jr., one fourth part to Leah Brevoort, the eldest daughter to Henry Brevoort, deceased, payable into the hands of my son, John Brevoort, who shall dispose of the same for the good, and towards her tuition as it may seem necessary; the remaining one fourth part unto the oldest daughter, to Leah Henry; the money to be managed for the good of the child and paid in the same form as my grandchild, Leah Stout. All my outstanding debts, bonds, notes, rents, due, are to be collected in as soon as possible after my decease; such assets to be divided into four equal parts; to be disposed of to my son and grandchildren in the very same manner aforesaid. I make my son, John Brevoort, John Henry and Henry Riker, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Warner, Thomas T. Warner, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, yeoman; Jacob Tyler, of City of New York, schoolmaster. Proved, January 27, 1783.

Page 179.—In the name of God, Amen. The 30 day of December, 1782, I, BALM JOHNSON COZINE, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, farmer, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid within some convenient time after my decease by my executors. I leave to my loving wife, Cornelia, the profits of my estate, real and personal, during her widowhood. After the intermarriage or decease of my wife, unto my loving son John, all my right and title of that certain tract of land whereon my barn stands on the opposite side of my dwelling house and land lying in the Out Ward of the City of New York, Bloomingdale Road; the land fronting said road; and the rear, the North River. Unto my loving son, Cornelius, all my right and title in that tract of land whereon my dwelling house now stands; the land fronting the Road; the rear, the Commons. Unto my eight loving children, namely: John, Cornelius, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Catharine, Rachel and Jane, the remainder of my estate, real and personal, in equal shares. My children to be supported out of the profits of my estate until my youngest child shall come of age. My sons, John and Cornelius, each must pay £300 for the land above given to them; which money shall be divided amongst my six other children. The £300 apiece, which my sons are to pay, to be paid in twelve months' time if they choose to hold the lands; the division of said money to be made at the age of the youngest child. I make my beloved wife and my loving sons, John and Cornelius, and likewise my friend, John Hopper, of Bloomingdale, executors.

Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gauter, inn-holder; William How, yeoman; both of the City of New York; Mathew Van Orden. Proved, January 20, 1783.

Page 181.—14th September, 1780. I have two brothers: Alexander, in the County and Town of Antrim in Ireland; James, in Philadelphia in America. To the

above two brothers' children, equally, I bequeath the whole of my estate.

(Signed)

JOHN RONEY,

Lieutenant, 1st Battalion De Loney's (De Lancey's).

Proved, November 1, 1782.

NOTE.—Nathan Smith, of De Lancey's First Battalion, identified the signature of the testator; and deposed that, a short while before his death, he heard him acknowledge the instrument to be his will.

Page 182.—In the name of God, Amen, 12th day of December, 1782. I, JOSEPH CADLE, of Hempstead, Queens County, being but weak in body. All just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my wife Mary, my fast estate (that part of Hog Island which I own excepted), two cows, one horse and chair, and my indoor moveables. Unto Joseph Cornwall (son of Thomas Cornwall), said part of Hog Island; likewise direct my wife to give to said Joseph some of my cloth. The rest of my estate to be sold and turned into cash by my executors: £20 to go to Mary Mott, daughter of Samuel Mott, I make my friends, Charles Hicks, Thomas Cornwall and Samuel Pelletreau, executors.

Witnesses, Oliver Hewlett, and William Pearsall and Carman Dorlon, both of Hempstead, yeomen. Proved, January 6, 1783.

Page 184.—These Presents witnesseth, the seventeenth day of the eighth month, 1781, that I, MICAJAH MOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, do make this will. My executors to pay all my just debts. I leave to my wife Rachel and my three daughters, Sarah Beats, Rebecca Mott and Rachel Mott, all my moneys, bonds, book-debts and household goods, except one small bed and two blankets and the one fourth part of all my cattle, equally. Unto my son Micajah, one pair oxen and one horse. Unto my three sons, Micajah, Israel and John, the remainder of my es-

tate, real and personal, in equal shares. The use of all my houses, lands and meadows to my wife and son Micajah until my son John is sixteen years old, if they will bring up my children till that time. After John is sixteen, my wife to have the use of one room in my house, the privilege of hay and pasture for two cows, and to keep one horse and one hog; Also, wood for one fire and liberty to get apples and other fruit out of my orchard for her use; the use of one acre of ground while my widow. Likewise to her, all the bread corn and meat which I have at my death, for the use of my family. What is given to my wife is in lieu of her dower; which if she should refuse to release, what I have given her is to pass unto my three sons equally. My executors to sell such of my moveables as and when they may think best. I make my wife, my brother, Jehu Mott and my son-in-law, Stephen Beats, executors.

Witnesses, Jehu Mott the 3rd and James Losee (both of Hempstead, yeomen), and Sarah De Mott. Proved, January 24, 1783.

Page 186.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS BARNES, of the City of New York, mariner, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Phebe, my dwelling house and lot of ground (consisting of about 20 acres), situated in the County and Town of Westchester. Also, my three undivided Rights of Commonage in said town; Also, 10 acres of wood-land on Frogs Neck in said county, which land I purchased of John Baxter. Likewise unto her, my negro man slave Dublin and my negro girl slave called Sarah. Further unto her, while my widow, the easternmost half of my dwelling house and lot of ground situate in Montgomery Ward in the City of New York fronting on Cherry Street; being in length about 240 ft. and in breadth upon the North side of said street, about 100 ft. All rents and profits of said half to her

devised to be in lieu of her dower. The other or westernmost equal half of said property unto my daughter Phila. Upon the death or remarriage of my wife the easternmost half to go to my said daughter. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Fry, the widow of David Fry, deceased, my lot of ground situate in said Ward, in a place known by the name of the Meadows, which lot I bought of the Rosevelts, to hold during her natural life; at her death to pass to my grandson, Thomas Barnes Fry. Should he not be living, then in equal thirds to go to each of my daughters, namely: Phila, Phebe, the wife of Norman Tolmie, and Mary. Unto my said daughter Phebe, the westernmost half of a lot of ground and water-lot situate in Montgomery Ward opposite to my dwelling there; said upland fronting on Cherry Street and, including the water-lot is 350 ft. into the East River and 100 ft. wide in front, but the breadth is diminished in the rear. Unto my said daughter Mary, the remaining easternmost half of said lot and water-lot; together with the buildings and improvements thereon. All my lands and meadows lying on Frog's Neck, except the ten acres of wood-land heretofore devised, to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to go to my wife and to my three said daughters in equal shares. The rest of my estate likewise to go to them equally, but such parts of my household furniture and other moveable estate which my wife and daughters cannot agree to divide and share are to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between them. I make my wife and my son-in-law, Norman Tolmie and my daughter Mary, executors.

Dated July 30, 1761. Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge, of the City of New York, gentleman; Peter Dobson, Benjamin Kissam, of the City of New York, gentleman. Proved, February 4, 1763.

Page 189.—I, ELIZABETH VAN DER HOOF, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, widow, on the sixth day of August, 1782, make this will. Whereas I and Henry

Brevoort, deceased, were appointed executors of the will of Cornelius Van der Hoof, my lawful husband, deceased, made the ninth day of August, 1773; and now as the sole trust in me lies to act for my children in non-age; and for preventing waste and wrong to be done; and I being weak in body; order that whatever power I had in said will, Messrs. Henry Brevoort, Matthew Buyce, and Louis Andrew Gautier (all of the Out Ward of the City of New York), to act in my stead as executors after my decease, and proceed as my will directs. This present writing to be annexed to the will and testament of my husband.

Witnesses, John Ryckman, of the City of New York, black-maker, and Elizabeth, his wife; James Lounsberry. Proved, November 18, 1782.

Page 190.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZOPHER DAVIS, of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, being sick. I leave to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, two cows, one yoke of oxen, the best horse on the farm, and the best room in my house. Unto my son Zopher, all my lands and tenements, he to pay, when twenty-one years old, to my daughters, Phebe, Hannah, Sarah, and Elibeth (Elizabeth), £30 each. A certain piece of land at Chesnot pound, that I had of my brother William, to be sold. A one-half lot of land between Coram and the Money Ponds; Also my meadow and land at Smith Neck at wintup Patton to be sold to pay my debts. Further, unto Sarah, my wife, all my moveable estate, to sell or to do as she pleases with. A piece of land between Coram and South, that I had of William Baker, to be sold. I make my wife Sarah, David Overton, Jr., and John Ruland, son of Peter Ruland, deceased, executors.

Dated March 16, 1782. Witnesses, Joseph Jerry, Justus Overton and Nathaniel Overton, both of said County, yeomen. Proved, December 27, 1782.

Page 192.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BARNABAS TUTHILL, of the Town of Southold, County of Suffolk,

being weak in body. My executors to dispose of all my real and personal estate at public or private sale; the proceeds to be divided as follows: all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors; of the remainder I leave to my well beloved wife, Ame, £16; unto my son Barnabas, £20, payable when he is twenty-one; the use of all the remaining part of my estate to my wife during her natural life; she maintaining my son Joshua and my daughter Hannah until my executors shall think they are fit to be put out; the principal remaining to be equally divided between my sons and daughters, namely: Lydia, Bethiah, Elizabeth, Barnabas, Samuel, Benjamin, Lucretia, Gama-liel, Joshua, and Hannah; which sums are to be paid to them, when they come to the age of twenty-one. I make my brother-in-law, Asa King, and my two friends, Christopher Brown and Nathan Woodhull, executors.

Dated October 1, 1782. Witnesses, Jonathan Trum, cordwainer; John King, Jr., Christopher Brown, yeoman. Proved, January 16, 1783.

Page 194.—I, ELIZABETH PEASLEY, of the City of New York, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. Unto Samuel Reid, son of my niece Sarah, wife to William Reid, of Bristol in old England, I leave £50. Unto William Reid, son of my said niece, a like sum: Unto their sister, Elizebeth Peasley Reid, £100. Should either of my above relatives be deceased the legacy of such to go to next of kin. Unto Phebe Deleplaine, daughter to cousin, Joseph Delaplaine, £200; to her sister Elizebeth, wife of Isaac Martin, a like sum. Unto my esteemed friend, Penelope Hull, my gold sleeve buttons and my new short broadcloth cloak; to her daughter Penelope, my striped Persian gown and quilted Persian Peticoat, half a dozen silver teaspoons and my silver shoe buckles. Unto Elizebeth Titus, daughter to Henry Titus, my black Padesoy

cloak; unto her sister Martha, £10. The remainder after all debts and legacies are paid, together with all my wearing apparel, not given away above, to go to my aforesaid cousin, Phebe Delaplaine, and her sister, Elizebeth Martin, in equal shares. I make my esteemed friends, Oliver Hull and Samuel Franklin, both of the City of New York, executors. Also, to Catharine Hull, my new bed tick.

Dated February 7, 1783. Witnesses, Oliver Hull, apothecary; Peter Demitt, Thomas Leggett, of the City of New York, merchant. Proved, February 24, 1783.

Page 195.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN WALDRON, of Harlem, in New York cordwainer, being of sound, perfect mind and memory. All my real and personal estate to be sold at public vendue, the proceeds to be divided as follows: All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid; unto each of my sons, Jacobus, Benjamin, and my daughter Affee, £40, being their part as out-set which they have not received from me as my other children have had before. Likewise £20 to my granddaughter Catalina, daughter of my daughter Catalina, deceased, the wife of Samuel De la Matra, at full age or in marriage. The overplus of proceeds of the sale to be divided into seven parts and paid to my children and the children of my said daughter Catalina, deceased, namely: my sons, John, Jacobus and Benjamin, and my daughters, Elizabeth, Nesje, and Affee, each one seventh part, and the remaining one seventh to my grandchildren in equal shares. My son John and my daughter Elizabeth each shall pay £35, to be applied to the rest of my estate, being consideration money for a negro boy named Sam in the possession of my son John, and a negro wench named Susan in the possession of my daughter Elizabeth. Should they refuse to pay the sums beforementioned then the said negro boy or wench shall be sold at public vendue. I make my son,

Benjamin Waldron, and my son-in-law, Yellis Hopper, and Mr. Henry Brevoort, wheelwright in the Bowery Lane, executors.

Dated June 18, 1781. Witnesses, John Hardenbrook and Henry Traphager, inn-keeper, and Robert Cook, Assistant in the Forage Department, both of the City of New York. Proved, July 20, 1783.

Page 198.—In the name of God, Amen. The 4th day of March, 1774, I, ROBERT HEMPSTED, of Southold, Suffolk County, being weak in health of body. I give the whole of my personal estate, as well in this Government as in Connecticut, to my beloved wife Mehetable; Also, the house and land on which I now live; and the house and land which was father Youngs, adjoining to the Town street or highway; and that tract of land called the New Lott, nearly four score acres, adjoining the North Sea; Also, the tract of land called the Old Lott, nearly three score acres, adjoining to the said sea. The site on which I live contains between thirty and forty acres; the site of father Youngs house, four acres, as they are now fenced. My wife to pay my just debts and legacies. Also, unto her, a parcel of meadow at Gose Creek; and one at Hog Neck, she to sell the same as she thinks proper. Should any dispute arise respecting my title to any of the abovementioned lands (as deriving one third of said land from my former wife Mary, the daughter of Benjamin Younge, Esquire, deceased), and my son Thomas or his heirs refused to give a quit claim for the same, if required, then all that land and meadow which I purchased of Benjamin Youngs Prime, lying within the limits of that land called Savgest Neck, Piginsis Neck, Mill meadows, Swamp Lott and middle lands; Also, what I purchased of John Ledyard, being part of all those lands and meadows; all to go to my beloved wife Mehetable, to sell to pay my just debts, but not otherwise. All the lands and meadows where my son Thomas liveth, which did belong to his grand-

father Youngs, except some I exchanged with Mr. Boshea and Vail to him, he complying with this my will, not otherwise, that is he is to pay £150 within one year next after my decease, towards the payment of my debts and legacies. Also, to him, my silver-headed sword with the appurtenances, and my cane. Unto my son Joshua, all my rights of undivided lands at Colchester, in Connecticut Colony, and £50 to be paid him by Captain Jaber Jones, of Colchester, and his son Ahijah within three years from the date of this my will, with interest and a full discharge from my books; also, my great looking glass as credit for him on my books as I have there entered the same. Likewise, to my son Joshua, my apparel except some things my wife may be a-mind to save, as gold buttons and shirts and my silver watch. Unto each of my daughters, Abigail, Elizabeth, Mary, and Experience, £5, to be paid by my son Thomas as part of the money I have ordered him to pay, within one year after my decease. I make my wife Mehetable sole executrix. In case of her death or renunciation, then I appoint my son Joshua. All the bonds, notes, deeds and All writings which I have relating to the estate of Major John Salmon, deceased, to be delivered by my executor into the hands of those men who are or shall be appointed by the First Societee in Southold to receive the same in order to improve it, for the benefit of the Gospel ministries in said Societee according to the true intent of said Major Salmon's will. Also, what money I have lately received I leave with my wife to bring up and give to my young child which I have by her. Further, unto my wife, the privilege of getting ten loads of wood yearly out of the Neck, which I give to my son Thomas, while she remains my widow, and the privilege of putting two cows yearly in the Swamp lot, under same conditions.

February 30, 1779.—Since writing my will I have written to my brother, John Hempstead, to deliver Ahijah Jones' bond to my son Joshua, and so that will

complete this gift. I revoke the \$5 apiece to each of my daughters.

Witnesses, Joseph Prince, silversmith, William Horton, Jr., Benjamin Prince, yeoman. Proved, August 5, 1782.

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth of October, 1781. I, ALBERT VAN BRUNT, of "New-uytrecht," Kings County, yeoman, being at present weak in body. My lawful debts to be paid and funeral charges defrayed before any division is made. My loving wife Jannetje to have £50 yearly, while my widow, towards her support and maintenance, payable quarterly and equally by my children, namely, Nicholas, Rutgert, and Cornelius, and my daughter Elizabeth, now the wife of Nicholas Van Dyck; my three sons to provide for their mother, six bushels of wheat every year. My wife to have the choice of one of the rooms in this my dwelling house during her widowhood; one horse and riding chair; negro wench named Boyl, two milch cows, hay and pasture; best bed, bedstead and its furniture, and such furniture as is needful to furnish one room, and as much kitchen furniture as she may want. After her death the same to be equally divided between all my children. My house and kitchen furniture, except that already given away, unto my children, to be divided equally. Unto my said three sons, all my real and personal estate in equal shares, except what is bequeathed above, with all my rights and interest; they to pay to their sister, my said daughter Elizabeth, £600; two years after my decease. I make my loving three sons, before named, executors.

Witnesses, Jaques Van Brunt, James Joralmon, Johannis E. Lott, yeoman. Proved, March 4, 1783.

Page 202.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET VOLENTINE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being desirous of settling my temporal affairs while I have reason, do this twenty-sixth day of December, 1782, make this will. All my just debts and

funeral expenses to be paid by my executors, they to sell my eight acres of woodland as soon as convenient and advisable. I leave to my respected uncle, Daniel Wright, £30. The remainder of my estate unto my three cousins, namely: Susannah Smith, Anne Smith, and Abigail Volentine, equally divided amongst them when they are eighteen years of age. I make my uncle, James Smith, my trusty friends, Samuel Way and James Cornwall, all of said Township, executors.

(Signed) MARGARET VALENTINE.

Witnesses, Samuel Townsend, and Oliver Willis and Joseph Smith, both of Hempstead, yeomen. Proved March 1, 1783.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER VAN PELT, of the County of Richmond, being in a reasonable state of health. My executors to take as much of my estate as shall discharge all my just debts and funeral charges. My wearing apparel to be equally divided between my two sons, Tunas and Peter. Unto Tunas, my fowling piece; unto Peter, my brass Barrel Frozee. All my goods to be sold at vendue or otherwise at the discretion of my executors for reasonable prices; the proceeds, with all the residue of my estate, to be equally divided among my five children, namely: Tunas, Peter, Elizabeth, Phebe, and Mary; their respective shares to be paid as they are twenty-one, or marry. My estate to be subject to the support of my children in their minority, in case of sickness or other misfortune that may attend them. I make my said two sons, Tunas and Peter Van Pelt and my trusty friend, Richard Seaman, merchant, of the City of New York, executors.

Dated October 2, 1781. Witnesses, John Bedell, ferryman, Catherine Bedell, Isaac Doty. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM GARDINER, of Easthampton, County of Suffolk, Esquire, being indisposed in body. All my just debts to

be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate. I leave my beloved wife Mary, £500, to be paid out of my personal estate; Also, my dwelling house, barn and home lot containing about 30 acres; all my household goods and furniture; my clock in the house; and one quarter part of my wind mill, a like part of all the provisions in the house and barn or on the ground, four milking cows, my horse and chair, my negro Zel, my negro boy, Ruben; Also, the one half of my other house that my son Abraham now lives in; Also, the use and improvement of one third of all my real estate in Easthampton during her natural life. Unto my beloved son Nathaniel, my now dwelling house, barn and home lot after his mother's decease; Also my land containing about eighteen acres; Also, my squire close, containing about fifteen acres; Also, one whole share of Montauk. Unto my beloved son Abraham, the house and lot of land my father bought of Richard Shaw, containing five acres; Also, my whole lot of land called Samuel Gardiner lot, and what I bought of Elisha Conkling and David Miller; Also, six acres of land in the West Plains; Also, my lands and meadows behind the Ponds; Also one share and one eighth part of a share at Montauk. Unto my beloved daughter, Mary Thomson, £500; payable out of my moveable estate. Unto my beloved daughter, Rachel Mulford, £500, payable in like manner; Also my negro boy Reuben (Alcees Tobe), at the decease of her mother. Unto my friend and niece, Ruth Smith, £10; to my beloved friend, the Reverend Samuel Buell, M.A., £10, to be paid by my executors. After my just debts and legacies be paid then the remainder of my estate to be divided between my two sons, Nathaniel and Abraham. I make my beloved wife Mary, my sons, Nathaniel and Abraham, my son-in-law, Isaac Thomson, and my son-in-law, David Mulford, executors.

Dated August 18, 1782. Witnesses, John Gardiner, Ruth Smith, Samuel Hutchinson. Proved, December 30, 1782.

Page 206.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN TABLET, of Frog's Neck, in the Borough Town of Westchester, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my daughter Catherine, one feather bed and its furniture. Unto my daughter, Mary Magdalene, the like. Unto my daughter Doratha, the feather bed and furniture whereon I lye. Unto my eldest son Jacob, £10, and all my wearing apparel. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, unto my said three daughters in equal shares. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate in one month after my decease, at public vendue, the proceeds to go as above mentioned. I make my friends, John Hunt and John Mertain, executors.

Dated October 16, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Baxter, yeoman, Frederick Baxter, Joseph Lewis. Proved, February 24, 1783.

Page 207.—Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS FROST, of the Township of Oyster-bay, Queens County, being this twenty-sixth day of July, 1774, well in health of body. All my just debts, funeral charges to be fully paid. Unto my loving wife Phebe, £50, the use and profits of my houses, and lands where I now live near Matinecock, in said township, in order to enable her to support and bring up my children until my youngest son is of lawful age. Should my wife be my widow after that event, then she is to have the use of one third part of my houses and lands while my widow, but no longer. All the legacies above given to my wife shall be in lieu of dower. Unto my wife, and unto my three daughters, namely: Rebecca, Hannah, and Sarah, all my within door household goods to be equally divided amongst them; my wife to have her share immediately after my decease; my daughters to have their respective shares at day of marriage, or as they are of age. If my daughters or any one of them shall live single, as they are of age, they shall have the

privilege to live and dwell in my house so long as they remain in a single state. Unto each of my aforementioned three daughters, £50: payable in the following manner. My oldest son, John, to pay to my wife £25 when he is twenty-two; he to pay to my oldest daughter, Rebecca, a like sum when he is twenty-three; a like sum to my daughter Hannah when he is twenty-four; a like sum to my youngest daughter, Sarah, when he is twenty-five years of age. My youngest son, George, to pay my wife and three daughters, like sums in like times prescribed for his brother John's payments. Unto my two sons, John and George, all my houses, lands and meadows in the Township of Oysterbay in equal shares on condition that they do pay all the moneys above ordered. If they neglect or refuse to pay all the legacies above mentioned then my executors are to sell enough land or meadow above given to my sons as will fully pay the legacies to my wife and daughters, after deducing costs; they are not to be hindered or disturbed in the enjoyment of living in my house. Unto my two said sons, all the remainder of my personal estate in equal shares. I make my loving friend, William Cock, of Buckrum, and Charles Valentine, of Moskelicove, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Willis, Edward Willis, yeoman, Samuel Willis. Proved, March 1, 1783.

Page 209.—Know all men by these Presents that I, GEORGE FOWLER, of Hempstead, Queens County, being this nineteenth day of June, 1771, well in health of body. I leave to my son Felix, my homestead, my house and land adjoining at Hempstead town; and all my lands and Rights of lands and meadows, lotted and unlotted, within said township; Also, my lot of salt meadow at Hempstead South. Likewise, all my land and Rights of land in the East Jersey, being in a place called New Britton, which my father, George Fowler, purchased of Benjamin Bedell, provided he pays all my just debts. Unto my said son, all my utensils for

husbandry, my weaving looms and tackling, together with my books of accounts; and all my neat cattle and sheep. Unto my granddaughter, Rachel Valentine, one feather bed. The remainder of my household goods, the one half to my daughter, Phebe Rhodes; the other half unto my three granddaughters, Marget, Rachel, and Mary Valentine. I make my trusty friend, Carman Rushman, and my son, Felix Fowler, and my wife Phebe, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Hall, yeoman, Michael Golder, Richard Ellison. Proved, February 19, 1783.

Page 211.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of August, 1776, I, SIMON SIMONSON, of the County of Richmond, farmer, being weak and in a low state of health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Isaac, four acres of land and houses and barns beginning at the south-east corner of my land; Also, two acres of woodland at the south end of my land. Unto my three sons, namely: Isaac, John, and Jeremiah, the remainder of my lands and salt meadows in equal shares; they paying to my daughter Ann, £150; each to pay £50. Should Isaac die without issue, then the land devised to him is to go to my two other sons and daughter equally. My moveable estate to be equally divided amongst my four children. My son Isaac's part to be at the south-east of my lot adjoining to the four acre lot to him before given; my son Jeremiah's part to be at the north-west side of my lot fronting on the water; my son John's part at the south-west end of my land at the Reer, and running across from fence to fence; Isaac's part to have four acres of swamp and fresh meadow at the south side of the ditch. If the swamp or meadow shall fall in Jeremiah's division, Isaac must give up his land for meadow. I make my son Isaac, my brother, Jeremiah Simonson, and Goyen Simonson, executors.

Witnesses, John Tysen, farmer, Thomas Miller, Thomas Kingsly. Proved February 25, 1783.

Page 212.—These Presents witnesseth this thirtieth day of the twelfth month, 1781, that I, JEHU MOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, do make this will. I leave to my wife Ruth, one bed and furniture, two cows, four sheep, six chairs, one round table, one looking glass and one cupboard. My three daughters to be made even out of my moveable estate with what they may have already, or before my death as may appear in a little book covered partly with a blue covering; if any be behind the others let these things be made to them. Unto my wife and son Jehu, all my wheat, rye, Indian corn, buckwheat, flax and provisions there may be in the house or elsewhere, equally for my family's use. The remainder of my moveables after my just debts and other charges be paid to my wife and three daughters, namely: Mary Hicks, Ruth Carman, and Rebecca Ranor, equally. My wife to have the use of my riding chair while my widow. Should there be some clothing fitting to be made up, it is to be so used for the persons intended. Unto my two sons, Jehu and Joseph, two horses, my wagon, plow, harrows, gears, lines, etc. An inventory to be made of those things after my death; my son Jehu to make half that inventory good to my son Joseph when he is twenty-one; said goods to be left on the farm for their use; my wife to have the liberty to use them, while my widow. Unto my wife and six children, all my printed books, equally. Unto my said two sons, all my wearing clothes, equally. Unto my son Joseph, my watch or time-piece; my wife to have the use of "her" till he is twenty-one, if she remain my widow. Unto my granddaughter Abigail, daughter of my said daughter Ruth, all the money received of the Church wardens which he receives for the bringing of her up; and all the monies that shall arise therefrom, as shall appear by a little book, to be paid her when eighteen years old, or at her marriage day. Unto my said two sons all my houses, lands, and meadows, divided or undivided in the Bounds of Hempstead, equally. My wife to have the use of all the

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Witnesses, John Tysen, farmer, Thomas Miller, Thomas Kingsly. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 212.—These Presents witnesseth this thirtieth day of the twelfth month, 1781, that I, JEHU MOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, do make this will. I leave to my wife Ruth, one bed and furniture, two cows, four sheep, six chairs, one round table, one looking glass and one cupboard. My three daughters to be made even out of my moveable estate with what they may have already, or before my death as may appear in a little book covered partly with a blue covering; if any be behind the others let these things be made to them. Unto my wife and son Jehu, all my wheat, rye, Indian corn, buckwheat, flax and provisions there may be in the house or elsewhere, equally for my family's use. The remainder of my moveables after my just debts and other charges be paid to my wife and three daughters, namely: Mary Hicks, Ruth Carman, and Rebecca Ranor, equally. My wife to have the use of my riding chair while my widow. Should there be some clothing fitting to be made up, it is to be so used for the persons intended. Unto my two sons, Jehu and Joseph, two horses, my wagon, plow, harrows, gears, lines, etc. An inventory to be made of those things after my death; my son Jehu to make half that inventory good to my son Joseph when he is twenty-one; said goods to be left on the farm for their use; my wife to have the liberty to use them, while my widow. Unto my wife and six children, all my printed books, equally. Unto my said two sons, all my wearing clothes, equally. Unto my son Joseph, my watch or time-piece; my wife to have the use of "her" till he is twenty-one, if she remain my widow. Unto my granddaughter Abigail, daughter of my said daughter Ruth, all the money received of the Church wardens which he receives for the bringing of her up; and all the monies that shall arise therefrom, as shall appear by a little book, to be paid her when eighteen years old, or at her marriage day. Unto my said two sons all my houses, lands, and meadows, divided or undivided in the Bounds of Hempstead, equally. My wife to have the use of all the

houses, cleared lands meadow and sufficient timber for fencing and firing, which I have given to my son Joseph while a minor. Should she die or marry before his majority, then said use of houses and lands to go to my son Jehu until Joseph is twenty-one, and he to bring Joseph up. Unto my wife the use of the best room in my house and chamber. Unto my son John £5, which my son Jehu is to pay. My executors to put my son Joseph to some trade if they think best. I make my wife executrix and my son-in-law, Benjamin Hicks, and my son Jehu, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Mott, yeoman; Benjamin Hicks, Ebene Mott. Proved, February 15, 1783.

Page 215.—Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS BIRDSALL, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being this eighth day of September, 1782, sick and weak in body. My just debts to be first paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Rosanah Jackson, each £100, one bed and furniture when they respectively are eighteen years of age, or on day of marriage. Unto my loving and well-beloved wife Rosanah, and to my daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, the remainder of my moveable estate in equal shares; also, the rents and profits of all my real estate within Hempstead township during their natural lives, in equal shares. Unto my grandsons, Parmenas and John Jackson, my dwelling house, out houses and all my land and meadow, and rights of lands and meadows within said township, equally divided. Should both grandsons die the lands and meadows to be equally divided between my two above-named granddaughters. Should both granddaughters die without lawful issue then their shares to go to my daughter Elizabeth. I make my brother, Samuel Birdsall, and my loving wife Rosanah and my daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Seaman, and Stephen Vorhis,

both of Hempstead, yeomen, and Richard Ellison. Proved, February 3, 1783.

Page 216.—In the name of God, Amen. The 23d day of May, 1771. I, JOSEPH MAPES, of Southold, County of Suffolk, being now in health of body. My just debts and legacies to be paid. I give the use and improvement of my neck of land, on which I now live, to my beloved wife Kesiah during her natural life, according to the lease from my son Joseph. The one third of my wearing apparel unto my son Joseph, together with what I have heretofore given him. Unto my sons, James and Phineas, each a like part of my wearing apparel. Unto my daughters, Kezia Reeve and Joanna Halliack, £50 each, payable out of my moveable estate. Unto my daughter, Ame Mapes, a like sum; Also, an equal part of my estate as my two daughters abovenamed have already had. Whereas I have verbally given to my said daughter Ame a negro girl called Hagar, she may have her choice of said negro or the part of my moveable estate, but not both. Should my said daughter die without lawful issue her portion to be divided between my two sons, James and Phineas. After my debts and legacies be paid, and my son Phineas has received £150 which I have given him by a Deed, to be paid after my decease, then the remainder of my estate is to be equally divided between my two said sons. None of my legacies to be paid by my executors during my natural life, or that of my said wife. After my decease my executors are to sell my negro man called William and my negro woman named Gense. All that is due to me from my son Joseph my executors are to use toward paying my debts and legacies. I make my son-in-law, Thomas Reeve and my son James, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Hempsted, Mehetable Hempstead, spinster, Lydia Tuthill. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 218.—In the name of God, Amen. I MARY DAWSON, widow, of New York, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave unto my granddaughter, Mary Meeks, £40. Unto my daughter Sarah, the wife of David Man, all my household furniture, excepting one desk and one cupboard; Also, the half of my wearing apparel; one black gown, first choice. Unto my granddaughter Elizabeth, the daughter of Alias Anderson, one black crape gown and one short cloak. Likewise to my said granddaughter, Mary Meeks, one callicoe gown and one quilted petticoat. The remainder of my personal estate to be divided equally to my three daughters, Sarah, Mary and Susannah. Whereas Alias Anderson, the husband of my daughter Susannah is justly indebted to me in the sum of £70, lent to him about twenty-three years past, that sum is to be deducted out of the share of my daughter Susannah. Whereas my son, Richard Dawson, deceased, is indebted to me in the sum of £140, to discharge a debt to Cornelius Tiebout, as may appear by a bond, I give the same claim and demands of that sum to my two grandsons, Charles and James, the sons of my son Richard, for their father's portion. Whereas certain sums are due to me by note and account of my son, Bosevelt Dawson, deceased, they shall be equally divided among my three daughters. Whereas Minard Van Everen, then the husband of my daughter Mary, now the wife of Archard Getfield, is justly indebted to me by bond £132, with interest, the same is to be deducted out of the share of my said daughter. I make my trusty son-in-law, David Man, butcher, executor.

Dated January 16, 1783. Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gantier, inn-keeper, Henry Brevoort, Jacob Berhart. Proved, March 17, 1783.

Page 220.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, REM COUWENHOVEN, of the Township of Brookland, Kings County, being very sick in body. All my just and law-

ful debts to be paid. Having considerable real estate in common with my brother John, to make a just division between him and me, I authorize my son John to divide the same as for me personally, and to sign releases. Unto my said son, my homestead and farm where I now live; bounded westerly by the corner of the homestead formerly my father's, nearly opposite Michael Bergen's; along the highroad to Doctor Duncan's land; and so along Dr. Duncan's, Benson's, brother John's, etc.; and along the farm I lately bought of Mr. Foxcraft; and along the Bevoise's estate and the homestead on which my mother now lives; containing about 90 acres; together with the buildings and improvements. Likewise unto my son John, my piece of land commonly called Direk on Camp, containing 23 acres; Also, my part of the Hock Common, so called, about 21 acres of land and meadow; Also, my land known as Yellow Waters Camp, now in fence, about 27 acres.

Unto my son Nicholas, all the plantation which I bought of Mr. Foxcraft, and rented to Mr. Rierson, and its buildings and improvements; Also, my land known as Aughterse Camp, containing in fence, about 27 acres; Also my meadow in the Wallabought; Also, a small narrow stretch of land adjoining, about 2 acres. As to my half part of the homestead where my mother now lives, as subject to the encumbrance thereon, my executors, if they think best, or necessary to pay my debts or legacies, are to sell it at publick or private sale. The remainder of my real estate, as soon as divided to go to my sons, John and Nicholas, in equal shares. Unto my daughter Caty, £1,000. Unto my daughter Sally, £700 out of my estate. If there is a deficiency in my Cash Books, debts and proceeds of sale, my sons, in consideration, shall pay such deficiency to my daughter as they respectively arrive to lawful age. My household and kitchen furniture, plate, stock of horses and cattle, farming utensils and slaves, unto all my children, viz.: John, Nicholas, Caty,

and Sally, in equal shares. I make my brother Nicholas, my son John, and Peter Lefferts, executors. The 14th of January, 1782.

Witnesses, Nicholas Couwenhoven, Esquire; Peter Lefferts, yeoman; John R. Couwenhoven, bolter; all of Kings County. Proved, February 10, 1783.

NOTE.—This will was unsigned, being "marked" by the testator.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PONTIUS PINTARD, late of the Coast of Africa, and now on my way to London, considering the frailty of life. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid before any division of my estate be made. Unto my honoured mother Abigail, now the widow of Jonathan Lewis, deceased, late of Staten Island, one half of the rents and profits of all the estate, real or personal, that I shall die possessed of, for and during her natural life. Unto the three children of my late brother, John Pintard, the income of one fourth of my estate towards their support until they respectively are twenty-one or marry. Unto the children of my sister Abigail, now wife of Malachia White, of Toms River, Monmouth County, East New Jersey, the income of the remaining one fourth of my estate payable in like manner and purpose. No division to be made until the decease of my mother; after which, if any of my nephews or nieces shall become of age, or marry, then an equal share shall be paid to such legatees as they respectively come of age, or marry. I make my loving kinsmen Louis Pintard and Anthony Van Dam, of the City of New York, merchants. Will not dated. (Signed) PONTIUS STILLE PINTARD.

Witnesses, Wynant Van Zandt, of the said city, pump-maker; John Roome, John Hamilton. Proved, March 25, 1783.

Page 223.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN PELT, of Staten Island, Richmond County, weaver,

being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. I leave to my son John, ten shillings. After my decease, within one year, all my real and personal estate to be sold; proceeds to pay debts, charges, and above legacy. The overplus to be divided between my son George and my four daughters, viz: Mary, Rachel, Lucrece, and Sary, and my two grandchildren, John and Mary, children of my daughter Susannah, deceased; my son George to have £6, to my daughters and two grandchildren, £2; and in like proportion for what there is. The share of any of said children dying under age and without issue to be equally divided between the survivors. I make my brother, Anthony Van Pelt, and John Mersereau, son of John Mersereau, deceased, executors.

Dated May 16, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Latourette, John Van Pelt, farmer, John Vanpelt. Proved, March 26, 1783.

Page 224.—These Presents witnesseth that I, ZEBULON SEAMAN, of Jerusalem, in the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being this tenth day of October, 1778, of perfect mind and memory. All my estate, real and personal, to be sold at the discretion of my executors. I leave all unto my three nephews, viz: Jacob, Zebulon, and Rowland Seaman, in equal shares, after my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid. I make Jonathan Rowland and Thomas Seaman, schoolmaster, executors.

Witnesses, Israel Seaman and Samuel Jackson, both of Hempstead, yeomen; and Almy Seaman. Proved, March 12, 1783.

Page 225.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DUNSCOMB, of the City of New York, cooper, being in an infirm state of health. My body to be interred in a pitch pine coffin coloured black, and well polished, with a Hart and my name and age and cross-bones upon it. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I

leave to my worthy friend, John Saunders, the choice of one full and whole suit of my best apparel. All my real and personal estate, except the above mentioned, to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to be divided as follows: Unto Eljie, wife of my son John, as a Testimony of the particular regard I have for her, £10 to buy her mourning apparel. Unto my grandson, Daniel Dunscomb, son of my son John, £50, as a testimony of my approbation of his good demeanour to me. Unto my son-in-law, Israel Muns, £100. Unto my son Dennis, on his return to this City, if that should so happen, and my executors shall think that his future behaviour merits it, £100. The remainder of my whole estate to be divided into three equal parts; one part for the children of my daughter Hannah, in equal shares; a like part to my daughter Ellinor; the remaining part to be divided into two equal shares, one share unto my said grandson, Daniel Dunscomb, and the other unto his two sisters equally. Should my executors decide that my son Dennis does not merit the £100 given to him, then that sum is to be divided among the said children of my daughter Hannah, the three aforesaid children of my son John, and to my daughter Ellinor. I make my son-in-law, Daniel Muns, my daughter Ellinor, my grandson Daniel, and my friend, John Saunders, executors.

Dated February 19, 1783. Witnesses, Jarvis Roebuck, trader; and John Barrow, baker; both of the City of New York; and Bartholomew Crannell. Proved, March 31, 1783.

Page 227.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PITCHER, of New York, Commissary of the Musters of His Majesty's Forces in North America, being of perfect mind and memory. After my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I leave to my nephew, Thomas Huntington, my lands and tenements situate in the Counties of Westchester and Albany. Should he die

without issue, then the said estates to my loving sisters, Eleanor Huntington and Grace Pitcher. In case of failure of their issue, then to next of kindred of the family of Pitchers I descended from, of Somersetshire, Old England. Unto my said sister Eleanor, £50 lawful money of Great Britain. Unto my niece, Ann Huntington, a like sum of like money. Unto my said sister Grace, all the remainder of my monies, rents, debts due to me, to her use and behoof excepting such sums I may be possessed of in the Publick Bonds of England; such sums to remain in said Funds; the interest arising therefrom to go to my sisters Eleanor and Grace during their natural lives; the survivor of either to have the whole interest; when both die, the said principal to go equally to my nephew and niece, Thomas and Ann Huntington. I make my loving sister, Grace Pitcher, of Wells, in Somersetshire; William Porter, Esquire, Deputy Commissary of Musters; and Mr. Cornelius Clopper, merchant, of New York, executors; they to pay my just debts and legacies abovementioned, with all convenient speed after my decease.

Dated March 1, 1782. Witnesses, Daniel Ten Eyck, of the City of New York, black-smith, Abraham Ten Eyck, William Harris. Proved, April 1, 1783.

Page 229.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HUDSON, of Gilderson, in Yorkshire, merchant, at present residing in the City of New York, being very weak in body. After all my just debts be paid, I leave my whole personal and real estate to my brother, William Hudson; to hold the latter upon trust and condition nevertheless that he and his heirs shall pay unto my honoured mother, Sarah Hudson, one half the yearly profits of my real estate to her own use during her natural life. I make my said brother in England, and Mr. George Campbell, victualer, of New York, executors.

Dated September 1, 1782. Witnesses, Matthew Gem-

mil, Broughton Reynolds, of New York, inn-keeper; Joshua Meals. Proved, April 7, 1783.

Page 230.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighth day of January, 1775. I, ISRAEL CARMAN, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in a good state of health. I leave to my well-beloved wife Milley one bed, bedstead and cord, and sufficient bedding; also, my cupboard, three chairs, one iron pot, one trammel, one frying pan, fire shovel and tongs, six pewter plates, one pewter platter, one pewter bason, six knives and forks, one table, six spoons and one cow; she to take choice. Likewise, unto her, the use of as much more of my household goods as my executors shall think she is in need of, provided she maintains my children as I direct. All my real and personal estate to be sold. All my just debts to be paid out of proceeds; my wife to have the interest of net proceeds in lieu of dower, providing she takes a prudent care of my children until they are of fit age to be put out to trades or some calling most to their advantage. At her death or marriage, my estate to be divided among my children. Unto my daughters, Martha and Catren, £10 each; unto my sons, William and Daniel, £20 each. In case I should have any more children, hereafter, not above mentioned, they are to have an equal share in proportion with the rest. Unto my father, Daniel Carman, all my wearing apparel. My executors to take such charge of my children to instruct them for their good, as I myself could. I make John Mott, my uncle; and James Carman, my brother; both of Hempstead, executors.

(Signed)

ISRAEL CARMAN.

Witnesses, James Southard, of Hempstead, yeoman; William Langdon, Martha Sealey. Proved, March 29, 1783.

Page 232.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of March, 1779, I, WILLIAM POOL, of Hempstead,

Queens County, N. Y., make this will. My moveable estate to be sold and the proceeds divide as follows: one fourth part to my well beloved wife Mary, the other three parts to my well beloved daughters, Sarah, Lette, and Elizabeth Pool, equally divided and to be paid as they arrive to the age of eighteen. My lands and tenements to be sold and out of the proceeds all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. The overplus I give to, my well beloved sons, namely: Thomas and Pearse Pool, equally, to be paid when Pearse is twenty-one. Wife Mary to have the interest of the money paid to her for the bringing up of the children until they are of age. I make my brother-in-law, Archelos Langdon, and my trusty friend, James Carman, both of Hempstead, executors.

Witnesses, Richard Mott, John Langdon, and Isaac Denton. Proved, March 20, 1783.

Page 234.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-eighth day of March, 1782. I, NATHANIEL FROST, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors, namely: Nancy Frost, my well-beloved wife; Archable Langdon, James Sealy. They to sell as much of my lands as to pay my debts. I leave to my wife Nancy, one bed and bedding, one cow, with all other necessary things to keep with, as her own property, in lieu of dower; my house and all my lands on the south side of the road leading from the Plains to Near Rockaway, while my widow. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Langdon, £20. Unto my daughter Mary, two cows and calves, one bed and bedding, as she may choose; and £32. My farm lying on the north side of said road to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to be divided among my four sons. My son Jacob to have £5 first of all. My other farm that my wife lives on, after her marriage or decease, to be sold; the proceeds to be distributed among my four sons, namely; Jacob, Thomas, John, and Stevens. Should any die before

twenty-one or without lawful issue, then their parts to go to my surviving sons equally. My meadows lying at Hungry Harbour unto my four sons equally.

Witnesses, Cornelius V. Nostrand, Benjamin Mott, yeoman, Richbell Mott. Proved, March 29, 1783.

Page 235.—In the name of God, Amen. March, 6th day, 1783. I, JOHN SMITH, of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being sick and weak. My just debts and funeral charges being first satisfied, my executors are to sell all my moveable estate. The proceeds, with the money I have at interest and elsewhere, to be disposed of as follows: I leave to my loving son Samuel, the £10 that he borrowed of me, and £10 more to be taken out of the £25 he hired of me; also all my wearing apparel. Unto my grandson John, son of Samuel Smith, £20. Unto my granddaughter, Abigail Doxsey, £25, to be paid when she is eighteen. My executors to keep £25 at interest; the interest to be given to my loving daughter Margret, wife of John Thurston, as long as she lives. Should her husband die before her, then she is to have the aforesaid £25. Unto my son William's four children, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Jane, and Johanas Smith, £40, in equal shares; Also, the remainder of my estate, unto my loving grandchildren, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Jane, Johanas, John, James, and Mary Smith and Abigail Doxsy. Whereas, I have given to my daughter, Margaret Thurston, £25, if her husband die before her, she is to have the £25; but if she die before her husband, then the £25 is to go to all my eight grandchildren in equal shares. I make my loving friends, Uriah Bedell, and Joshua Pettit, executors.

Witnesses, James Wood, of Hempstead, yeoman; Isaac Pettit, Jr., William Tucker, of Hempstead, yeoman. Proved, March 27, 1783.

Page 237.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH SCUDDER, of New Town, Queens County, being at this

time in good health. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. My estate of whatever kind or nature to be sold at publick vendue. Sufficient provision to be made for the maintenance of my negro man Purse out of my estate, after he becomes unable to maintain himself. I leave £25 to Sarah Denmon, daughter of my sister, Deborah Denmon. Unto my beloved sister, Mary Rume, the remainder of my estate. Should she die before she can receive the aforesaid legacy, then it is to be equally divided among her children, namely: John Rume, Sarah Southard, Mary Lowsey, and Elizabeth Bates. Should my executors agree to keep a certain sum in Bank for the maintenance of my said negro man, and it should be more than sufficient to maintain him, the overplus to be paid to my sister, Mary Rume, or to her children. I make my trusty friends, Richard Alsop, Esq., and Capt. George Rapelje, executors.

Dated March 28, 1781. Witnesses, James Harper; John Rapelje, son of George Rapelje, of New Town, inn-keeper; George Rapelje, junior. Proved, April 2, 1783.

Page 239.—In ye name of God, Amen. I, SHAD-
ERICH FERRY, of Smith Town, County of Suffolk, being weak in body, do this first day of February, 1783, make this will. My funeral expenses to be paid, likewise my just debts. I leave to my loving wife Mary, the equal third part of all my lands, to be improved by her during her natural life; and one room in the house; all my household goods; one horse and half my neat cattle and smaller stock; except one bed. Unto my loving brother Thomas, all my lands, house and barns, and the said bed; ordering him to take and bring up ye youngest child of James Morris, providing for it whatever is needful for its comfort and subsistence till it is of age, provided its friends shall give consent. Also to him, the remainder of my stock and my farming utensils to carry on farming. After payment of debts,

the remainder of my ready money to be equally divided between my wife and my brother Thomas. I make my wife and my brother Thomas, and Joseph Blydenburgh, executors.

(Signed) SHADRACH TERRY.

Witnesses, Joseph Blydenburgh, Timothy Mills, yeoman, Joshua Hart. Proved, February 13, 1783.

Page 240.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MAPES, of Southold, in ye County of Suffolk, being sick and weak in body. After my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I leave to my well beloved wife Deliverance, all my lands, buildings, and improvements, together with all my real and personal estate, while my widow. If she marry, to have £100 and a horse and riding chair. Unto my two sons, namely: James Hawkins Mapes and Jonas Mapes, each a Bible; to be purchased out of my estate. Unto my daughter Joannah, a Bible. Should my wife marry, all my estate (except the dowry above mentioned), to go to my said two sons and daughter, in equal shares. I make my wife and my brother-in-law, Joseph Hawkins, executors.

Dated February 5, 1783. Witnesses, Joel Conkling, Joseph Homan, yeoman, Joseph Gerard. Proved, March 17, 1783.

Page 241.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILHELMUS STOOHOFF, of the Township of Flat Lands, Kings County, being of a sound and perfect understanding and memory. First, all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my estate. I leave to Aeltje, my dear and loving wife, my best cupboard, bed, bedstead, and its furniture; Also, my best horse and riding chair, for her own use, while my widow. At her death or marriage, the same to be sold by my executors for the benefit of my estate. Unto my two sons, Johannis and Wilhelmus, a lot of salt meadow lying on the north side of the island called by the

Indian name of Wypnagne; being bounded easterly by meadow of Elias Hubbard, southerly by a ditch near the upland of said island, westerly by meadow of said Johannis Stoothoff, northerly by the creek; Also, all my rights, and claims in the Common and undivided lands and meadows lying within the Patent of Andrias Huddle and Wolfert Gerresten, and in the Patent of Flat Lands; Also, my rights and seats in the Dutch Church of Flat Lands; all to be equally divided between them. My lands and meadows in the Township of Flat Lands (except what is bequeathed to my sons), shall be sold by my executors at some convenient time after my decease, amongst my five sons, namely: Johannes, Albert, Wilhelmus, Abraham, and Peter, to the highest bidder. Unto my son Peter, £500; unto my sons, Albert, Johannis, Wilhelmus, Abraham, and Peter, each one equal sixth part of the remainder of my estate. Unto my two granddaughters, daughters of my son, Garret Stoothoff, deceased, namely: Aelje and Deborah, the remaining sixth part, equally; payable by my executors as they respectively are twenty-one. My five sons shall pay to my wife Aelje, £8, 6s. 8d., on the first day of May next after my decease, and yearly on same date, each the like sum, while she is my widow. The joint portions, said Aelje and Deborah to be subject to same annual payments for like term. I make my sons, Albert, Johannes, Wilhelmus, and Abraham, executors.

Dated February 1, 1781. Witnesses, Gerryt Wyckoff, Peter G. Wyckoff, Jeromus Lott; all of Flat Lands, yeomen. Proved April 14, 1783.

Page 243.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COVENHOVEN, of the City of New York, baker, being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my dearly beloved wife Mary, all my real and personal estate. I make my said loving wife, executrix.

Dated June 12, 1781. Witnesses, Joshua Pell; Ed-

ward Mooney, of the City of New York, butcher; John Woods, Jr. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 244.—In the name of God, Amen. I, COMFORT CORNELL, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, being weak of body, do this first day of August, 1782, make my will. I leave to my well beloved wife Elizabeth, two cows such as she shall choose, my chair horse and riding chair. Unto my wife, and unto my two daughters, Abigail and Alice, and to each child or children of mine as shall happen to be born after my decease, all my household goods, money, and all other moveables within doors, in equal shares. My wife to have the keeping of said property until my children are of lawful age. The residue of my moveable estate to be sold by my executors at publick vendue, except my negroes which are to be sold before or after said vendue; the proceeds of both sales to be disposed of hereafter. My whole estate to be sold by my executors after consulting with my brother, Samuel Cornell, whether it will be convenient for him to sell the whole estate together; if not convenient, to measure off my equal half thereof agreeable to an instrument in writing bearing date October 11, 1781, at such time and terms as they shall think most advantageous, and that it be turned into money; the proceeds to be disposed of as follows: All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid; the residue to be put out at interest for the maintenance of my wife and the maintenance and education of my children. I make my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, and my trusty and well-beloved friends, Joseph Lawrence and Jacob Suydam, all of Flushing, executors.

Witnesses, Frederic Jahn, yeoman, Enoch Gerrish, school-master, Hannah Embree. Proved, March 24, 1783.

Page 246.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID JONES, of the City of New York, tailor, being weak in

body. After my just debts and funeral expenses are defrayed I leave to my dear beloved wife Mary, the interest of my whole estate, real and personal, during the term of her natural life. After her death the whole principal to be equally divided between my mother (if living), and my brothers' and sisters' children, always excepting that my wife is at free liberty after my decease to give (by will only), her share of a house and lot in William Street (which was left by her father equally to her and her sister), to whomsoever she pleases. After my decease if any debts or book accounts should be recovered or any money on my account, the same is to be invested in real property, or put out at interest, which is to be (as all the rest) for the behoof of my wife; saving nevertheless, that the principal is to be divided as aforesaid, with the exception of a legacy I desire to be paid to George Powers, son of George Powers, butcher, at Brooklin, Nassau Island, of £30 when he is twenty-one. Should he die before his majority, the said sum is to go to his brother, James Powers. Should neither come to age, then it is to descend to my wife. I make my dearly beloved wife, my loving friends, George Powers, of Brooklyn Ferry on Nassau Island, butcher, and George Stanton, of the City of New York, carpenter, executors.

Dated July 10, 1782. Witnesses, John Cowling, of the City of New York, George Powers, Mary Jones. Proved, April 28, 1783.

Page 247.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of August, 1781, I, Michael Demot, of Hempstead, Queens County, blacksmith, being at this time sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my well-beloved son John, all my tools or utensils that I have belonging to the blacksmith's trade. Unto my beloved daughter Else, wife of Christian Snedecor, £100, to be levied out of my estate. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mary Skidmore, £100, to be paid as my executors think her

wants or needs do require. Should she die before she shall receive the whole sum, the remainder to be equally divided among her children. Unto my well-beloved daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Foster, £100. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mariam Demot, £100 payable when she is eighteen; Also, two cows and all the household goods that were her mother's. Unto my well-beloved granddaughter, Marj am Snedecor, £5 out of my moveable estate. Unto my said three daughters, all my indoor household moveables (not before bequeathed), and likewise, one negro girl named Mol in equal and ratable proportion. Unto my well-beloved three sons, John, Samuel and Abraham, all my outdoor moveables also my houses, buildings, lands and meadows that I have and may have, to be equally divided. The remaining part of my lands and meadows and housings to be equally divided among my three sons. I make my brother John and Samuel Demot and my son-in-law, Christian Snedecor, executors.

Witnesses, James Everit, and Richard Hewlett and Nathen Skidmore, both of Hempstead, yeomen.

Codicil. This twenty-fifth day of September, 1782, I make this codicil. Whereas, in my last will, I have given to my three sons, John, Samuel, and Abraham, all my lands to be equally divided; now, whereas my said son Samuel, lieth very sick and weak in body, and in case he should die before he shall be entitled to said lands or legacies so given to him, I order that that part which should have befallen unto him shall be equally divided between my other two sons, John and Abraham. I make my son Abraham, another executor. (Same witnesses). Proved, April 7, 1783.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GARRET SLEIGHT, of the City of New York, butcher, being weak in body this fifteenth day of May, 1767. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Catherine, all my estate, real and personal. I make my loving wife Catharine and my

good friends, William De Peyster and Benjamin Stout, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham De Peyster; Elias Anderson, of the City of New York, inn-keeper; Samuel Wall. Proved, September 11, 1780.

Page 251.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JANE GARRISON, of the City of New York, being sick in body. I give to Mrs. Frances Jones, widow, £10. The one equal fourth part of my real estate to my half-brother, Nicholas Kortright; a like part to my half sister, Frances Norris; a like portion to the three children of my sister, Mrs. Tilton, Bertrang, Nicholas and Elizabeth in equal shares; the remaining fourth part to Abraham Bertrang, son of my brother. My executors as soon as possible after my decease to sell my real estate; the proceeds with the residue of my personal estate (after paying the above legacies and all debts and funeral charges), to go as follows: One equal fourth to said Nicholas Kortright; should he die before the sale, the legacy to go to his children in equal shares. A like part to said Frances Norris; should she marry, then to her children equally. A like part to the abovenamed children of my sister, Mrs. Tilton. The remaining one fourth part to said Abraham Bertrang, son of my brother. But as it is uncertain whether he is living, if he should not be heard of within two years after my decease, his part to go to Nicholas Kortright, Frances Norris, and to the children of Mrs. Tilton. I make my sister, Mrs. Tilton, my half sister, Frances Norris, and Frances Jones, widow, executors.

Dated November 29, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius I. Bogert, of the City of New York, Esquire; Isaac Demilt, Mary Downey. Proved, May 19, 1783.

Page 253.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON HUSTIS, of Philips's Manor, Westchester County, yeoman, being very weak but of perfect mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid.

I leave to my son Solomon, the farm in Dutchess County with the appurtenances, with this reserve: to pay a certain bond of £100 to John Hunt, of Philips's Manor; and likewise £30, which is part of a note I owe Madam Oglesby; likewise, unto him £15. Unto my son Charles, £15. Unto my sons, Jesse and Samuel, my negro boy named Taf. Unto my sons, Jonathan and Edward, £15 each. Unto my oldest daughter, Bershaba, £20; likewise two milk cows and my bilsted cupboard and her feather bed and bedding. Unto my daughters, Mary, Phebe and Sarah, £15 each. Unto my son in law — Williams, ten shillings. The reason why I make this statement: he had his portion before. Unto my sons, Jesse and Samuel, the house and lot in the City of New York in Queen Street near Mr. Kisick's; and the farm whereon I now live in Philips's Manor, with everything thereunto belonging; Also, my household goods and moveable effects, with this condition: that they maintain my son John for life, in victuals, drink, washing, mending, and lodging, and at his death a Christian burial; likewise to maintain my loving wife Phebe for life; she to have the best room in the house to live in, a milk cow to her use, and Bersheba to live with her; my wife to have a decent Christian burial. I make Solomon Hustis, Jesse Hustis, and Samuel Hustis, my three sons, executors.

Dated September 6, 1782. Witnesses, John Slegt, yeoman, and Job Vail, miller, both of Westchester County; and Edward Vermilya. Proved, May 19, 1783.

Page 255.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM LAKE, of the City of New York, being very weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth, all the household furniture and effects that I have which was given to her by her father; Also, £200 in lieu of dower. The remainder of my personal estate

to be sold. The remainder of my estate unto my three children, namely: Elizabeth, David, and John, in equal shares. The proceeds of sale of my estate, and all other monies, to be put at interest, which shall go to maintain and educate my children. My executors to pay to my said daughter Elizabeth, her portion when she is sixteen years old; to my sons, when they are twenty-one, or marry. I make my two brothers, Daniel and Joseph Lake, of the County of Richmond, executors.

Dated February 26, 1783. Witnesses, Paul Micheau, Esq., John Micheau, Esq., Joseph Cuyon, yeoman; all of County of Richmond. Proved, May 17, 1783.

Page 256.—In the name of God, Amen. The thirtieth day of August, 1778. I, MARTHA MARSHALL, widow of John Marshall, of the County of Richmond, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my daughter Catharine, two milch cows. Unto my son Abraham, one milch cow. All my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my two daughters and my granddaughter, Martha Mersereau. My bed, bedstead and all the furniture which belonged to my daughter Mary, deceased, unto my granddaughter, Mary Marshall, daughter of my son Abraham. Unto my said daughter Catherine, one bed and its furniture, which she now has in possession. Each of my grandchildren that bear my name, both of my son's daughters, shall have as much money out of my estate as will buy each of them a gold ring, leaving the value of the same to my executors. The remainder of my estate to go as follows: One third part to my daughter Martha, wife of Daniel Van Leift; a like part to my daughter Catharine; the remaining third part to the children of my daughter Frances, deceased, in the following manner: £15 to my granddaughter, Martha Mersereau; £5 to my grandson, David Mersereau; the remainder of said third part to be equally divided between my four

grandchildren (children of my said daughter Frances), namely: Martha, abovenamed, John, Paul and David. I make my trusty friends, Benjamin Seaman and John Micheau, Esq., executors.

Witnesses, John Bedell Jr., ferryman, Bornt Parlee, Peter Parlee farmer. Proved, May 16, 1783.

NOTE.—Benjamin Lazalere, of County of Richmond, farmer, was granted Letters of Administration on May 22, 1783.

Page 258.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BENNETT, late of the Town of Broomsgrove, County of Worcester and Kingdom of Great Britain, at present of the City of New York, jeweller. I leave to my beloved brother Thomas, one guinea; to my beloved wife Ann, late Anna Sneith (Smith?), daughter of — Sneith (Smith?) and Elizabeth Sneith (Smith?), all the remainder of my estate, real and personal. I make my wife Ann, executrix.

Dated April 28, 1783. There being no stamps in this country. Witnesses, Samuel Brownjohn, of the City of New York, gentleman; John Benny, James Barclay. Proved, May 26, 1783.

Page 259.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD FORTIN, belonging to the ship *Prince William Henry*, commanded by Capt. Braien. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my esteemed friend, William Tillet of the *Prince William Henry*, belonging to Mr. "Ren-eldeer" of New York, both my real and personal estate. I make William Gordon, executor.

Dated December 16, 1782. Witnesses, William Tillet and William Gordon, of the City of New York, grocer. Proved, May 28, 1783.

Page 260.—Memorandum that on the seventh day of May, 1783, Marianne Randall, of the City of New York, being sick of the sickness whereof she died on the same day, did at her own house in said City, make and declare her last will and testament non-cupative

in manner and form following, that is to say: I give to Mrs. Lanah Brown of said city, widow, the house and lot now in her possession, as she has paid rent regularly and been a good neighbour. Unto Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, now living in a house and lot of ground in Barrack Street, which she formerly rented, together also with a small apartment now in the possession of Mr. Buckhouse, to become her property. These words or the like in effect, the said deceased declared in the presence of witnesses, and others whose names are subscribed with an intention that the same should stand for, and be her last will and testament, and that the said witnesses should bear witness thereunto.

Dated May 9, 1783. Witnesses, Catharine Eckart and Catharine Willis, of the City of New York, widows; Abigail Cook, of said city, married woman. Witnesses to subscription: Mary Hosmer, Cary Ludlow. Proved, May 12, 1783.

Letters of Administration granted to John Cook, gardener; and Abraham Eckart, grocer; both of City of New York, on May 13, 1783.

Page 261.—The fourteenth day of May, 1783. In the name of God, Amen. I, MEREAH CATHARINE SIGLAR, of the City of New York, widow, being well in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my good friend, Benjamin Stout, of said city, merchant, £50. Unto Andrew Stout, son of John Stout, of said city, baker, £25 when he is twenty-one, or marry. Should he die before either happen, his legacy to go to the oldest child of said John Stout. Unto my god-child, Goodheart Siglar, £50 at majority or marriage. My executor to sell at publick vendue or otherwise, as thought meet, all my real and personal estate. Unto Peter and David Grim, both of said city, £50 in trust for the benefit of the congregation belonging to the Lutheran Church in the City of New York which is built in the swamp; to

be applied by them as they shall think best for promoting the general interest and advancement of said church and congregation. Unto George Stuiffer, £10 at majority or marriage. Should Goodheart Seigler or George Stuiffer die under age or unmarried, then his legacy to go to the said Benjamin Stout. The remainder of my estate to Benjamin Stout aforesaid; whom I make executor.

(Signed) MARIA CATHERINE SEIGLAR.

Witnesses, Henry Dow, John Dow, John Woods, of the said city, Esquire. Proved, May 26, 1783.

Page 263.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LUKE TOWNSEND, of the City of New York, mariner. After all my just debts be paid I leave to my beloved wife Experience, and my daughter Elenor, all my estate, real and personal, in equal shares. I make Experience Townsend and my brother, William Townsend, mariner, executors.

Dated June 10, 1779. Witnesses, John Martin, George Grumbel, Robert Wirling, of the City of New York, mariner. Proved, April 14, 1783.

Page 264.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS CORTELYOU, of Staten Island, carpenter, being weak in body. The whole of my estate to be sold and converted into money. My just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. If the legatees shall agree to a suitable and equitable division of my estate among themselves, then the same need not be sold. Unto my wife Sarah, one bed and its furniture, and £50. Unto my son Jacob, a like sum; unto my son Peter, £40 extraordinary. All my wearing apparel to be equally divided between Jacob and Peter. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my wife Sarah and my five children, namely: Eleanor, Martha, Jacob, Mary, and Peter. Should any children die under age, his or her share to go to survivors equally. Whereas my daughter Elenor has already had about £30 more than the rest, that sum is to be deducted from her

part. I make my trusty and well-beloved wife Sarah, my son Jacob and my son-in-law, Edward Beatty, executors.

Dated July 14, 1778. Witnesses, Cornelius Vander-venter, Peter Perine, James Colon, of Richmond County, farmer. Proved, June 9, 1783.

Page 265.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-ninth day of April, 1783. I, CORNELIUS BARKELO, of the County of Richmond, yeoman, being weak in body. All my honest debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife Wintie, the best bed and its furniture, the choice of one milch cow and one horse; one third part of all the household furniture. Unto my eldest son, Abraham, my silver hilted sword. Unto my son John, my silver watch. Unto my son Nicholas, my gun. Unto the said three sons, all my real estate of lands and meadows, with all Rights and Interest equally to be divided between them. My sons to pay to my two daughters, Catharine and Sarah, £50 to each when they become of age or years of maturity. My wife Wintie shall hold and occupy all my real estate until my youngest child shall reach said age. Unto my wife £50, in lieu of dower to be paid at the above term by my three sons out of my real estate. The remainder of my estate to be sold by my Executors in publick vendue for cash. Any remaining cash to be used for the support of my family. Should any of my sons die under age and without heirs, then the shares of them so dying are to be equally divided among the survivors of my sons, or their heirs. The share of a daughter so dying to descend in like manner to the surviving daughter, or her heirs. I make my beloved friend, Nicholas Stillwell, my uncle, and Cornelius Corsen, executors.

(Signed) CORNELIUS BARCKLOW.

Witnesses, Peter Houseman, and Daniel Simonson and Daniel Salter (both tanners). Proved, June 9, 1783.

Page 267.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY STOUTENBOROUGH, of Richmond County, do make this will. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Ephrame Johnson, £60. Unto my daughter Mary, wife of James Laturette, a like sum. Unto my grandchildren, born of my daughter Leanah, deceased, £60, to be equally divided among them, namely: Ann, Abraham, Johanna, Isaac, Jacob, Anthony, James, Aaron, and Leanah, to be paid to each at the time of my death. Unto my wife Mary, the use of my whole estate, real and personal, while my widow, upon condition she makes no waste thereof. Unto my eldest son, John, £25; unto my youngest son, Stephen, £50; to be demanded by them at the death or marriage of my wife. The remainder of the estate at her decease or marriage to be equally divided among my four sons, namely: John, James, Anthony, and Stephen. Should any die before the death or marriage of my wife, and without lawful issue, then the parts of them so dying are to be divided equally among my surviving sons. I make my dearly beloved wife Mary, and my two sons, John and James, executors.

Dated February 8, 1783. Witnesses, Henry Segine, black-smith, and Peter Androvet, farmer, both of said County, and Isaac Doty. Proved, June 9, 1783.

[NOTE.—The executors above named having refused to qualify, Isaac and Cornelius Remsen, sons and legatees were granted letters of administration on July 18, 1783.]

Page 269.—I, JOHN REMSON, of Oysterbay, Queens County, yeoman, being this twenty-first day of March, 1770, sick and weak of body. My executors to pay all my just debts and funeral charges out of my personal estate. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, all those goods and chattels which she brought to me by marriage, in lieu of her dower. My executors to sell all my houses and lands, and collect the money. Then

they are to pay my eldest daughter, Hendrickie Van-wickley, £50, besides what I have given her heretofore. Unto my second daughter, Adrianchy Frost, £50, besides what she has had already. Unto my youngest daughter, Jane Remsen, £50. Likewise unto her, so much more out of my estate as may make her equal to her sisters, for an outset, to be judged by my executors. Unto my eldest son, Harmans, £100. Unto my daughter Hendrickee, my great Bible. After the above legacies are paid, the remainder of said proceeds unto my three sons, Isaac, Cornelius, and George, in equal shares; only this, that my youngest son being yet young, the cost of his education is to be paid out of my estate; my executors to be his guardians, to take care of his Person and estate in his non-age, and to put him to some good trade when he is of suitable age. Should either of my three youngest sons die single, before either of them shall particularly receive their shares, then the deceased son's part to go to the other last two youngest sons. Unto my son Isaac, my silver bowl. The provisions for my family's use I have at my decease shall go towards my family's support within one year after my decease. My wife to have the liberty of dwelling in my house until my lands are sold, she being my widow. I make my loving brothers, Jacob and George Remsen, both of Kings County, and my brother-in-law, John Van Norstrandt, of Oysterbay, executors.

Witnesses, John Remsen, of Oysterbay, yeoman, Abraham Remsen, Samuel Willis. Proved, June 27, 1783.

Page 272.—In the name of God, Amen. I, Christopher Blundell, of the City of New York, Gentleman, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid in some convenient time after my decease by my executors. I give to my executors in trust for my grandson, Christopher Harrison, son of Joseph Harrison, mariner, one certain

paper bond, given by John Martin, deceased, formerly of this city, gunner, and Jeremiah Brown, to me the Testator, and dated the fifth day of May, 1772; conditioned for the payment of £100; with all interest. Unto Mrs. Elizabeth Dimock, sister of my late wife, £20 for mourning. Unto Eleanor Campbell, spinster, £10, in consideration of her care and attention to me. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, unto my children, namely: Mary, wife of said Joseph Harrison, Susannah, wife of Peter Van Brough Livingston, Jr., Esq., Charles Blundell, gentleman, Jane, wife of Thomas Smith, mariner, and Archibald Blundell, in equal shares. The share bequeathed to the said Mary Harrison to be vested in my executors for her sole use. I make Peter Van Brough Livingston, Jr., and Anthony Bolton, cordwainer, executors.

Dated May 26, 1783. Witnesses, James Hunt, of the City of New York, hair-dresser, Isaac Jones, Will Cock. Proved, August 4, 1783.

Page 273.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARICA DEMOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Samuel Carman, £100, to be paid by my executors. Unto my granddaughter, Mary Van Devort, £10, payable of my estate by my executors. The remainder of my estate, after the above legacies and funeral charges be paid. Unto my two sons, John and Jacobus Demott, in equal shares. I make my two said sons and my son-in-law, Samuel Carman, executors.

[NOTE.—The testator's husband, John Demott, also signs, showing his consent to this will.]

Dated August 17, 1780. Witnesses, William Stilwell, Benjamin Pettit, of Hempstead, yeoman, Samuel Stilwell. Proved, July 10, 1783.

Page 275.—Know all men by these Presents, that I, GEORGE YOUNGS, of Cold Spring, in the Township of Huntington, Suffolk County, this thirteenth day of May, 1779, being well in health of body. I leave to my

loving wife Phebe, the use of one half of my house, cellar and barn as she shall choose, while my widow, and of the land that I bought of Gamaliel Conkling, and my meadow land; Also, the mill swamp and my garden. Further unto her, four cows and one horse or mare, my riding chair and all my household goods; an annuity of £60 while my widow, to be paid by my two sons, Israel and Isaac, equally; Also to my wife, £100, to be paid by my three sons equally in three years. They equally to provide sufficient firewood for my wife, cut and brought to the door during her widowhood; she to have sufficient apples and cider yearly and hay for horse and cows. Also unto her, one negro woman as she shall choose. All to be in lieu of dower. Unto my three daughters, Sarah, Mary, and Abigail, in equal shares, two farms: one, with the buildings which I bought of Thomas Valentine; the other, with buildings, which I bought of Tunis Van Cats. Should any die under age and without lawful issue, her part is to fall to the surviving daughters. Should any be unmarried at lawful age, such are to have right to dwell in their mother's house while single. Unto my son Philip, my upper grist mill and fulling mill and press house, and mill dam and pond with their appurtenances; and the swamp above the mill, with all the timber standing on the ground, and the meadow above the upper mill swamp. Also, that piece of land I bought of Gamaliel Conkling to be possessed by him at the marriage or decease of my wife. Likewise unto him, that piece of land I bought of Eponetus Smith; that piece or Right of land I bought of Israel Ketchum; that land I bought of Jeremiah Conkling, it being where my dwelling house and barn now stand; Also, a piece of land I bought of Samuel Townsend, Esq.; and a small piece of land I bought of Richard Jackson at the west end of the upper mill dam. Unto my son Israel that farm of land I bought of Johannis Van Cats, being in the East Woods, with its buildings and appurtenances; Also, £480, payable by

my executors. Unto my son Isaac, the one equal half of all the lower mills, and like part of all the lands bought of Nathaniel Masten, by George Youngs, John Hewlett, Israel Youngs, and Isaac Youngs; together with the one equal half of all the houses, buildings, mills, mill-stones, etc. Unto my three sons, Philip, Israel, and Isaac, all my land and meadow at South; all my plains and lands at Williams' Purchase and Pattent, in equal shares. My executors to sell the remainder of my moveable estate; the proceeds to pay the debts. My two sons, Philip and Isaac, to pay £1,000 to my executors within one year after my decease. I make my friends, William Loyns, Nathaniel Whitson, and my friend, William Conkling, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Hewlett, of Oysterbay, Isaac Whitman, of Huntington, Ezra Barnum, of Cold Spring, Solomon Ketcham, of Huntington, all yeomen.

Codicil. I, GEORGE YOUNGS, having sold the lands given to my daughters in my last will and testament, in consideration whereof they are to have all the proceeds of said sale.

Dated March 1, 1780. Witnesses, Mary W. Miers, Harmon Lefford, of Oysterbay, farmer, Israel Youngs. Proved, October 14, 1782.

Page 218.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES POILLON, of Richmond County, being in a remarkable state of health. My executors to sell these parts of my real and personal estate: my back pasture (so called), containing 36 acres, bounded east, south and west by Peter Poillon, north by the new road (always reserving in the grant a road through the same to the aforesaid new road); Also, a part of my farm bounded on the west side of my farm to begin at the south-east corner of my orchard as the fence now stands and to run in parallel line with Peter Poillon, formerly Lakarman, to the Beach, or as far as my lands and meadows extend, and include all the lands and meadows south of my orchard, as also 4 acres of timber

land; being part of my new Lands, to be bounded on the north by the land of James Seguin and John Morgan, west by Peter Van Pelt, east by Thomas Taylor, and be equal width each end to make up said quantity, with liberty to pass through my land from the Fresh Kill Road to said premises. They to sell said three tracts at discretion; and all my personal estate, except some particular things herein disposed of. Unto my son John, all my wearing apparel; a horse, bridle and saddle (his choice in such as I leave), my watch, gun, pistols, holsters, and sword; Also, all my lands, meadows and improvements in said County of Richmond (except said three tracts), upon condition that he complys with my will as follows: said lands and meadows to be sold, and of the proceeds my executors to pay all just debts and charges that may occur in settling my estate. The residue to be equally divided between my beloved wife, Frances, and my four daughters, Mary, Judeth, Elizabeth, and Adaontia. The legacy to my wife to be in lieu of dower. Should my son die under age and without lawful issue all my lands given to him are to be sold by my executors, and the proceeds to go to my four daughters in equal shares. I make my trusty friends, Christopher Billopp, Esquire, Richard Seaman, and my brother, John Poillon, executors.

Dated February 6, 1778. Witnesses, Daniel Simonson, tailor, Joseph McDaniel, farmer, Isaac Doty.

Codicil. March 24, 1783. Whereas, I appointed Christopher Billopp, Esquire, Richard Seaman, and my brother, John Poillon, executors of my last will, and as two of them, Esquire Billopp and Seaman, have lately removed to the City of New York, it may not be convenient for them to assist in settling my estate, I make other two executors, namely: John Journeay, and my nephew, James Guion, both of the County of Richmond, executors, to act with the three others.

Witnesses, Henry Perine, Jos. Rickit, Isaac Doty. Proved, July 27, 1783.

Page 281.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM WEEKES, of the Township of Oysterbay, Queens County, being in good health, this eighth day of April, 1779. All my funeral charges and just debts to be first paid out of my estate. My real and personal estate to be sold, except that part hereafter mentioned. I leave to my son Nathaniel, £600 in cash, and my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Zeporah, £100, and half of my household goods and furniture. Unto my daughter, Martha Keen's three children, £100 and half of my household goods and furniture. Should either die before majority, the surviving to have the shares of them so dying. Unto my granddaughter, Susannah Weeks, £40. Should she die without issue the legacy to be divided among the rest of my surviving heirs; as also the estates of Nathaniel and Zeporah, so dying. Should my estate be insufficient to pay my debts and legacies, then an equal deduction is to be made from the portions of each heir; but from Nathaniel's, six times as much as from my daughters'. Any overplus to be divided equally between Nathaniel, Zeporah and Martha's three children, namely: Martha, Frances and Daniel. I make Richard Powel, Nathan Weekes, and Harmon Lefford, executors.

Witnesses, James Lefford, of Oysterbay, yeoman, John Lefford, Harmon Lefford. Proved, September 20, 1783.

Page 282.—The fourth day of May, 1775. In the name of God, Amen. I, REM RAMSON, of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being in a reasonable good state of bodily health and strength. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Altia, my dearly beloved wife, my best bed, bedstead, and its complete furniture; one pair of And Irons, and the linen that is in the cupboard; the linen to be divided among my three children when she shall think fit so to do; Also, the use of my sled while my widow. At her death or marriage to go to my two sons, John and An-

thony. Unto my wife and daughter Mary, wife of John Burtis, all my outdoor moveable estate, in equal shares. Unto my three children, John, Anthony and Mary Burtis, all my in-door moveable estate, not herein before given away, in equal shares. Should any die before properly entitled to division, then the shares of them so dying to pass to their children. My wife to have the best room in my dwelling house; my sons, John and Anthony, equally to provide my widow with sufficient food and firewood, and pay her an annuity of £4 each. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mary Burtis, £100 levied out of my estate by my executors. Unto my two aforesaid sons all my lands and meadows now owned or belonging to me at the time of my death, in equal shares. If they cannot agree to divide the property, then my brother Richard shall divide for them. I make my brother, Richard Ransom, and my sons, John and Anthony Ransom, executors.

Witnesses, James Everit and John Burtis, both yeomen, of Hempstead, and Hendrick Burtis. Proved, August 21, 1783.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC DENTON, of Hempstead, Queens County, being now sick and weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Charity, £250 out of my moveable estate; one bed and its furniture, her choice of one good cow, all the meat and grain growing or otherwise; all the poultry I have at my decease; all which is in lieu of dower, and not otherwise. Unto my son James, the house and land where he now lives, adjoining to the Mill Pond; Also, a piece of land, about 6 acres, lying at the east end of Israel Smith's land, which I bought from John Denton; Also, 5 acres of timber land, being part of the land which I bought from Edward Spragg (to be taken out of the north side of my timber land adjoining to Doctor Martin, and to extend from one high way to the other); Also, all my wearing apparel. Unto my son Benjamin, that house and land where he now lives, which I bought

from Elijah Cornell. The remainder of my real and personal estate to be sold by my executors; they to pay out of the proceeds of sale unto my three daughters, namely: Nancy, Mary and Charity, £10 apiece. The remainder, after paying my just debts, funeral charges and legacies, to be divided among my three sons, Isaac, James and Benjamin. I make my two sons, Isaac and Benjamin Denton, executors.

Dated July 18, 1783. Witnesses, Richard Beadle, of Hempstead (yeoman), Abraham Bloom, S. Clowes. Proved, August 22, 1783.

Page 286.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WILLETT, of Flushing, Queens County, being sick, but of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid as soon as conveniently may be. I give my houses and lands in Flushing, and all my real estate to my three sisters, Eleanor Rodman, Susanna Cornell, and Mary Willett, in equal shares. Also, to them, each one third share of all my horses, cows, and stock of every kind, farming utensils and personal estate of every kind. My brother Edward to live with his sisters and have his maintenance with them as long as he shall have an adequate care of them and of the labour and management of the farm. I make my sisters, Eleanor Rodman, Susannah Cornell and Mary Willett, executrices.

Dated September 7, 1782. Witnesses, David Colden, Esq., Thomas Willett, Amon Fowler. Proved, October 9, 1782.

Page 288.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARRY, mariner, belonging formerly to His Majesty's Ship of war *Warwick*, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts to be paid. I leave all my estate unto my friend, Sylvester Harrington, of the City of New York, inn-keeper, whom I make executor.

Dated November 27, 1781. Witnesses, Jeffry Keating, Lewis O'Bryan and John Cornell, of Staten Island, Richmond County, trader. Proved, October 27, 1783.

Page 289.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS IREDELL (or TREDELL), now of the City of New York, mariner, but lately belonging to the privateer *Tryumk*, John Pindir, commander; being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave all my real and personal estate unto my beloved brother, Abraham Iredell (or Tredell), a Lieut. of the Corps of Pioneers belonging to His Majesty's Service; whom I make executor.

Dated July 5, 1781, and in the 21st year of His Majesty's reign.

Witnesses, John Kelly, of the City of New York, Esq., William H. Shackerly, Mark Griffiths. Proved, November 17, 1783.

Memorandum. The above executor qualified on the same day.

END OF LIBER 35.

LIBER 36.

Page 1.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL HULL WICKHAM, being of sound mind and memory. After my just debts be paid, I order that the farm at Warwick, which I bought of Beredick, to be sold, and the place that I bought of Henry Jackson in company to my brother Thomas, to be sold. Likewise the Indigo now in the hands of William Wickham, Esq., about 436 pounds; Also my riding horse. I leave to my sister Abigail, £50 in silver or gold; unto my brother Parker, £50; unto my sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, each £25; unto my sister Jerusha, £100. Unto my brother Thomas, all my wearing apparel; Also, my watch, gold sleeve buttons and brooch and my silver shoe and knee buckles. Unto my executors, £50 each, for their trouble. The remainder of my estate unto my two brothers, Thomas and John, and to the heirs of my deceased brother Joseph. I make my brother John Benjamin Pain, son of my sister Abigail, and friend John Sickles, executors. Unto my brother Thomas, my negro man Cyrus, for my boarding with him several years, for which I have not made him satisfaction.

Dated December 6, 1780. Witnesses, Samuel Denton, of the Precinct of Goshen, hatter; Thomas Swafford, Thomas Wickham. Proved, November 4, 1782, at Goshen in Orange County.

[NOTE.—In the probate of this will the phrase, "The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God, free and independent" is first used. Approved by the Court of Probates at Rumbout, County of Dutchess, March 11, 1783. James Everett was Surrogate; Thomas Tredwell, Esq., Judge, Court of Probates, at Rumbout, County of Dutchess.]

Page 2.—A memorandum of the directions given by Jacob Dunning, deceased, relative to his estate, real and personal, given by him in extremis and committed to writing within three days after his decease; sworn to by three substantial witnesses. His personal estate and a field of land on the west side of the Wall Kill in Ulster County to be sold to pay just debts and funeral charges. One horse to be retained for the use of his wife. The farm where he lived to be equally divided between his two sons; they paying such legacies to his two daughters as the executors shall judge reasonable. The proceeds of sale to go to wife at the discretion of the executors, and after that was paid, ordered that she should be made equal to his daughters. He nominated his wife Keturah, his brother John Dunning and William Holly, executors.

Proved, December 2, 1782. Witnesses, Caleb Smith, yeoman; Abigail, his wife, and Lois, wife of Jabez Noble; all of Goshen Precinct, County of Orange. Will pronounced by testator, on July 27, 1781.

THOS. TREDWELL,
Judge of Probate.

Page 3.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS ARMSTRONG, of Orange County, being weak in body. Having given to my sons, Francis and James, their part of my lands, I leave to my son David, all the lands, improvements, and farming utensils upon condition that he pay the following legacies: Unto my three sons, William, Archibald, and John, each £40, to my deceased son Robert's six children, £40, equally divided and put to use at the discretion of my executors, and paid at lawful age respectively. Unto my well beloved wife Martha, £20, agreeable to a contract made between her and me before marriage. Unto my son David's son, Francis, £20. Unto my son William's son, Robert, £5. All legacies to be paid in gold or silver at the rate of eight shillings for a Spanish milled dollar; and £3, 4s. for a half Johannes weigh-

ing 9 pennyweight, or an equivalent which shall be accepted by the legatees. If my son David does not within one year pay the several legacies, then my executors at discretion are to sell sufficient lands to pay the same. Unto my wife Martha, out of my moveable estate, one cow. Unto my son William my great chair. Unto my son Francis, my great Bible. My wearing apparel to go at the discretion of my executors. The remainder of my estate (except the grain on the ground), the hay and all the provisions that may be in store, and my fast estate, unto my three daughters, Elcey, Mary, and Elizabeth, in equal shares. I make my trusty and well beloved sons, William and Francis, executors.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Newman, William Carr, of the Precinct of Goshen, yeoman. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 5.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES SMITH, of the Precinct of Goshen, being sick and weak of body. I leave to my loving wife Ruth, £100, over and above every article she brought to me at marriage; said sum and all the cattle and household furniture to be her dower of my estate. Should my wife be delivered of a living boy child, he is to have all the remainder of my estate not otherwise disposed of, excepting £30; should it be a daughter, she is to have the said remainder excepting £50. Unto my niece, Sarah Bradner, £30, if my child be a son; if a daughter, £50. For the better care of my said child my wife is to have the custody of it until six years of age, she to have out of said child's portion, £8 for the first year and £4 every other year. For my child's better education, the tuition and custody then to pass to my executors in such manner as they shall think proper, while unmarried, if a boy, under twenty-one; if a girl, eighteen, or marriage. My wife and niece, Sarah Bradner, to have their legacies within a year after my decease. If my child die under age and without issue,

my said niece to have the further sum of £40. Unto my wife's son, Daniel Carpenter, £50. Unto my nephews, Asa, Richard, and John Smith, sons of John Smith, each £50. Unto my nephew William, son of John Smith, £60. Unto my nephews, Jonathan and Enus, sons of my brother, William Smith, £50 each. Unto my nephews, George and William, sons of my brother, Joshua Smith, deceased, £100 and £50 respectively. My executors to pay my just debts, funeral charges and legacies in some convenient time after my decease. The remainder of my estate unto my said nephews, Asa, Richard, John, and William, equally between them. I make my nephew, John Smith, and Samuel Gale, of Galesborough, executors.

Dated December 6, 1782. Witnesses, John Smith, of Goshen Precinct, cooper; John Smith, junior; Caleb Smith, of said precinct, weaver. Proved, January 20, 1783.

Page 7.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL HEVENER, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak of body. My just debts to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave all my real and personal estate to my beloved wife Eve, and my three children, Susana, Rodia, and Elizabeth, in equal shares; to be sold or kept, at the discretion of my executors, for their good. I make my beloved wife Eve, my father-in-law, Hendrick Shrop, and my beloved friend, Lodawick Elsefer, executors.

Dated December 15, 1782. Witnesses, Peter Shop, of Rhinebeck Precinct, trader; Valentine Trumport, Ananias Cooper. Proved, March 28, 1783.

Page 8.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES JOHNSON, a soldier in Colonel Philip Van Cortlandt's, belonging to the State of New York, being exceeding weak and in ill health. I leave all my real and personal estate in possession or reversion or remainder,

to Jacobus Freer, of Poughkeepsie, farmer, whom I make executor.

Dated April 23, 1782. Witnesses, William Hyer; William Wilsey, of Dutchess County, yeoman; Barent Frear. Proved, November 19, 1782.

Page 9.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WERNER DEYGERT, of Canajoharie District, Tryon County, being in bodily health. If my true and lawful wife Lana should survive me, she is to have full possession of all my estate for life. At her decease to go as follows: Unto my eldest son, Han Yost Deygert, ten shillings in right of primogeniture; Also, the two lots of land commonly known as Lots No. 5 and 18, situate on the Fall Hill; together with two horses and a mare. Should he die without lawful issue, then the said lands are to remain in the possession of his wife, Marilla Deygert, while his widow. On her marrying again, the lands to go to my second son, Zepherenus, on consideration that he pay to each of his own sisters, £40. If my eldest son have lawful issue, then the lands are to go to his heirs. Unto my said son Zepherenus, two lots of land; one on which I now live, known as Lot No. 8; and Lot No. 9; situate on the Fall Hill; together with two horses and a mare. Should he die without lawful issue, then the said lands are to be equally divided among the rest of my children. Unto my daughters, Mary, Catharine, Anna, Elizabeth, Lana, and Mary Catharine, 600 acres of land lying in Burnett's field district, known as the New Patent. After the decease of me and my wife, the house where I now live, together with all the stock on the farm (except what is herein given away), all lands, monies, debts and other dues to be equally divided. My two daughters, Lana and Mary Catharine, at the time of their marriage, to have the like portion of goods as their other sisters had at marriage, before the goods are divided. I make my true and trusty friends, Nicholas Herckheimer, Peter Deygert, and George Henry Bell, executors.

Dated June 16, 1777. Witnesses, George Hendrick Bell; Nicholas Bell, of Fall Hill, farmer; Isaac Johnson. Proved, April 6, 1782.

Page 11.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AUGUSTINES HESS, yeoman, of Burnatsfield, Tryon County, being in perfect health of body. I leave to my eldest son, John, for his birthright, all my blacksmith's tools. Unto my dearly beloved wife Anna, for life or widowhood, the possession of my lot of lowland No. 31 for her support, if my sons, Fridrich and Conrath, should refuse to maintain her with every necessary thing. I appoint my said two sons to maintain my son Nicholas during his life, and my daughter Eva, while unable to maintain themselves in food, clothes, and lodging. If they refuse so to do, my executors are to provide the same and charge the same against my two sons; they also, are to pay my daughter Eva, £60, at her marriage. Unto my said two sons, my lot of land No. 31, where I now live; likewise my whole share of my grandfather lillo's land of Lot No. 29; Also, the whole lot of woodland No. 31 which joins on my lowland; my lot No. 20 in the fire busch, all to be divided into equal shares. Unto my other six sons, namely: John, George, Augustines, Christian, Jost, and Daniel, the lot of woodland Nos. 12, 54, 67 and 100, all in southernmost tract, No. 7 in middle tract; to be divided equally. Unto my sons, Conrath, Jost, and Daniel, each a horse and a cow. Unto my daughter Anna, a cow and a feather bed, and £60 to be provided by my two sons, Frederick and Conrath. The remainder of my moveable estate to be equally divided between all my children, John, Frederick, George, Augustines, Nicholas, Christian, Conrath, Daniel, Jost, Elizabeth, Catharine, Anna, and Eva. The wagons, plows, harrows, and chaise to go to my sons, Frederick, Conrath, and Daniel. I make my sons, John, Augustines, Christian, and Frederick, executors.

Dated May 29, 1779. Witnesses, Christian Schell,

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Dated May 29, 1779. Witnesses, Christian Schell,

Frederick Fox, Nickel Staring. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 13.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS NEWKIRCK, of Fishkill, Dutchess County, being weak in body, this thirteenth day of November, 1763. I leave to my dear and loving wife Maria, for life, all my estate. Unto my four sisters, co-heirs of my estate, £20 each, out of my estate after my wife's decease, because they shall make no further claim, namely: Annatie Cutler, Janitie Van Etten, Engetti Rickman, and Cornelia Van Kuren. Unto my loving nephew, Abraham Heeremanse, son of John Heeremanse, £100 out of my moveable estate, payable after the decease of my wife. As there is a legacy left me by my uncle, Hendrick Kip, to be received after the decease of my aunt Jacominte, wife of Capt. Peter Duboyce, it is to go to my dear wife Maria; as also the remainder of my worldly estate. I make Mr. William Humfrey, Nathaniel Sackett, John Cooper, and my loving wife Maria, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Heermans, Simon Ter Bush, Isaac Ter Bush. Proved, February 1, 1764. Approved, April 25, 1783, by the Court of Probates.

Page 15.—In the name of Almighty God, Amen. This twentieth day of September, 1782. I, DARIUS CANFIELD, of Salem, West Chester County, being under weakness and infirmity of body. All my just and righteous debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate; they to take sufficient moveables to purchase a decent pair of grave stones for myself, and a pair for my son David, deceased, another for my daughter, Thankfull Keeler, deceased, and that they be set up at my and other graves. Also, a like pair for my loving wife Mary at her decease. I leave to her, my real and personal estate after debts and charges are paid, for her sole use while my widow. Should there be insufficient

moveable estate for her comfort, she is to sell sufficient real estate to provide therefor. If she marries again she shall not sell any real estate given to her during her coverture; said suspension shall always revert to her as soon as she again becomes a widow. Whereas, I have sundry charges and demands upon the person commonly called James Canfield, if he will discharge a certain obligation that Benjamin Clapp has against me (which bond was given to said Clapp on account of said James), then I hereby discharge said James from all demands I have against him. I make my loving wife Mary and my trusty friend, Benjamin Smith, of Ridgefield, in Connecticut, executors.

Witnesses, Nathan Olmsted, John Chapman, and James Olmsted, of Salem. Proved, April 18, 1783.

Page 17.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TIMOTHY TITUS, of New Perth, Charlotte County, being in health of body. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my beloved sons, James, Timothy, Robert, Samuel, and Ebenezer Titus, my real and personal estate in five equal shares; except the feather beds and three pewter platters for my daughters, and £5 to be paid to my daughter Lizzy, and Sarah £5 also, payable when at age. When my sons shall come at age each to receive his legacy from my executors. I make William Read, and Edward Savage, executors.

Dated October 28, 1782. Witnesses, William Teller, junior, William Teller, and Ahasuerus Teller, of the County of Albany. Proved, April 12, 1783.

Page 18.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MOOR, of Great White Creek, in the State of New York, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Margaret, one third of my real and personal estate while my widow. After her marriage or death, the one third of it to go to her son, Thomas Harvy, and the remaining part of her one third to my son, David Moor. Likewise unto him, one third of my real and personal

estate; unto my son James, a like part; unto my son Hugh, £5 or a cow; the same unto my daughter Jane. Unto my daughter Isbell, her maintenance out of my estate as follows: she may live with my wife or son, and they shall find her meat and drink and clothing out of my estate. The above one third part to her of what remains after paying debts and legacies. Unto my son David, my gun, which is not to be accounted as part of my estate. Unto my daughter, Christain Harvy, a red heifer two years old against next Spring. Unto my wife Margaret, all the estate that is to be found of what she brought to me at marriage. Unto my granddaughter, Nancy Moor, daughter of my son Hugh, one heifer calf. Unto my wife Margaret, one of the fat hogs that is now up a fatting; 30 lbs. flax; 15 lbs. wool; 4 lbs. cotton; 30 bushels corn, at 3 shillings per bushel; 10 bushels rye, at same price; when her part is appraised she is to have the grain at the above price. I make my wife, Margaret Moor, and my son, James Moor, executors.

Dated November 3, 1782. Witnesses, John Williams; John Connor, John McMullin, farmer, and Hugh Martin.

Codicil. The third day of November, 1782. I order my real and personal estate to be sold; the proceeds to be disposed of according as I have bequeathed it; and empower John McMullin, as guardian over my daughter Isabell, to take care of her, or to see it done by the legatees, and to take sufficient security from them for her maintenance.

Witnesses, John Williams, John Conner, John McMullin, farmer; Hugh Martin. Proved, April 10, 1783.

Page 20.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB BARTHOLF, of the precinct of Goshen, being weak in body. I leave to my well beloved wife, the house in which I live, and household furniture, for life; Also, all my negroes, except my wench Suckey. Unto my son Peter, my farm near Sugar Loaf, on which my son

Henry now lives; Also, my large Dutch Bible. Unto my son Henry, 60 acres of the farm where I now live; to be taken off an equal width across the western part of said farm adjoining the lands of Daniel Demerest; Also, all my blacksmith's tools. Unto my other two sons, Criness and Gulium, the house and the remainder of the said farm, in equal shares, always excepting the estate my wife has in the premises. Unto my granddaughter, Rachel Van Gelder, £60, payable in silver at the rate of 8 shillings a Spanish milled dollar, at her marriage, or at age of twenty years. Unto my daughter Matinechee, 75 Spanish milled dollars, at her marriage. All my outstanding debts and household furniture to be equally divided: one half to my said daughter; the other half to my executors for the separate use and maintenance of my daughter Hannah, wife of Jacobus Lereau, and after her death to be equally divided between her children. My wife to have the use of the furniture. Unto my daughter Hannah, the use of my negro wench Suckey, to be delivered to her as soon as my wife may think proper. After her decease, the said Suckey to be sold, and the proceeds divided among my children. Likewise unto her, my loom, with the reels, gears and appurtenances, to be delivered as above. The remainder of my personal estate to my two younger sons in equal shares, they paying 50 Spanish milled dollars to my son Peter, and the like number to my son Henry. I make my sons, Peter and Henry, executors.

Dated August 3, 1781. Witnesses, William Wickham, Samuel Bertholf, Stephen Bertholf. Proved, May 6, 1783.

Page 21.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WELLS, of the County of Orange, being weak in body. I leave to my son Israel, all that tract of land bought of Henry Wisner, Esquire; joining to where he now lives; Also, another tract of land in said County, joining the Jersey line, containing 390 acres; likewise, a lot in

Pohuck Cedar Swamp; Also, the one equal half of 500 acres near the town of Battleburrow, and supposed to be about twelve miles from the Connecticut River, and in the Province of New York. Unto my son Joshua, my farm where he now lives, with allowing my wife after my decease the small room, which has the fire place in it, for her use during life, and likewise to find her in sufficient firewood and provisions; Also, another farm containing 550 acres, lying on Snongum Kill near Minnesink Mountain. Unto my well-beloved wife Abigail, £100. All my household goods to my wife and two daughters, Abigail and Mary, excepting one bed and its furniture; the choice of the beds and furniture unto my daughter Mary. Unto my daughter Abigail's eldest son, David, a certain mortgage of 108 acres, taken from David Swese, Jr. If he dies before majority, or has lawful issue, then it is to be divided among the rest of her children. The interest during David's minority unto my daughter Abigail; also £50 at my decease. Unto my daughter Mary, £150, to be retained by my executors until she has a lawful issue. Likewise, unto her, £70, payable at my decease. Unto my brother Samuel's son, Richard Wells, one equal half of said 500 acres lying near Battleburrow and £100 payable at my decease. My stock, farming utensils and negro wench to be equally shared by my four children after my son Israel has taken out the value of £50 given him more. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid before any division be made. I make my sons, Israel Wells and Joshua Wells, with Henry Wisner, junior, son of Henry Wisner, executors.

Dated May 30, 1776. Witnesses, John Van Tuyl, Jacob Cussorn, Arthur Van Tuyl. Proved, May 5, 1783.

Page 23.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS EVERSON, yeoman, of Cornwall precinct, Orange County, being in a poor state of health, the second day

of January, 1781. I order my personal estate to be applied to the payment of my just debts and funeral charges. I leave to my beloved son Thomas, my farm and premises whereon I now live, to be holden by him and his heirs provided always that if my executors judge it expedient for my estate in general to sell that part I lately bought of Stephen Gilbert, containing 30 acres; the proceeds to pay my debts. My executors to lease out my aforesaid farm from time to time until my son Thomas is twenty-one; they to apply the rent towards supporting my family. Unto my beloved wife Rhoda, a decent maintenance out of my real estate, while my widow. Unto each of my four daughters, a moderate outset, at the discretion of their mother, payable as they are respectively eighteen years of age; to be charged upon my real estate if not to be procured otherwise. I make my brother-in-law, David Corwin, of Ulster County, and my friend, Thomas Moffat, of Orange County, executors.

Witnesses, John W. Tuthill, yeoman; Joshua Davis, Thomas Moffat. Proved, January 29, 1783.

Page 25.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH SMITH, of the County of Orange, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth, £100, one cow and one hog at her choice, her bed and furniture as it stands; four suits of bed linen; Also her choice of any room in my dwelling house, and the use of one third of my improved lands, during her widowhood. Unto my son Jeremiah, all my lands, farming utensils, all the grain on the ground and in the barn (except his mother's bread for one year), and my wearing apparel. Unto my grandson, Jonas Smith, my gun and £30; unto my grandson, Joel Smith, £30. Unto my two granddaughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth Veal, £30 each. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. The remainder to my daughter, Elizabeth Veal. The grandchildren's legacies to be put at interest; principal and interest payable when they are of age, or

marry, by my son Jeremiah, and my son-in-law, Wait Carpenter, whom I make executors.

Dated August 1, 1776. Witnesses, Archibald McCurdy, Phebe Denn, and William Denn, of Ulster County, schoolmaster. Proved, April 19, 1783.

Page 26.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY YELVERTON, gentleman, of Goshen, Orange County, being in perfect health of body. I leave all my real and personal estate to my three daughters, Mary, Hannah, and Phebe, in equal shares, payable as they are 21 or at marriage. For the better education of my children their tuition and custody to be with their grandfather, Abimael Youngs, while unmarried and under twenty-one. My executors, with all convenient speed, to settle the affairs relative to the estate of my father, John Yelverton, late deceased; to which I am sole executor. I make my father-in-law, Abimael Youngs, my eldest daughter, Mary, and my worthy friends, John Everett and Birdsey Youngs, executors.

Dated August 15, 1774. Witnesses, Balthazar De Hart, Esquire; Isaac Nicoll, Joseph Chilson. Proved, May 9, 1783.

Page 27.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY VAN SCHAICK, of the Island Cahoes in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, Albany County, State of New York, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Christina, all my real and personal estate during her widowhood. After her second marriage or death, all my estate shall descend to my only and beloved daughter Anna, now wife of John G. Van Schaick, except my farm lying on Isle Cahoes, or Van Schaick's Island, where I now live; together with Haven Island, and the island called The Platte Plate, said islands being in said Manor. These islands, after the decease of my daughter Anna, to go to my grandson Anthony, the second son of my daughter Anna. I

make my wife Christina, together with my trusty and loving son-in-law, John G. Van Schaick, executors; praying all Courts, equitable, civil and common, to judge this will to be lawful.

Dated August 18, 1781. Witnesses, John Van Vleck, of Charlotte precinct, Dutchess County, blacksmith; Samuel Van Vleck, and Abraham K. Van Vleck. Proved, April 3, 1782.

Page 29.—In the name of God, Amen. The ninth day of October, 1782. I, BARNABAS HORTON, yeoman, of Goshen, Orange County, being infirm in body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Mary, all my bed and bedclothes, 25 shillings yearly to be paid by my son Silas, during her life; the east room in the house I now dwell in, the free use of any other part for herself; a good comfortable maintenance, with food, drink, candlelight, clothing and fire during her life; the privilege of keeping a pig from Spring to Fall, and the use of a cow; all which is to be performed by my son Silas. Unto my sons, Barnabas, £75, and Matthew, £25, after the death of myself and wife; payable by my son Silas. Unto my daughter Mary, my bed and furniture, my wife's wearing apparel, and my double spring lock chest, after both our deaths. Unto my son Silas, all my lands, tenements, household goods, stock, horses, and everything except my great Bible (which is for his son Barnabas), and what is before excepted. I make my sons, Barnabas and Silas, executors.

Witnesses, Jonathan Swezy, Eusebues Austin, of Goshen precinct, physician; John Taylor. Proved, December 9, 1782.

Page 31.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-first day of March, 1771. I, JOHANNIS DUTCHER, yeoman, of the Manor of Philipsburgh, Westchester County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my beloved Richal, all the moveables and household goods and

ter, Mary Griffin, wife of Joseph Griffin, the remainder of my estate. I make Michael McKeel, of said Manor, and David Stanley, of Rike's patent, executors.

Dated June 11, 1772. Witnesses, Anne Merritt, Naomi White, of Westelkester County, widow, Quakeress; Nathaniel Merritt. Proved, April 6, 1776. Approved, by Court of Probates, in Dutchess County, February 27, 1783.

Page 37.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RODOLPHUS SWARTWOUT, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. All my lawful and just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, £25, payable at the selling or division of my estate. Unto my eldest son, Jacobus, £65, for his birthright; unto my youngest son, Johannes, £25; to be paid my sons at said sale or division, if my sons be married or arrived at age of twenty-one. At the discretion of my executors, my real and personal estate to be sold or disposed of, or to be kept if unsold until my youngest son, Johannes, is of age, as may be best for my wife and children. At his majority, if not before, to be equally divided, after legacies are paid, amongst my wife and children, namely, Jacobus, Johannes, my daughters, Aeltie, wife of Cornelius Adriance, Elizabeth, wife of Francis Hasbrook, and Killetie, wife of Theodorus Adriance, or sold to the best advantage; the net proceeds to be divided as above. Should my wife marry, the above legacy of £25, as also her share of my estate, bequeathed as above, to be void, and said money and share to go to my children. But she shall be paid £100 in lieu of dower, and my best bed and its furniture, large looking glass, four silver table spoons, and six silver tea spoons. I make my beloved brother, Jacobus Swartwout, my beloved and trusty friends, Abraham Schenck, George Van Nostrand, and Thomas Burris, executors.

Dated March 10, 1777. Witnesses, Joseph Wood;

Hendrick Wyckoff, Esquire, of Rumbouts Precinct; Hannah Pudney. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 39.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VIELEE, of the Town of Kingston, Ulster County, being infirm, sick and weak of body, this seventh day of March, 1782. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my dearly and well beloved wife Elizabeth, the full use and income of my dwelling house and garden, and all buildings thereon, situate in the Town of Kingston, where I now live, for life; Also, my negro wench named Jin to serve my wife during her lifetime. Unto my eldest son, Petrus, one bedstead, covering, and its furniture, for his birthright; Also, an annuity of £12, to be paid by my children, each a sixth part. Unto my eldest daughter, Christina, one large looking glass now hanging in my dwelling house. Unto my son Cornelius, one young bay mare; Also, my shoemaker's tools. Unto my son Johannis, my seat in the Dutch Church in the town. Unto my daughter Annatje, wife of Petrus Van Wagenen, one milch cow, and so much household furniture as I have given to my daughter Christina, to be purchased by my executors. Unto my daughter Marritje, a like quantity of furniture gotten in the same manner. Unto my two sons, Johannis and Cornelius, all my farmer's utensils, in equal shares. Unto my two last named sons and four daughters, namely: Christina, wife of Tjereck Van Vliet, Annatje, wife of Petrus Van Wagenen, Elezebeth, wife of Abraham Vosburgh, and Marritje, my lands and tenements lying in said town, except the dwelling house during my wife's lifetime, to be divided equally among them. The remainder of my estate unto my two sons and four daughters in equal shares. Should my wife Elizabeth be unable to support herself then my six children shall contribute equally to her maintenance. After her death, my house and lot to go to my six children in equal shares;

"subject to devolve to the longest liver or survivor of such as shall die without lawful issue." I make my two sons, Johannis and Cornelius, and my son-in-law, Abraham Vosburgh, executors.

(Signed)

"CORNELIS VIELE."

Witnesses, David De Lametter, Jr., farmer, and John Van Steenbergh, silver-smith, both of Kingston; Christian Tappen. Proved, March 19, 1783.

Page 41.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS NEWKERCK, Jr., of the Township of Rochester, Ulster County, being of sound mind and perfect mind and memory. I leave to my sons, Gerrit, Jacob, Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, my negro Dick (he to have the liberty to choose his master), and my negro boys, George and Henry, to be shared equally between them. Likewise unto them, all my farming utensils in like manner. Unto my sons Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, one horse as near in value as may be, to the horses my sons, Gerrit and Jacob, had from me. Unto my said five sons, the remainder of my horses in equal shares. Unto my daughters, Margrieth, Jannetje, and Jacobmyntje, £50 apiece in gold or silver; and to each of them the one fourth part of my negro wench Susannah. Unto my four grandchildren, children of my daughter Cathrine, late wife of John E. De Witt, to wit: Neeltje, Margrieth, Maria, and Lea De Witt, £50, gold or silver and one fourth share in said negro; to be equally divided between them. The remainder of my personal estate unto my said children and grandchildren; each child, one ninth; each grandchild, an equal share of the remaining ninth. Unto my son Jacob, that tract of land whereon he now lives, or had lived, in the said Township, with all the buildings and appurtenances, which land was heretofore sold to me by my son Gerret, provided my son or his heirs pay to my executors £40 within six months after my decease. Unto my sons, Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, each the third part of the remainder of my lands in said Town-

ship granted to me by the Trustees of Rochester; Also, the tract of land where I now dwell at New Canaan, in the Township of Rochester, with the buildings, etc., which was sold to me by Cornelius Bogert. My executors are to act for the children of my daughter Catharine until they are twenty-one. I make my sons, Gerret, Matthew, and Benjamin, and Andries De Witt, executors.

Dated December 12, 1781. Witnesses, John Brodhead, and Peter Contine, of said Township, farmers; Andries De Witt. Proved, February 14, 1783.

Page 44.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES CRAWFORD, of the precinct of the Wall Kill, Ulster County, cooper, being of sound and disposing mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to Elizabeth, my dear and loving wife, the house in which I now live; with her bed and bedding; likewise, the cupboard and house furniture; a good riding horse and her riding furniture, her riding chair, her apparel and cloathes, with the half of the benefit of the farm on which I now live, during her life; likewise, two cows with their increase, to be kept on the farm for her use; likewise, unto her, the negro wench named Rachel, which I allow to her entirely; six good sheep, to be kept on the farm, besides the one half of the other stock. All to her free disposal except the land at her death. Unto brother Thompson, my best suit of cloathes; unto my brother Samuel's son James, who lives with me, the other half of said farm or plantation. At my wife's decease, the aforesaid James Crawford to have the whole of the farm and its appurtenances, provided always that if he dies without lawful issue, then the farm is to be equally divided at his decease among the legatees hereafter mentioned. The tract of land containing 350 acres at Poconosink, with another small lot lying a little distance from the aforesaid, containing about 17 acres; with another lot lying back of the hill

remainders in this my will after limited, so that the same may not be destroyed, but in trust to permit him to receive the rents and profits during his natural life. After his decease to go to the first son of the said John, lawfully issuing, born and unborn, and to the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing. For default of such issue, then to the second, third and every other son of the said John, successively and in remainder, the one after the other as they shall be in seniority and priority of birth, and the several and respective heirs male, sons of the eldest of such sons, etc. In case of all such issue male failing, and that my said grandson shall have a daughter at his death, the same to go to said Richard Morris and Volkert P. Douw and their executors for the term of ninety-nine years next ensuing without impeachment of waste, in trust for raising by lease, mortgage or otherwise, in case of one daughter only, £1,000; if two or more daughters, then \$1,500 for such daughters, in equal shares; payable at their respective age of twenty-one, or marriage. If any such daughter or daughters die before full age or marriage, then the survivor or survivors to have the shares of them so dying; if all die in like estate, then the said sums shall not be raised, but if raised shall be paid to him to whom the freehold in the premises as hereinafter mentioned, shall be in trust for. In case said John shall leave no son or daughter, or if he shall have left a daughter or daughters, and either of said sums shall be raised, paid and satisfied then the said term of ninety-nine years shall be void; and then the premises to go to said Richard Morris and Volkert P. Douw, Esquires, during the life of my son Robert to support the contingent remainders hereinafter mentioned; to entail in like manner to my son Robert and his issue; Also, to my son Henry, and his issue male; and to my son James and his issue male; and to my daughter, Catherine Schuyler, and her issue male. The possessors of the freehold in the estate above devised, together with my other tenants,

from time to time, shall annually pay to my wife during her widowhood, £250 in quarterly payments; the first instalment within six weeks after my decease; the second, six months after, and then quarterly. If there be a default of payment, then she is to enter into the lands so entailed, and the other tenanted lands and hold the same till she shall have received the arrears with interest at seven per cent. This bequest to be in lieu of dower. Further unto her, all my wearing apparel, and one negro wench which she may choose, a negro boy Robb, a chariot and a pair of horses and harness; a bedstead with a set of curtains and the usual appurtenances; Also, such household furniture and other effects which she brought to my family at the time of our intermarriage or afterwards; Also, the liberty of living during her widowhood in my house at Greenbush. Unto my son James, my house and ground in the First Ward of the City of Albany. My executors shall, out of my personal estate, build for his use on the old stand, a new brick house two stories high. The rest of my personal estate unto my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and to my daughter, Catharine Schuyler, in equal shares. Inasmuch as I have given to each of my children a negro, I give to my son James, my negro Lewis; unto my aforesaid grandson John (son of Jeremiah), my negro named Saratoga Jack, in the room of Tea, which I had given to his father, upon whose death, Tea was returned to me. Unto my said grandson, all my farmer's utensils belonging to my farm at Green Bush. The remainder of my personal estate (one sixth part of all my linen excepted, which I give to my wife), unto my aforesaid children and my said grandson, in equal shares. I make my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and my daughter Catharine and my grandson John, executors.

Dated May 23, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, of the Eastern District of the Manor of Van Rensselaerwick, Esquire, W. T. Wemple, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

remainders in this my will after limited, so that the same may not be destroyed, but in trust to permit him to receive the rents and profits during his natural life. After his decease to go to the first son of the said John, lawfully issuing, born and unborn, and to the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing. For default of such issue, then to the second, third and every other son of the said John, successively and in remainder, the one after the other as they shall be in seniority and priority of birth, and the several and respective heirs male, sons of the eldest of such sons, etc. In case of all such issue male failing, and that my said grandson shall have a daughter at his death, the same to go to said Richard Morris and Volekert P. Douw and their executors for the term of ninety-nine years next ensuing without impeachment of waste, in trust for raising by lease, mortgage or otherwise, in case of one daughter only, £1,000; if two or more daughters, then \$1,500 for such daughters, in equal shares; payable at their respective age of twenty-one, or marriage. If any such daughter or daughters die before full age or marriage, then the survivor or survivors to have the shares of them so dying; if all die in like estate, then the said sums shall not be raised, but if raised shall be paid to him to whom the freehold in the premises as hereinafter mentioned, shall be in trust for. In case said John shall leave no son or daughter, or if he shall have left a daughter or daughters, and either of said sums shall be raised, paid and satisfied then the said term of ninety-nine years shall be void; and then the premises to go to said Richard Morris and Volekert P. Douw, Esquires, during the life of my son Robert to support the contingent remainders hereinafter mentioned; to entail in like manner to my son Robert and his issue; Also, to my son Henry, and his issue male; and to my son James and his issue male; and to my daughter, Catherine Schuyler, and her issue male. The possessors of the freehold in the estate above devised, together with my other tenants,

from time to time, shall annually pay to my wife during her widowhood, £250 in quarterly payments; the first instalment within six weeks after my decease; the second, six months after, and then quarterly. If there be a default of payment, then she is to enter into the lands so entailed, and the other tenanted lands and hold the same till she shall have received the arrears with interest at seven per cent. This bequest to be in lieu of dower. Further unto her, all my wearing apparel, and one negro wench which she may choose, a negro boy Robb, a chariot and a pair of horses and harness; a bedstead with a set of curtains and the usual appurtenances; Also, such household furniture and other effects which she brought to my family at the time of our intermarriage or afterwards; Also, the liberty of living during her widowhood in my house at Greenbush. Unto my son James, my house and ground in the First Ward of the City of Albany. My executors shall, out of my personal estate, build for his use on the old stand, a new brick house two stories high. The rest of my personal estate unto my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and to my daughter, Catharine Schuyler, in equal shares. Inasmuch as I have given to each of my children a negro, I give to my son James, my negro Lewis; unto my aforesaid grandson John (son of Jeremiah), my negro named Saratoga Jack, in the room of Tea, which I had given to his father, upon whose death, Tea was returned to me. Unto my said grandson, all my farmer's utensils belonging to my farm at Green Bush. The remainder of my personal estate (one sixth part of all my linen excepted, which I give to my wife), unto my aforesaid children and my said grandson, in equal shares. I make my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and my daughter Catharine and my grandson John, executors.

Dated May 25, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, of the Eastern District of the Manor of Van Rensselaerwick, Esquire, W. T. Wemple, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

called Long Hill, 279 acres; all being included in one deed, are to be sold to the best advantage; and likewise, my negroes (the one above excepted); Also the remainder of the moveables, not above mentioned; the proceeds of both sales remaining after payment of all lawful debts, are to be equally divided among the children of my brother David, of my brother Samuel, and of my brother Joseph, that are now living, except James aforementioned, who is not to have any share with them. He to live with his aunt, my wife: The old negroes Robert and Hannah because they are husband and wife should not be sold separate, nor divided against their will. I make my two brothers, David and Joseph Crawford, executors, and trustees for my wife.

Dated January 8, 1777. Witnesses, John McGown, Samuel Bodel; and Samuel Moffat, of Orange County, weaver. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 45.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH RICHARD, widow and relict of John Richard, of the City of New York, merchant. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my brother, Killan Van Rensselaer, the woodland lying on the east side of Hudson's River along the Kinderhook road, as I am entitled to by will of my father, Hendrick Van Rensselaer, deceased. Unto my nephew, Stephen Ray, a lot of ground with such buildings as may be erected thereon, in the City of New York, in the Broad way, near where the Oswegs Market formerly stood. All my real estate in the Province of New York or elsewhere, not before devised, unto my brothers, John, Henry, and Killan Van Rensselaer, my sister, Lena Wendell, to the children of my deceased sister, Annatie Douw, and of my deceased sister, Catharine Ten Broeck, and of my deceased sister, Maria Ten Broeck, in seven equal shares. Unto my sister Lena and her daughter, Mary Wendell, all my wearing apparel and one half of all the linen belonging to my body; Also, £60, payable by my brother Henry in con-

sideration of the above devise to him, and the acquittance which I hereafter make to him of the demands I have against him. Unto Mary Van Rensselaer, daughter of my brother Killan, the remaining one half of the linen above mentioned; Also, my cupboard and all the cups thereon standing; Also, £25. Whatever debts or demands I have against my brothers, Henry and Killian, I acquit them from the payment. Of the remainder of my apparel, one seventh part to my sister Lena, and one seventh to each of the daughters of my brothers and remaining sisters. One seventh part of the remainder of my personal estate severally unto John, Henry, and Killian Van Rensselaer, Lena Wendell, the children of Maria Ten Broeck and of Catharine Ten Broeck, and of Annatie Douw. I make my brothers, John, Henry, and Killian Van Rensselaer, executors.

Dated December 16, 1776. Witnesses Guysber G. Marselis; Harmanus Ten Eyck, of Albany, skipper; Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Paymaster of the Third New York Regiment, of the County of Albany. Proved, April 23, 1779.

Page 48.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN RENSSELAER, Esquire, of Green Bush, Albany County, being weak in body. All that part of my lands at Claverack; parcel of the lands conveyed to my father by my uncle, Killian Van Rensselaer, or otherwise acquired within the tract hereafter described, I separate from the rest to entail the same, to wit: beginning by a small creek called Wahankasick where it empties into Hudson's River and northerly up the river to the mouth of Major Abraham's or Kinderhook creek; thence east into the woods ten miles; thence southerly as far as my right goes and thence to place of beginning; the same unto Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw, Esquires, and their heirs during the life of my grandson, John Van Rensselaer, son of my deceased son Jeremiah, to the intent to support the contingent

remainders in this my will after limited, so that the same may not be destroyed, but in trust to permit him to receive the rents and profits during his natural life. After his decease to go to the first son of the said John, lawfully issuing, born and unborn, and to the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing. For default of such issue, then to the second, third and every other son of the said John, successively and in remainder, the one after the other as they shall be in seniority and priority of birth, and the several and respective heirs male, sons of the eldest of such sons, etc. In case of all such issue male failing, and that my said grandson shall have a daughter at his death, the same to go to said Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw and their executors for the term of ninety-nine years next ensuing without impeachment of waste, in trust for raising by lease, mortgage or otherwise, in case of one daughter only, £1,000; if two or more daughters, then \$1,500 for such daughters, in equal shares; payable at their respective age of twenty-one, or marriage. If any such daughter or daughters die before full age or marriage, then the survivor or survivors to have the shares of them so dying; if all die in like estate, then the said sums shall not be raised, but if raised shall be paid to him to whom the freehold in the premises as hereinafter mentioned, shall be in trust for. In case said John shall leave no son or daughter, or if he shall have left a daughter or daughters, and either of said sums shall be raised, paid and satisfied then the said term of ninety-nine years shall be void; and then the premises to go to said Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw, Esquires, during the life of my son Robert to support the contingent remainders hereinafter mentioned; to entail in like manner to my son Robert and his issue; Also, to my son Henry, and his issue male; and to my son James and his issue male; and to my daughter, Catherine Schuyler, and her issue male. The possessors of the freehold in the estate above devised, together with my other tenants,

from time to time, shall annually pay to my wife during her widowhood, £250 in quarterly payments; the first instalment within six weeks after my decease; the second, six months after, and then quarterly. If there be a default of payment, then she is to enter into the lands so entailed, and the other tenanted lands and hold the same till she shall have received the arrears with interest at seven per cent. This bequest to be in lieu of dower. Further unto her, all my wearing apparel, and one negro wench which she may choose, a negro boy Robb, a chariot and a pair of horses and harness; a bedstead with a set of curtains and the usual appurtenances; Also, such household furniture and other effects which she brought to my family at the time of our intermarriage or afterwards; Also, the liberty of living during her widowhood in my house at Greenbush. Unto my son James, my house and ground in the First Ward of the City of Albany. My executors shall, out of my personal estate, build for his use on the old stand, a new brick house two stories high. The rest of my personal estate unto my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and to my daughter, Catharine Schuyler, in equal shares. Inasmuch as I have given to each of my children a negro, I give to my son James, my negro Lewis; unto my aforesaid grandson John (son of Jeremiah), my negro named Saratoga Jack, in the room of Tea, which I had given to his father, upon whose death, Tea was returned to me. Unto my said grandson, all my farmer's utensils belonging to my farm at Green Bush. The remainder of my personal estate (one sixth part of all my linen excepted, which I give to my wife), unto my aforesaid children and my said grandson, in equal shares. I make my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and my daughter Catharine and my grandson John, executors.

Dated May 25, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, of the Eastern District of the Manor of Van Rensselaerwick, Esquire, W. T. Wemple, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

Codicil. Whereas, my real estate at Green Bush, extending along Hudson's River from Janoom's to Jacob Engels Patent, and extending the whole breadth into the woods, one English mile; and my island opposite the same and the buildings, were had by me as a Tenant entail, the said tenure being since abolished by Act of Legislature of the State, I devise all said real estate at Green Bush above mentioned with the appurtenances; Also, the said Island, unto my grandson John, son of my deceased son Jeremiah, for life; at his decease to go to his heirs, and to his, her, or their heirs forever. My slaves respectively shall have liberty of choosing their masters, and my children and grandchild shall pay an appraised value after deducting one fifth part of such appraisement.

Dated July 29, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, Cornelius Glen, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

Page 53.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN D. VOSBURGH, yeoman, of Kinderhook, Albany County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my oldest son, Samuel, my large English Bible for his primogeniture. All my real and personal estate unto my said son, on the express terms that he pay the several legacies and perform the several articles hereinafter mentioned; that he give reasonable maintenance to my son Dirck and my daughter Alida, and the child whereof my dear wife Cornelia is now pregnant, until they respectively are twenty-one years of age; Also, to give such a common education, vizt.: reading, writing and arithmetic; further, that he pay my son Dirck £100, and my daughter Alida £80, and to said unborn issue male, £100; if a daughter, £80; payable when they attain majority. My wife to dwell on my estate and be maintained thereout, while my widow. My son Dirck and my unborn child (if a son), shall be put to a trade at the dis-

cretion of my executors. I make my dear and well-beloved wife Cornelia, and my trusty and well-beloved brother, Evert Vosburgh, and brothers-in-law, Cornelius Hogeboom and Johannis Goes, Jr., executors.

Dated October, 1780. Witnesses, Peter A. Vosburgh, weaver, and Mica Mudge, farmer, both of Albany County; and Seth Rewlee. Proved, January 18, 1783.

Page 54.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK DAVIS, of the Township of Marbletown, Ulster County, being weak in body, this first day of May, 1778. I leave to my son Isaac, one cow, which he may choose out of my stock, for his birthright, and no more, as I have provided for him in my lifetime. Unto my son Andries, all the land he now lives on, being one half the land I lately owned in Yaughterplebush, and which I have heretofore given him a deed for. Unto my son Jacobus, the other one half of above named lands, he paying for the same £200. Unto my son Samuel, all my lands lying on the South east side of the public highway leading from Marbletown to Rochester; together with my dwelling house, barn, barrocks, and other buildings thereon, he paying £150 for the same; Also, my best waggon, plow, sleigh, and harrow. Unto my five daughters, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Sarah, all my lands on the north-west side of said highway on both sides of the Esopus Creek; together with that small lot of land I lately bought of Edward Hall lying on the south-east side of said road, in equal shares. My son Jacobus to pay £100 within one year after my decease equally to my said five daughters; the other £100 the year following, in like manner. My son Samuel to pay half of £150 at same terms and in like manner. The remainder of my estate to be sold to the highest bidder as soon as convenient after my decease; the proceeds to be equally divided between my son Jacobus and my five daughters; the same to pay all my just debts and funeral charges. I

make my son Jacobus and my trusty friend, David Bevier, executors.

(Signed) "FREDERICK DAVIES."

Witnesses, Levi Pawling; Robert Harpur (or Harper) late of the City of New York, now of Dutchess County, Esquire; John Davies, of Marbletown, blacksmith. Proved, September 7, 1778.

[NOTE.—The executors named renounced their rights. Letters of administration were granted to Johannis Ostrander, Moses Pattison, and William Hume, on March 27, 1783.]

Page 56.—In the name of God, Amen. On the thirtieth day of July, in the thirteenth year of our sovereign lord George Third, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland; King, Defender of the Faith, etc., A.D. 1773. I, JAMES PINE, of the Township of New Rochel, Westchester County, yeoman, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my grandson, James Pine, son of James Pine, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, five shillings as a bar against him to any part of my estate. Unto my grandson James (son of John Pine, of the Township of East Chester, deceased), all lands and tenements, bought of Gilead Hunt, of the Town of Rochel, which are in the Town of East Chester and Manor of Pelham; together with the dwelling house, mill, and mill-barns. Unto my son Samuel, living in Kings Street, in Fairfield County, in the Colony of Connecticut, £100; also £200 for the use of my two daughters, Elizabeth Willis and Mary Bonnett, both of the Township of Rochel, in equal shares, payable at his discretion. Unto my two granddaughters, Phebe and Hannah Pine (daughters of my son John, deceased), of East Chester; and other of my granddaughters, Elizabeth and Mary Pine (daughters of my son Micah, late of the City of New York, deceased, mariner), each an equal part of the remainder of my real and personal

estate. I make my son, Samuel Pine, and Peter Bonnett, of New Rochel, executors.

Witnesses, Mary Willis, of Westchester County; Charity Peters, George Youngs. Proved, July 5, 1783.

[NOTE.—The above named executors relinquished the executorship; and letters of administration were granted to James Pine, on August 5, 1783.]

Page 59.—I knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, make this will and testament. I will my body to the dust and my soul to God who gave it. Unto my dear and beloved wife, Elizabeth Cox, my best bed and bedding; one of my best horses and a saddle and bridle; two cows, two sheep and one breeding sow. My accounts to be settled, and my debts collected in. Sufficient of my moveable estate to be sold to satisfy my creditors. My wife to live on the farm with my children; the profits of my estate for their maintenance until the boys are fit to be put out to trades as they shall best like; until that time they are to be kept at school as much as possible. My wife, while my widow, to have the use of my whole estate until my oldest son is of age. Should she marry again before such time my real estate to be let out advantageously; the profits to be kept for the use of my four children; my moveable estate to be either let or sold, at executors' discretion; the aforementioned use to cease when my oldest son is twenty-one; then to be equally divided among the surviving. As my daughter is the oldest, and perhaps may incline to marry sooner, at her marriage her dividend to be taken out of the estate without damage to the rest, and given her. I make Robert Cox, Jacob G. Klock, and John Frey, Esquire, executors.

(Signed) EBENEZER COX.

Dated February 18, 1777. Witnesses, none. The signature of the testator was identified by William Petrie of Kingland, Tyron County, physician; and Jacob G. Clock of Palatine district, said county, Esquire. Proved, March 25, 1783.

Page 60.—I, DANIEL CLOSE, Clerk, being visited with bodily infirmity, and calling to mind my own mortality, and importance of having my secular affairs settled before I am called to the solemn hour of dying. This twenty-sixth day of February, 1783. I leave to my well-beloved wife Hannah, all my personal estate and one half of my real estate after all my debts are paid out of my whole real estate. Unto David Delivan, son of my sister, Sarah Delivan, and unto John Tompkins Close, my brother John's son, the remaining one half of my whole real estate, as above ordered, in equal shares. My executors to sell any part of my real estate; pay debts with proceeds; as they think most expedient. I make my brother, John Close, my brothers-in-law, Thomas Comstock and Timothy Delivan, and my wife Hannah, executors.

Witnesses, Alexander Kidd, of Fredericksburgh precinct, Dutchess County; Samuel Mills; David Porter. Proved, April 2, 1783.

Codicil. The legacies left to the heirs in minority to be laid out for their benefit at the discretion of my brother John and my brother-in-law, Timothy Delivan.

Dated March 11, 1783. Witnesses, Samuel Mills; Nathan Fisher, of Fredericksburgh precinct, millwright. Proved, April 3, 1783.

Page 62.—In the name of God, Amen, October 14, 1774. I, MARY TRAVIS, widow of Robert Travis, late of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, deceased; considering the uncertainty of this transitory life. My just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. Whereas my deceased husband willed to my two granddaughters, Mary and Phebe Travis, daughters of my son Daniel, deceased, £100 each; and ordered the same to be paid by my four sons Jonathan, Moses, Jeremiah and Elisha, each a quarter part; and whereas, since the death of my deceased husband my sons, Moses and Elisha, are reduced, and unable to pay their respective parts of the leg-

acy; I therefore give to my said granddaughters £50, to be paid by my executors; my sons to be released from said payment. Likewise, unto Mary Travis, my flower'd coverlid; unto Phebe Travis, my feather bed, bed-spread, bolsters and pillows. My mare unto my son Moses. Unto my grandsons, Jonathan, son of Jonathan; Daniel, son of Jeremiah; Robert, son of Elisha, and unto Catharine, wife of Elias Smith, Mary, daughter of John Secord, each 40 shillings. Likewise unto Catherine Smith and Mary Secord, the remainder of my bedding and furniture. Unto William Lewis, son of David Lewis, so called, 40 shillings. Unto my daughter Mary, £10. The remainder of my estate unto my two sons, Moses and Elisha, so divided that Moses has three quarters and Elisha, one quarter. I make Benjamin Field, of said Manor, executor.

Witnesses, Samuel Field, of said Manor, yeoman; William Field, John Burnya. Proved, April 1, 1783.

Page 63.—Camp Valley Forge, March 8, 1778. Sir: I have wrote to you several times, and never yet was favored with your answer; which would give me pleasure to receive. These few lines will, I hope, find you and family in good health—as I am at present. God only knows how long should it please Him to take me out of this life, but vain and transitory. I bequeath unto you, my personal substance—both wages which is due to me in this Regiment and the Army—and all other debts that is due to me elsewhere. Your kind answer would favour and oblige. With my love to you and family, and am your friend and humble servant,

WILLIAM MORPETH.

To Capt. Daniel Fordom, Seabrook, Connecticut Govern't. Proved, April 10, 1783.

[NOTE.—Daniel Tappen and George Howell, Sergeants in Colonel Van Cortlandt's Regiment, appeared and deposed that the above letter was written by Daniel Tappen at the desire and dictation of William Mor-

peth; George Howell corroborated their testimony. Letters of administration granted to Daniel Fordom on April 10, 1783.]

Page 64.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABIGAL WILLS, widow of the County of Orange, being weak in body, this ninth day of March, 1781. I leave to my granddaughter, Abigal Swezy, one bed, three pair of sheets and other bed furniture; my best suit of cloths, my trunk, £26 in silver and gold, payable by my executors when she is eighteen. Unto my granddaughters, Dorothy and July Swezy, £12 each in like money, to be invested and paid as above. Unto my daughter, Abigal Swazy, two small silver table spoons, two tea spoons, and the equal one half of my furniture and wearing cloathes. Unto my daughter, Mary Carpenter, £50 specie; large silver table spoon and the other half of my wearing apparel. Unto my son Israel, the small trunk his father used to keep his writings in. I make my son, Israel Wills, and my friend, Henry Wisner, Junior, of Ulster County, executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Parish, of the Precinct of Goshen, cooper; James Dunning; Sarah Dunning. Proved, January 7, 1783.

Page 66.—The twenty-sixth day of September, 1769. I, BENJAMIN CARPENTER, saddler, of the West Patent of North Castle, Westchester County, being of perfect mind and memory. All my just and lawful debts to be paid. I leave to my loving wife Lidia, all my household goods for her use; Also, the easternmost room in my house with the cellar under the same; Also, the lean-to adjoining on the north side of said room; for her use while my widow. Likewise, unto her, a good milch cow. Unto my daughter, Rosanah Kerly, £3; the like sum to my daughter, Ruth Carpenter. Unto my grandson, Edward Colwell, a like sum. Unto my son Zeno, 5 acres of timber land lying at the south east

corner of my farm; bounded eastward and southward by the land of William Ogden, westward by my cleared land; Also, 30 acres more of land; bounded southward and westward by land of William Ogden, eastward by said timber land and a ledge of rocks, running northward to contain 30 acres. The remainder of my land and tenements with the privileges, unto my son Caleb, with the rest of my personal estate; he to find for my wife, good keeping, summer and winter, for a cow; plenty of firewood brought to her door; Also, sufficient wool and flax, and vegetable produce; and to get the wheat ground and bolted and the corn ground into meal; and meat ready salted for cooking. My wife to have the privilege of apples, summer and winter, and one barrel of cider each year; my son Caleb to pay an annuity of £4 to my wife, while my widow; Also, to find a good gentle horse for her. If she shall accept of this will, my said son to pay her £50 when she shall quit or resign all the real and personal estate to my sons, Caleb and Zeno; should she not accept, my son shall not pay the said sum. All the above gift and privileges given her, to be in lieu of dower. My son Caleb to pay the legacies above given to my daughters and granddaughters; but if he do not, then my friend, John Carpenter, and my son Zeno shall sell sufficient moveable estate to pay them for their trouble and the said legacies. I make my two sons, Zeno and Caleb Carpenter, and my friend, John Carpenter, the latter, executors.

Witnesses, Sarah Smith, Deborah Smith, and Benjamin Smith, of Cortlandt's Manor, yeoman. Proved, January 25, 1783.

Page 68.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS ECKERSON, yeoman, of Orange Township, Orange County, being sick and weak. All my just, honest and lawful debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my son Gerrit, £5 as his birthright. Unto Rachel, my loving wife, for her natural life and during her

widowhood, the use of my whole estate for her maintenance. At her decease, the whole (less the £5 above given) to be divided. Unto my sons, Jacob and David, all the lands on the west side of the road; Jacob the west end, and David the east, by a line running from a white oak to the line between said land and the land of Theunis Luper near a brook on the west side of David Ecker's ouse. Also, a piece of moving ground near or on the Demarest Hill, as it is enclosed by fence. The remainder of my land that lies on the east side of the road, to be sold at my executors' discretion; my debts to be paid out of the proceeds; the overplus to be equally divided amongst my three daughters and the children of my son Matthew, deceased, Catherina, Mary, Rachel, and grandchildren, Rachel and Sarah, the two children to have one share. My loose estate to be equally divided amongst my heirs and children, namely: Jacob, David, Willimpye, Catharina, Mary, and Rachel, and the children of my son Matthew deceased, Rachel and Sarah to have one share. I make John Perry and Isaac Debaun, executors.

Dated May 5, 1781. Witnesses, William Parsell, Tunis Cuyper, and James Perry, of Tappan. Proved, March 27, 1783.

Page 70.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH LANSING, late of the City of Albany, in the State of New York, widow, being weak in body, this twentieth day of September, 1780. After all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executrix, I leave to my well beloved son Garret 10 shillings out of my personal estate wherewith I bar him from further claim as being my eldest son and heir-at-law. Unto my beloved daughter Annantia, all my real estate. Unto my two daughters, Annantia and Helenah, all my personal estate in equal shares. I make my daughter, Annantia Lansing, executrix.

Witnesses, Evert W. Swart, Cornelius Cooper, both

of Rumbout precinct, Dutchess County, yeomen; and Nathaniel Sackett. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 71.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATHYS VAN LOON, of Loonenburgh, Albany County, being indisposed in bodily health. All my honest debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my five children, namely: my beloved son John, and my beloved daughters, Mary, Ida, Christina, and Catharine. My beloved wife Annaetje to have one room in my house to dwell in; Also, one negro wench at her choice to wait on her, during her life; Also, two milk cows, and four sheep, at her choice. My son John shall annually sow during his life, half a "schepe" flax seed for her on good ground. She to have her bed and bedding and all her household stuff and wearing apparel during her life-time. At her decease, the same to come to my daughters before mentioned, in equal shares, except what is bequeathed to my son John. Unto him, my old gun or fire-lock, he being my first-born son, and to debar him from any privilege in consequence thereof. Likewise, unto him, my negroes Piet and Ben, and two negro wenches, both named Susan; Also, the fish-net or Seine, the windmill to clear grain, all my smith's tools and farming utensils, such as wagons, sleighs, plows, harrows, three horses at his choice, and all debts due to me on book-account at my decease; all the wheat, both growing in the field and housed; my negro boy named Bram. Unto my daughter Mary, my negro boy Jack. Unto my four daughters, the farm at Loonenburgh, at present in the tenure of William Schram; Also, 5 acres of meadow at Beeregat Fly as it is commonly called, and free liberty to cut fencing stuff, firewood and other timber for use of said farm and meadow in a piece of woodland in Loonenburgh Patent on the west side of the road leading from Katskill to Coxhatkje, provided (that whereas my daughters, Ida and Christina, or their respective husbands, have each a homestead by deed in writing, situate in Loonen-

burgh) that the real value of such homesteads in their improved state (if they can agree among themselves; or if not, as the properties shall be appraised by two or more indifferent men at their choice), shall first be deducted from their shares of farm and meadow land as to make them equal to the other two daughters. Also, provided, that my son John shall have a free road through the homesteads, and free watering for his creatures. The remainder of my real estate unto my son John; of my personal estate unto my four daughters in equal shares. I make my wife Annaetje, my son John, my trusty and beloved friend, Jacob Van Loan, executors.

Dated September 14, 1781. Witnesses, Henry Knoll, Conradt Flaake, William Adams. Proved, March 10, 1783.

Page 73.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BANGS, of Fredericksburgh precinct, Dutchess County, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind. After my just debts be paid out of my moveable estate, I leave to my beloved wife Lydia, the use of one third of my whole estate during her natural life. Unto each of my daughters, Hannah, Bania, Mary, £10. The remainder of my real and personal estate, with my house and tenement in said precinct, to my son Abner; division to be made by Nathaniel Foster, Esquire, and Theodorus Crosby, whom I make executors.

Dated March 10, 1783. Witnesses, Ichabod Lewis; Jeremiah Burges, of said precinct, Esquire; James Foster. Proved, April 22, 1783.

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Page 75.—In the name of God, Amen, the thirty-first of January, 1777. I, THOMAS PIRE (or POYER), of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being sick

and in a low weakly state of body. All my honest debts to be paid out of my estate. I leave unto Margret, my dearly beloved wife, the use of my whole estate to maintain her and my children as long as she remains my widow; or such part of it to be sold as she may judge expedient; proceeds to be put at interest for said use. At her marriage, she to have the choice of a bed and its furniture, and £30 if the beds are not sold; £50 if they are sold. This to be in lieu of dower. Unto my oldest son, Thomas, after the marriage or decease of my wife, if he is of age, £2 for his birthright, because he shall make no further claims on my estate as heir-at-law. Unto my six children, namely: Sarah, Margret, Thomas, Joseph, Hannah, and Jacob, one equal sixth part of my real and personal estate apiece, when my wife ceases to be my widow. I make my dearly beloved friend, Joseph Tuston, Jonis Holstid, and my wife Maregret, executors. (Signed) "THOMAS POYER."

Witnesses, Otho Lawrence; Phillip Jacob Schaff; John Cooper, of Rumbout precinct, yeoman. Proved, May 3, 1783.

Page 76.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB KROM, of Hurley Town, being weak in body on the 19th day of December, 1782. I leave to my loving wife Catharine, while my widow, all my real estate. At her marriage or death the same to go equally among my children, or other children nine months after, at my decease, born of my wife, to share with my son Abraham, equally. Unto my wife, all my moveables after my just debts be paid. My executors to settle six weeks after my death my debts, and receiving what is due me, pay it to my wife. I make my wife Catharine, and my loving friends, Johannis Blanshan, and Samuel Schoonmaker, executors.

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Witnesses, Benjamin Krom, Matthew Blanshun, jr., Jacob Blanshan, jr.; all of Hurley Town, weavers. Proved, April 18, 1783.

Page 78.—The first day of May, 1782. I, JOSEPH GIDNEY, of Phillipsborough, Westchester County, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Martha, my beloved wife, the use of all my estate for her support and ample maintenance for her natural life. At her decease unto my eldest son, Absalom, my whole estate. I make my wife Martha, and my son, Absalom Gidney, executors.

Witnesses, Ruben Bloomer, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, yeoman; Arnold Bloomer; Gilbert Bloomer. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 79.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC CARPENTER, of Harrison's Precinct, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my movable estate. An inventory of my moveable estate to be made immediately after my decease, by my executors; and remain in the care of my sons, Samuel and Nathaniel, for the use and bringing up of my younger children as long as they act with prudence under the care of my executors; who, at their discretion, are to sell my real and personal estate for the benefit of the children. The proceeds of sale to go equally among my sons and daughters. They are also to see that my younger children may have learning given to them and care taken of them. Unto my sons, Samuel and Nathaniel, my wearing apparel, my weaving loom and tackling, to be appraised and equally divided. My riding saddle to Nathaniel; my side-saddle to my daughter Phebe. I make my friends, John Haviland and Joseph Carpenter, executors.

Dated September 24, 1778. Witnesses, Timothy Halsted, Josiah Fowler, and Samuel Hitt, of Harrison's purchase, Westchester County. Proved, May 21, 1783.

Page 80.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MEADOWS, of the Parish of Rye, Westchester County, schoolmaster, being weak in body. I leave to my natu-

ral grandson, William Meadows Woodward, my dwelling house, the large clock, and 14 acres of land on which the house stands; which he is not to sell or encumber until he is twenty-eight years of age. His father and mother, William and Amelia Woodward, are to possess the said property until William is twenty-eight, and while either continues a widower, or widow; to possess the same and to crop it together after William is twenty-eight. Unto my natural grandson, James Meadow Woodward, about 50 acres of land, bought of Jacob Walton and Timothy Whetmore; which is not to be disposed of, except under above same conditions as his brother. Likewise, one bond of £100 against James and Gilbert Horton; but it is to be used only for building a dwelling house. Neither of the two sons to sell said lands or buildings while their parents are widower or widow. Unto my true and natural granddaughters, Lavinia and Anna Woodward, a bond of £64, against Samuel and Andrew Lyman bond against John Rushton and Isaac Gidney, blacksmith; Also, a bond against Hacholia Purdy, for £30 retaining £10 of said £30 towards building a church at Rye, if such a thing should come to pass. The interest on said bonds to be used by said parents for their education and bringing up to marriage state; Also, unto William Meadows Woodward, my large silver spoon; unto James Meadows Woodward, my little clock and watch, the small silver spoon, and likewise my silver shoe and knee-buckles. Unto Lavinia Woodward, my gold ring at her marriage day. Unto my natural son-in-law, such cash as he shall find by me, and all his silver buttons, and moveables not before mentioned. I make my three beloved friends: my natural son-in-law, William Woodward; Mr. John Woods, Attorney; and John Guion, blacksmith, executors.

Dated October 4, 1778. Witnesses, Rufus Carpenter, of North Castle, tailor; David Lyon, Richard Smith. Proved, May 22, 1783.

Page 82.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC GUION, gentleman, of New Rochell, Westchester County, being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. The one piece of my lands lying in New Rochelle to be sold by my executors, lying in the western division adjoining the land of Peter Flanders's, containing about 23 acres. All my real estate to be sold, except that is hereafter given away. I leave unto my son Isaac, in lieu of his birthright, in full bar to my estate, £10, to be levied out of my moveable estate; likewise, unto him, all my salt meadow lying at Rodman's Neck; Also, one silver porringer marked L G; Also, £45, to be paid by my executors out of proceeds of aforesaid sale, six months after my decease; he having received the value of £50 already, making together £100. Unto my son Abram, £100, out of my moveable estate; Also, my silver-headed cane, in like manner as above. Unto my son John, the like sum in said term; Also, my gold sleeve-buttons. Unto my son Peter, the like sum in said term; Also, my English Bible. Unto my son David, the like sum in said term; Also, my silver shoe-buckles. Unto my daughter Dinah, while a single woman, a small tract of land about 20 acres, it being my homestead lot; together with all the buildings and privileges; all which at her marriage or decease is to be sold by my executors, and proceeds divided between all my children, sons and daughters, except the part of my daughter Hester, wife of Peter Secard, which is to remain in my executors' hands; they to allow her the interest yearly during life; at her decease, to pay the principal unto her three daughters. Also, unto Dinah, £100, payable as her brothers' legacies; Also, my riding chair, one bed, which she now uses in my house, with the under-bolster and two pillows, bedstead and curtains, and its other furniture; three pairs of sheets, two pair of pillow-cases, one large belstad cupboard, one huckebeck, and one dyper tablecloth; one belstad oval table, six hackebeck napkins, four dyper doilies; six high-back, four low back and one elbow chairs;

Also, one large looking glass with a gilt frame; Also, nine small pictures, six large silver spoons, three silver tea-spoons, one large brass kettle, three iron pots, one iron kettle, which holds about two gallons, two pewter basons, four platters, half-dozen each of soup plates and plain plates, one large tea kettle, two pewter tea pots, a large pair of hand-irons and fender, a large pair of tongs and shovel, a roasting spit and a grappling, and two chain trammels, one pie pan, one brass frying pan, one sauce pan, one iron mortar and pestle, one dressing pan, two candle-sticks, one French Bible in two vols., one large chest iron-bound, three cedar pails with iron hoops, eight keelers, two cedar wash-tubs, one soap tub, two butter tubs; all my tea-cups; all the earthen plates and bowls, a pair of smoothing irons; one Dutch spinning wheel, one woollen wheel, two cows, and my silver watch. Unto my daughter Hester, £100, to be lodged in executors' hands six months after my decease; they paying her annually the lawful interest in such necessities as they think she needs most; Also, one feather bed, bolster, and pillow; after her decease, they to pay the principal and her proceeds of sale of my dwelling house, unto her three daughters, namely: Mary, Hester, and Cathrin. Unto my daughter Mary, widow of John Bonet, deceased, £100 in said term; Also, one warming pan, one feather bed, bolster and pillow, six large silver spoons, three tea spoons. All my linen, not disposed of, to be divided equally between my three daughters, Dinah, Hester and Mary. All my wearing apparel and shirting to be likewise divided between my five sons, Isaac, Abram, John, Peter and David. After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, and for the settling of my estates, and the above mentioned legacies be paid, the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between all my children. Should it not hold out to pay the legacies, then an equal abatement shall be made in each bequest. I make my sons, Isaac, Abram, and John, and my daughter Dinah, executors.

Dated February 9, 1769. Witnesses, Jean Angevin; Benjamin Guion, of New Rochelle, cordwainer; Jacobus Bleecker. Proved, May 7, 1783.

Page 85.—In the name of God, Amen. This seventh day of March, 1782. I, STEPHEN BUSH, of Greenwich, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my son Stephen, my whole estate. I make Nathaniel Reynolds of Cortlandt's Manor (my wife's father), executor; he to have the care of my estate until my son is of lawful age.

Witnesses, Jehiel Hubbell, of the Township of Greenwich, State of Connecticut, carpenter; and Joseph Bush. Proved, May 10, 1783.

Page 86.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES HART, yeoman, of Rye Neck, Westchester County, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to Liveniah, Charity, Elizabeth, Jean and Hester, each, one bed with the bedding; likewise, a third part of my estate equally divided amongst the above five girls. Unto my sons, James, Elisha and Jacob, the two thirds of my estate in like manner. The stock and all the utensils to be kept till Jacob is of age for the children's use. The house, barn and fences to be kept in good repair until that time, then all the chattels and utensils to be sold, and divided among the above named eight children. I make my brother-in-law, John Guion; James, my oldest son; and Charity, my daughter, executors.

Dated May 1, 1781. Witnesses, David Bloomer, of Westchester County; Abraham Guion; and Benjamin McConnell, of Westchester County. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 88.—I, MARTHA LYON, widow, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, make this will. All my just debts and funeral charges and charges of proving this will to be paid by my executors out of my estate in some convenient time after my decease, before any division. I leave to my youngest brother, David

Travis, £100. Unto my cousin, Gabriel Lynch, £10. Unto my sister Elizabeth's son, Peter Hatfield, the like sum. Unto my brother Robert's daughter, Martha Weekes, the same. The residue of my estate (except a cupboard, table, one small chest of drawers, and one bed and its furniture; one pot and kettle which I give to Jemima Simmons, and to the heirs of her body), unto my two sisters' daughters (the daughters of Mary Lynch and Catherine Purdy, deceased), to be equally divided between them. I make my loving cousin, Gabriel Lynch, and Bartholomew Gedney, executors.

Dated June 2, 1773. Witnesses, Eli Secor, of said County; Margaret Lynch; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 89.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZEBULON ROBBINS, of Albany County, and late of New York, being of sound and perfect understanding and memory. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my dear and loving wife, for her own use, one good cow, and all the goods I received with her at our marriage; Also, an annuity of £8 out of my estate, while my widow. Unto my beloved daughter, Comfort Stillman, one third part of my remaining real and personal estate. My beloved daughter, Sarah Douglass, having had her portion, is the reason why nothing is here bequeathed to her. Unto my beloved daughter, Hannah Kellogg, a like third part. My daughter, Abigail Darrow, and her husband Samuel having behaved in a very undutiful and disrespectful manner to me, they are to have no share in my estate. Unto my beloved daughter, Mary Ketchum, the remaining third. I make my sons-in-law, Josiah Stillman, and Aaron Kellogg, executors.

Dated June 25, 1782. Witnesses, Mat Adgate, of King's District, Esquire; Thamor Mallory; Lewis Graves. Proved June 1, 1783.

Page 91.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HANDERICK LENT, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County,

being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest daughter, Sarah, one yearling heifer; Also, one half of my real and personal estate lying in the said Manor. Unto my younger daughter, Hannah, the other half of said property. Unto my grandson Handrick (born of the body of my youngest daughter, Hannah), my fowling piece. Peggy Lent, widow (wife of my son Abraham, deceased), to live in my possession with my two daughters, Sarah and Hannah, as long as they shall agree. I make my friends, John Van Tassel, Esquire; James Krenkhytt, Capt., executors.

Dated November 23, 1781. Witnesses, Thomas R. Stillwell, of Pecks Kill, Westchester County; Handrick T. Barlow. Proved, July 1, 1783.

Page 92.—In the name of God, Amen. The second day of July, 1780. I, ANDREW MERITT, of Rye, Westchester County, being a little out of order; Also, to bodily health. My just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my loving wife Mary, all such household goods she brought to be at marriage; Also, one third of all other of my household goods; all which for her use absolutely; she to have the liberty to live in my now dwelling house; the use of the middle lower room; my sons, Gilbert and Robert, to provide sufficient firewood for her use. My three sons, Gilbert, Robert, and Nehemiah, shall each annually pay my wife 30 shillings, three bushels of wheat, and one bushel of corn. My son Robert and Phebe (my son's wife), to take care of my wife Mary, when unable to take care of herself, all, while my widow. Unto my eldest son, Andrew, £1 out of my moveable estate, in full bar to claim as eldest son. All my lands and houses in Gracious Street in Rye, bounded east by said street; north and west by highway and land of Nehemiah Kniffen, deceased; south by land of John Hawkins; divided between my two sons; Nehemiah to

have the northern part, and 3 acres more in said part, than the equal half of the whole house and buildings in the north part; to Gilbert the remainder. Unto my son Robert, all lands, marshes and sedges on the east side of said street; with house, barn, and other rights; bounded west by said street and the creek or cove; north and east by Curum River; south by my son Gilbert's land. Unto my son Robert, my farming utensils; four rods square of my land about the graves on the north part of my land to go to him, about where the graves of my father and mother and former wife Rachel are buried; to be a burying place for myself, family and other relatives. Also, unto him, my meat chest with fat; and all my creatures. Unto my sons, Gilbert and Robert, equally, all my Rights in lands undivided in Rye. After my just debts and funeral charges, and for settling my estate, my wife Mary's legacy herein given to be deducted and paid. The remainder of my household goods to my daughter Raechi, wife of Guilbert Millen. I make my two sons, Robert and Nehemiah, executors.

Witnesses, William Crooker, yeoman; Sophier Smith; Samuel Brown, yeoman. Proved, June 23, 1783.

Page 94.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES FERRIS, farmer, of Frog's Neck, Westchester County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my beloved wife Charity, the use of one third part of all my farm and houses in Frog's Neck; together with all my farming utensils, and my negroes, not otherwise disposed of, while my widow. The use of the other two thirds part of my estate unto my son James, provided my wife and son permit all of my daughters to have a living in my house equal and as good as the rest of the family; provided also, my daughter to have forage and pasture for one horse. My daughters to have said privilege

while unmarried. Unto my daughter Ann, £300; Also, my long brass hand-irons, and a table set of china. Unto my daughter Abigail, £300. Unto my daughter Marcy, £300. Unto my two sons, James and David, all lands and meadows on Frog's Neck; with all the houses and appurtenances; Also, my right and interest in the Commonage of Westchester, in equal shares, provided my son James pays to my son George, £400, when George is twenty; and provided also that my son David pay to George £300 when George is twenty; provided also, that James and David do board and pay for books and school-learning of my son George until he is of proper age to be put to trade, which my executors shall think best for my son, and most suitable to qualify him well for his station. His expenses to be paid out of the income of my estate. Unto my wife Charity, £300, with all that shall appear given unto me or her in the will of her late father, John Thomas, Esquire, deceased; except £150; Also, my negro wench Phebe, my riding chair and hunting saddle; all in lieu of dower. Unto my son James, my negro boy Dick. Unto my two sons, Thomas and Edward, all my right and interest in the tract of land in Bashes Kill, on the west side of Hudson's River, in equal shares, provided Thomas pay to Edward, £150, when he is twenty-one; but this last payment I revoke in case either die before twenty-one, without lawful issue, then the moiety of him so dying shall go to his said brothers; the other half of his share, to my daughters, Ann, Abigail, and Marcy, in equal shares. Should either James or David so die, then the half of the share of the decedent to his living brother, the other half to my son George. My executors to give my son Edward good school learning. All my wearing apparel to my son James. My wife to have use of all my moveable estate not disposed of, while my widow. At her decease or remarriage, my executors to divide all my moveable estate among my children, Thomas, Edward, George, Ann, Abigail, and Marcy, in equal shares. I make my

beloved wife Charity, my daughter Ann, my son Thomas, my brother-in-law, Thomas Thomas, executors.

Dated February 4, 1780. Witnesses, Giles Stanton, James Lewis, John Hunt. Proved, June 11, 1783.

Page 96.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EBENEZER BROWN, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, yeoman, this third day of May, 1783, being weak in body. I leave to my son Ebenezer, 20 shillings, in lieu and in bar of his being my heir-at-law. Unto my sister, Elizebeth Brown, an annuity of £5. Unto my granddaughter, Dorothy Anderson, £5. All my lands in the Township of Rye to be sold; my just debts and funeral expenses and above legacies to be paid out of proceeds. Unto my granddaughters, Sarah and Mary Brown, the remainder of the proceeds of sale, in equal shares; Also, all my moveable estate, equally, payable to each at her marriage, or when eighteen years of age. I make my loving friends, Daniel Adee and Nathaniel Brown, executors.

Witnesses, John Adee, Nehemiah Merritt, George Harris. Proved, July 12, 1783.

Page 98.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-fifth day of February, 1777. I, ELEAZEAR GEDNEY, of Scarsdale, Westchester County, knowing that it is appointed for all flesh to depart this life. I leave to my son Joseph, five shillings, to be paid by my executors after my decease. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Hart, £97, 10 shillings. Unto my daughter, Rebeckah Hart's children, £100, to be equally divided between them, James, Elisha, and Jacob Hart, and Levinah, Christy, Elizabeth, Jane, and Esther Hart; payable after my decease and as they respectively are twenty-one or marry. Unto my daughter, Mary Sands, £100; unto my daughter, Martha Barns, £90, 10s. Unto my two grandsons, Joseph Gedney Haines, and David Haines, £100, in equal shares, provided I am executor

to their father's estate. Should any money go to make up any deficiency in that estate, it must be taken out of this money I have given to them. The lands and tenements where my son, Jacob Gidney, lived, his widow and children shall enjoy until his son Thomas is twenty-one; then my executors are to sell it, and divide the proceeds as follows: Thomas and Jacob, two shares; the widow, and Eleazear Gedney, and Mary, Anne, and Marcy Gedney, one share each; but Eleazear to have £20 more than his share. The widow, Mary Gedney, to have the profits of the lands and tenements for the bringing up of the children. The moveable estate which the widow has which belongs to me, is to be divided between Jacob's wife and children, equally, if it is not needed to pay the debts. If she should marry, before Thomas comes to age, then all is to be sold; the use of the proceeds to go to the support of the widow and children till that time. I make my son David, and my sons-in-law, Samuel Sands, Joseph Hart, and James Hart, executors. Joshua Barns and his wife are indebted to the testator; that he has paid a bond for them to William Field; before they received their legacy, this must be discharged.

Witnesses Eli Secor, of Scarsdale, yeoman; Charity Haines, John Hadden. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 99.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL CRAWFORD, of the Manor of Scarsdale, Westchester County, cooper, being in health, this thirteenth day of February, 1776. My executors to sell the piece of land opposite Benedict Carpenter's, at public or private sale, at their discretion; Also, all my estate, except two horses, four cows, six hogs, ten sheep, and necessary farming utensils; meat, grain and hay; Also, three feather beds and cupboard; and all the linen and woolen furniture, six chairs and two tables. The proceeds to pay just debts and funeral expenses. I leave to my loving wife Jane, £25, to help support her and

the children; Also, the use of my farm and buildings and the moveable estate above mentioned, while my widow, or until my youngest son, Samuel, is fourteen; at this time, or at my wife's decease or remarriage, my executors are to sell all my real and personal estate and the proceeds (if my wife remains my widow) when my son Samuel is fourteen, then my wife to have one of the best beds and furniture; Also, my executors to put £300 at interest, and pay said interest while she is my widow. Unto my sons, Elijah, John, and Samuel, and the unborn child (if a son), £50 apiece; payable to each as Samuel arrives at the age of fourteen. The remainder to my children, boys and girls alike: to Elijah, John, Samuel, Esther, Mary, Rachel, Pheby, and the one yet unborn; payable to them, that are of age, as soon as Samuel arrives at age above mentioned; and the rest as they come of age. Should my wife die or marry before Samuel is fourteen, then my executors shall pay each of my sons, £75 apiece. The remainder unto all my children alike. What is bequeathed unto my loving wife Jane is in lieu of dower. I make my good friends, Miles Oakley and Jonathan Griffen Tompkins, and Jane Crawford, executors.

Witnesses Samuel Lyons; Benjamin Lyons, yeoman; Sarah Oakley. Proved, June 12, 1783.

Page 101.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARTIN BEEBE, yeoman, of Kings District, Albany County, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife Dorcas, one third part of my real and personal estate within said district; for her use during life. Soon after my decease, an inventory shall be taken of all my estate, by my executors; at their discretion sufficient to be disposed of to pay debts due from my estate (except those accounted as belonging to my son David). After said settlement and deduction of one third part for my wife, the remainder to go to my children: David, Martin, Russel, Daniel, and Anne, Rhode, Mary, Sarah, Silva Triphena, and Loriania;

two parts to each son; one part to each daughter; payable within one year to each son after he is twenty-one, and within same term after each daughter is eighteen. What of my estate my two daughters, Anne and Rhoda, have received since their marriage, shall be reduced out of what they receive. Unto my son-in-law, Ezra Parks, certain rights of land transferred to me by a certain Class in Col. William B. Whiting Regiment, of which Class Joseph Brimhall was the head. Unto my four sons in equal shares, two Rights of land to be laid out, the south side of the Mohawk River. A Bible shall be purchased by my executors, for each son and daughter, to be given to them as soon as they arrive at years of discretion. I recommend my wife and sons and daughters to show themselves obliging, kind and benevolent in contributing to the comfort and support of my aged and honoured parents. I make my wife Dorcas, my loving brother, John Beebe, and Asa Waterman, executors.

Dated May 16, 1783. Witnesses, (Rev.) John Stevens, Samuel Curtis, Pat. Hamilton. Proved, June 1, 1783.

Page 103.—I, BENJAMIN FERRIS, of the Borough Town of Westchester, Westchester County, being very weak of body. My executors to sell all my houses, lands and tenements in said Borough, as soon after my decease as convenient, except one lot of my homestead called the Robert Lot, with a small lot called the Mill house patch, 4 rods x 4 rods, for a burying-place, where the burying-place now is; together with 10 acres of my best woodland in Frog's Neck. All which I leave to my wife Sarah while my widow, to support my children. At her death or marriage, my executors to sell all lands given to her; the proceeds of sale to go to my children in equal shares. Also, unto my widow, one negro girl named Esther; unto my daughter Elizabeth, one negro girl called Silbey; unto my daughter Sarah, one negro girl named Tamar. Also, unto

my widow, all my cows, one pair of oxen and cart; together with such household goods as my executors shall think proper. The remainder of my moveable estate to be sold at public vendue; proceeds to pay my just debts, and of what remains to pay my son James, £100; any further remainder to go to my widow and children. I make my wife Sarah, my brothers, Uriah Field and Josiah Quimby, executors.

Dated November 25, 1777. Witnesses, Josiah Quimby, Moses Quimby, Mercy Honeywell. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 104.—I, the name of God, Amen. The fifteenth day of December, 1762. I, ELLIS CLAPP, yeoman, of North Castle, Westchester County, being at present in poor health. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my son Henry, £5; to be paid by my executors as his full share of my estate, with what he had already; it being in full bar as to his claim as eldest son. Unto my son Joseph, the negro boy called Bram (which he has now the use of), as his full share. Unto my son Benjamin, £50, out of my moveable estate, over and above what is given herein. Unto my two sons, Benjamin and John, all the remainder of my moveable estate in equal shares. Likewise, to them, all my lands, meadows and tenements both in North Castle and in Greenwich in the Colony of Connecticut; and be my said lands in both Governments more or less in quantity, they are to be equally divided in quantity and quality. Whereas, I advanced and allowed my two said sons several sums of money to be employed in the way of trading, they are to share equally in what is gained or lost in trade. I make my two sons, Benjamin and John Clapp, executors.

Witnesses, John Hallock, of Cortlandt's Manor, miller; John Clapp, Thomas Clapp. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 106. *Translation of will in Dutch:*

March 15, 1773. CHRISTIAEN MYER of Kingston, Ulster Co., farmer "weak in body, but in the unimpaired possession of my understanding and senses." Son Willem Myer to receive for his "right of primogeniture" three pounds of N. Y. money in advance. The testator's six sons, Willem, Johannis, Staphanis, Benjamin, Petrus & Tobias to receive each one seventh part of his real estate in the corporation of Kingston. The three children of his deceased son Christiaen, named Annaetje, Christiaen and Benjamin, to receive one seventh part of testator's real estate. "It is my will and desire that the aforesaid heirs of my said estate shall pay from said real estate to the heirs of my daughter Marytje, deceased wife of Heronemus Valkenburg, the amount of hundred pounds N. Y. money, out of which amount of £100 my said daughter Marytje and her husband have already received from me a certain amount of money, as can be seen from an account kept of the same by me, which sum is to be deducted from the £100 to fall to her heirs." £100 to be paid to heirs of deceased daughter Christina. Said heirs [not named] had already received certain advances as per account, to be deducted from said £100. Further £90 N. Y. money to be paid to heirs of deceased daughter Catriena, amounts advanced to be deducted. £100 to be paid to daughter Geertje, wife of Hendrick Fiero or her heirs, after deduction is made of the advances to Geertje, and her husband. Daughter Marytje had children (not named). Daughter Catriena had child (not named). Daughter Geertje mentioned but no children. Children of daughter Christina (not mentioned). Said unnamed children to inherit one eleventh part of the personal estate. The old slave named Coff is not to be sold "but shall be free to choose with which of my children he desires to live, I desiring that he shall be treated well during his life on account of his faithful service."—Wife not named in will. Executors, said sons, Willem, Johannis

and Staphanis Myer and the testator's friend, Johannis Snyder.

Witnesses, Arent Winne, Petrus Backer. Testator made his mark. Proved, May 8, 1783.

Page 108.—"In ye name of God, Amen, this second day of January, 1778. I, MATTHIUS VOLINTINE, of Yonkers, Westchester County, being sick of body. All my just debts to be paid after my decease. I leave to my son, Thomas Volintine, all my salt meadow, one negro boy, and all the profits of the farm I now live on. Also £410, of which £110 unto my daughter, Dorothy Warner, a like sum unto my daughters, Sarah Archer and Jane Fowler; unto my grandson, James Volintine, £40; a like sum unto my grandson, Elijah Volintine. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my son Thomas and my two grandsons, Gilbert and his brother, Abraham Volintine, in proportion to any loss. Said Gilbert and Abraham Volintine to pay out of my estate to their four sisters, Dorothy, Susana, Anna, and Sarah, £25 each, or in proportion to any loss. Should any of said granddaughters die before any division be made, then the said sums are to be equally divided among the survivors then living. I make my loving son Thomas, and Gilbert Volintine, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Rhead, Stephen Bartine, Samuel Sneden. Proved, June 24, 1783.

Page 110.—I, NATHANIEL SMITH, of Smithtown, in the Province of New York, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my wife and my son Jacob, all my moveable estate equally between them; they to pay my three daughters, Ruth, Dorothy, and Sarah, severally as they are eighteen years old, £100. Unto my son Jacob, all my lands and tenements, which are east of the road from Philetus Smith's to the head of Smithtown River. Unto my son Elkanah, all my lands and hereditaments on the west side of said road, with all

the privileges and appurtenances. I make Epenetus Smith and Jeffery Smith, executors.

Dated September 27, 1777. Witnesses, Epenetus Smith, Jeffery Smith, Job Smith, junior, all of Smithtown, yeomen. Proved, July 10, 1783.

Page 111.—Know all men by these Presents, that I, JACOB SMITH, of Smithtown, Suffolk County, being this first day of June, 1783, sick and in a very weak state of body. All my just debts to be paid by my executors; they to sell my lands, which I bought of Caleb Smith and Adam Babcock, lying on the south side of my other lands, containing about 150 acres; likewise, a piece of marsh meadow near the point which I bought of Aaron Smith, containing 16 acres. Should these be insufficient to pay my lawful debts, then additional sale to be made of sufficient moveable estate. The remainder for the use of my wife Puah in bringing up my children; Also, unto her, the use of all my remaining lands and meadows, on condition that she will suitably bring up and maintain all my children until my eldest son is twenty-one, in case she continues my widow so long. Unto my son Othniel, all my remaining lands, on condition that he pays each of my other children, Violette and William Clark Smith, £50, payable when he is twenty-one. Should he die in non-age I bequeath unto my son, William Clark Smith, all said lands, on condition that he pay £100 to my daughter Violette when he is twenty-one. I make my uncle, Aaron Smith, and my brother, Abner Smith, both of Smithtown, executors.

Witnesses, John Alleben, junior, of Brookhaven (cordwainer); Josiah Glover, Jeffery Smith. Proved, July 3, 1783.

Page 112.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE DUNCAN, junior, late of Northcastle in Westchester County, merchant, being of sound mind and memory. I order £200 out of my estate for a lot of land for the

use of my father and mother during their natural lives; after their decease to fall to my sister, Elizabeth Duncan. I leave to my said sister, £25 directly, after my decease. Unto my brother, Mompesson Duncan, £200, he paying an annuity of £10 to my parents. Unto my brother Michael, a like sum, he paying a like annuity to my parents or either of them. Unto my sister, Frances Byvank, £100; like sums to each of my sisters, Ann Berbon and Martha Lawrence, they each paying an annuity of £5 to my parents. The remainder of my estate to be put on interest for the use of my brother, Warman Duncan, and his wife; receiving the interest during their natural lives towards their support. After his death to be equally divided among his children. I make my brother, Mompesson Duncan, my sisters, Frances Byvank and Ann Berton, executors.

Dated September 26, 1766. Witnesses, Thomas Simonton, Thomas Stillwell, and Cornelius Cooper, of Rumbout Precinct, yeoman. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 114.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISRAEL KNIFFIN, being weak in body, this eighth day of July, and in the seventh year of Independence of the thirteen States of America, A.D., 1783. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. My personal estate to be sold immediately after my death (except what is bequeathed) and the proceeds of sale, after debts are paid, to be put to interest. Unto my loving wife, two feather beds and bedding, one large cupboard, six chairs, one table, one looking glass, six pewter plates, two platter knives and forks, three basons, six spoons, three iron pots, one copper kettle, with the remainder of my household furniture, three cows, ten sheep, four hogs, one riding horse, side saddle and bridle, she taking her choice. Unto my daughter Elizabeth, the interest of £100 in gold or silver during life; at her death the principal to be equally divided between her children. Unto my grandchildren, Israel and Abraham Kniffin, my son

Jonathan and his wife, Catharine Kniffin's children, £50 in gold or silver, to be put at interest by my executors; payable as the children come of age. My loving wife to live on my farm until my sons, Israel and Samuel, come of age; they being taught to read, write and cipher, and, as soon as possible, to be put out to trades. At their majority, my farm to be sold; the proceeds to be equally divided among my four sons: Daniel, Lewis, Israel, and Samuel, they paying £5 apiece to their mother while my widow. The remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided among my four sons, if any be left. Should the proceeds of sale be insufficient to pay said legacies, then sufficient is to be taken from the money arising from the farm. My wife to use the farm as she thinks proper for her and the two youngest sons support until they are of age. Should my wife Esther marry before that time, she is to have no benefit of said farm, but it is to be rented as my executors think proper for the benefit of my two sons, Israel and Samuel. I make my good trusty friends, my brother, Lewis Kniffin, and Jeremiah Cooper, executors.

Witnesses, Jeremiah Cooper, physician; Petrus Bogardus, yeoman, both of Rumbout Precinct; Henry Vanvoerhis. Proved, August 25, 1783.

[NOTE.—This will was probated in Dutchess County; it is the first will having reference to the Independence of the American colonies.]

Page 115.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NEHEMIAH CARPENTER, late of Jamaica, Long Island, but now a resident of Goshen, Ulster County, blacksmith, being weak in body. My family debts contracted at Goshen and funeral charges and doctor's bills, etc., to be paid out of my moveable estate excepting one bedstead and bed furnished, one cow, one hog, one large pewter platter, nine plates, three pewter basons, four chairs, two chests, two little spinning wheels, one large spinning wheel, which I leave to my wife, Priscilla Carpenter, for

her use. The remainder of my moveable estate, after my debts are paid, to be put at interest for the benefit of my loving wife, while my widow. Whereas my late father-in-law left a legacy to my wife, I give the same to my wife during her life; at her death, to be equally divided among my surviving children. With respect to my freehold estates, lying in Jamaica on Long Island, the same are to be disposed of, and after my just debts due thereon are paid; the remainder to go to my sons, Nehemiah and Nicholas, two-thirds; and my daughters, Phebe and Sally Carpenter, one third of said remainder. What other estate I may be possessed of, in like manner and proportion. I make my beloved Priscilla, my loving sons, Nehemiah and Nicholas Carpenter, and my loving friend, Israel Smith, executors.

Dated June 16, 1783. Witnesses, Joseph Carpenter, Amasa Mathews, John Kortright, of the Precinct of Goshen. Proved, July 25, 1783.

Page 117.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH THEALLOF, yeoman, of the town of Rye, Westchester County, being sound in mind and of a good perfect memory, this fifteenth day of February, 1783. I leave to my loving wife Sarah, £200; to be paid out of my moveable estate, together with all my household furniture, excepting a bilsted round table, a looking glass, and a bed with its furniture, which did belong to my former wife. Also, for her use and that of the family, all the provisions that shall be in my house at the time of my decease. Further, unto her, the use of one-third part of my lands and dwelling house while my widow, provided she do and shall be at half the charge of supporting my two children, Margaret and Susanna, until they respectively come of age, or are married. Unto my son Joseph, the other two-thirds of my lands, as well as the one third my widow shall use, or after her decease, provided he pay the legacies hereinafter given. Unto my sons, Edward and Thomas, each, £100, payable as they are twenty-one. Unto my

leave to my dearly beloved wife Susanna, all my household goods and one cow and one horse. My lands and tenements to be sold when my son Benjamin comes to age in May, 1795. Then unto my loving wife, and my daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane, and Mary, £25, payable by my executors out of my estate. Unto said daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, when they are eighteen. Unto my three loving sons, James, Joshua, and Benjamin, the remainder of my estate in equal shares. Unto my eldest son James, two horses, my farming utensils, and shoemaking tools. One third of my leather in the tan and out of the tan to be sold by my executors; all my book debts to be collected and £30 in cash to pay all my just debts and funeral charges. Should either of my sons die before twenty-one his part is to be divided equally among the other two. I make my loving friends, Thomas Volentine and Gilbert Volentine, executors.

Witnesses, Stephen Bartine, James Valentine, Cornelius McCarthy. Proved, August 4, 1783.

Page 123.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM RAYNOR, yeoman, of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Margret, £100, to be raised out of my estate as I direct. Also, two of my best feather beds and furniture, one milch cow, one leather trunk, one cupboard, one looking glass, one dozen pewter plates, six platters, and basons, six chairs, one table, one iron pot, one kettle, and such other small things as will be necessary to keep house. All my lands and tenements to be sold to the best advantage at the discretion of my executors; likewise, all my remaining moveables not given to my wife. My just debts to be paid, then the £100 to my wife. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my three children, namely: Jacob, John, and Martha. Should either die before coming to age, then his or her portion is to be equally divided between the surviving children. My

wife to have the use of all my estate until the children are sixteen years old, for the support and education of the children. My executors to put my two sons out to trades, if they think fit, when they are sixteen; Also, to put the net proceeds of my estate out at interest for the benefit of my children; always taking land security of at least double the value. I make my trusty friends, Jacob Griffen, Ambros Lattin, Richard Southward, executors.

Dated September 22, 1776. Witnesses, Ambrose Latting, yeoman, of said County; George Van Nostrand; Zephaniah Platt, Esq., of Poughkeepsie. Proved, May 15, 1783.

Page 125.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS, daughter and surviving heiress of Thomas Applin, heretofore of Shepton Mattet, Somerset County, Kingdom of Great Britain, clothier, deceased; and now the wife of Henry Williams, citizen and draper, of London, but at this time of the Oblong in Paulings Precinct, Dutchess County, TEsq. Whereas, by a certain agreement and settlement made before my marriage, with my said husband power was reserved unto me during his lifetime (notwithstanding my coverture), to make a will and devise certain specific parts of my real and personal original fortune to such persons and in such ways as my will shall direct. And whereas, In love duty and affection to my said loving husband I did long since personally attend on one of the Judges of the Court of Kings Bench at the Summer Assize in the City of Bristol, and did then and there freely consent and declare my desire to suffer a fine and recovery to pass on all my real estate, in due course of law to bar the Intale (if any thereon); Now, therefore, I, wife of said Henry Williams, agreeable to and in execution of the powers reserved to me make this will revoking all others in word or writing. I leave unto Leader Cox of Brinton Causeway in the County of Surrey, in England, Esquire, five guineas

sterling, to buy him a ring. Unto his sister, Mary Cox, a like sum for same purpose. Unto Lionel Watts, schoolmaster, the son of Mary Humphries, now or late the wife of Thomas Humphries, of Shepton Mattet, wire-drawer, ten guineas sterling. Unto my loving husband, Henry Williams, in the fullest, free, and most ample manner, all the remainder of my real and personal estate in Europe or America. I make my loving husband, executor.

Dated January 9, 1779. Witnesses, Catherine McConnell, wife of Hugh McConnell, of Rumbout Precinct, saddler; Isaac I. Salmon, John Keating. Proved, May 22, 1783.

Page 126. In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-seventh day of May, 1776. I, ISAAC GUION, junior, cooper, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, being weak in body. My executors to sell my houses and lands at discretion by public or private sale, within six months after my decease, that I have in New Rochelle; and Also, such of my moveables not herein disposed of, within some convenient time after my decease, and pay my just debts, funeral charges and other expenses in selling my estate, out of the proceeds. The remainder to be given as follows: The house to be for my wife's use. At her decease or marriage, it is to be sold at public sale. Unto my said wife Mary, the choice of my best bed and its furniture; and of one of my milch cows; the small house that stands by the post road in New Rochelle, bought of Charles Telford, while my widow. After my estate is sold and my just debts and funeral charges be paid, my executors are to put at interest, £300; the interest to be paid annually by my executors to my loving wife for her support while my widow. Unto my eldest son, Isaac Guion, the third, £50, to be in full bar of claim as heir-at-law. Unto my daughter Elete, the wife of Joseph Purdy, £30. Unto my daughter Rachel, wife of Thomas Rafter, £30, and a negro boy named Abram. Unto my

daughter Mary, wife of James Colswell, £40, and a negro girl named Philice. Unto my daughter, Agnes Guion, £50, and a negro boy named Michael, a feather bed and furniture. Unto my daughter, Easter Guion, £50, a feather bed and its furniture, and a negro wench called Jude. In case either of my said daughters should die under age, and without lawful issue, then her part is to be equally divided between the survivors. Unto my two youngest sons, Thomas Guion, and Frederick Sovirine Guion, in equal shares, all the remainder of my estate, with the £300 invested for my wife excepted. My executors to pay their part severally after my wife's decease or marriage. Whereas my son, Frederick Sovirine Guion, is absent and gone over sea, and not been heard of for some time past, if dead, or should die under age, and not leave lawful issue; should my son Thomas die without lawful issue, their or either of their parts to be equally divided between my surviving sons. I make my loving wife Mary, and my two brothers, Abraham and John Guion, all of Westchester County, executors.

Witnesses, Hannah Bloomer, Sarah Horton, and Gilbert Bloomer, of Mamaroneck, Esquire. Proved, April 28, 1783.

Page 129. In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT PATE, of the County of Ulster, being weak of body, the fifteenth day of September, 1777. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my personal estate at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth, the remainder of my personal estate, with the house and lands I now live on, lying in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, or elsewhere, until my youngest child shall be twenty-one, should she continue my widow. When my said youngest child is twenty-one my executors are to sell all my said lands, and divide the proceeds in this manner: Unto my wife, if a widow, £100; my three daughters, Mary, Anny, and Hannah, £40 each. All

the remaining proceeds to be equally divided between my two sons, William and Stephen. I make my loving wife, my loving brother, Stephen Pate, and my good friend, Samuel Arthur, executors.

(Signed)

GILBERT PEET.

Witnesses, John Nicoll, of New Windsor Precinct, Esquire; Benjamin Thorne, Timothy White. Proved, June 4, 1783.

[NOTE.—In the probate Elizabeth Wood is mentioned as executrix.]

Page 130.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM STEVENS, yeoman, of Paulings Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak and infirm of body. All my just debts, together with my last sickness and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some reasonable time after my decease, out of the money in the loan office. I leave to my beloved sons, namely: Gidens, Samuel, Thomas, and Ephraim, one silver dollar each, to be their full portion out of my estate because I have given them their portion heretofore, to their full satisfaction. My children, namely: William Stevens, Keziah Reynolds, Hannah Shearman, Deborah Parks, and Roger Stevens, to have an equal share of the value of that farm that I bought of Rouger Stevens, lying on or near Otter Creek in the State of New Hampshire; and also of the money that I have in the said office after debts and claims are paid; which money I have deposited in the office of the United States at interest, as by certificates will show to be at interest in the public Treasury. I desire it to remain there for five years; afterwards to have the interest added to the principal, and with the value of the land to be divided as follows: My son William having already had £140, with this to have his equal share; my well-beloved daughter, Keziah Reynolds, and her two sons, namely: Zebulon Soule and Ebenezer Soule, to have an equal part in equal shares, which will be one fifth part of said sum; Also, my beloved

daughter, Hannah Sherman, having had £100, it is to be reckoned part of her equal share; Also, my well-beloved daughter, Deborah Parks, having had £55, it is to be reckoned as part of her equal share; Also, my well-beloved son, Roger Stevens, to have an equal share of said whole sum. Roger Stevens, of whom I bought my land at Otter Creek, upon paying the money that I gave for the land, principal and interest, and what cost may be made to me, or my heirs, for said land, is to have the title of said land conveyed back to him. If he should not redeem the land, and if he can't have that land, then my executor is to pay to him £200 as soon as it can reasonably be collected for the land, or for interest out of the Loan Office, in part of his share, to be laid out for him at the discretion of my executor, and my son to receive it when he comes of age. Each of my children to be made equal with what they already had in the value of the land and money aforementioned. Unto my well-beloved wife, Mary Stevens, one third part of the farm and dwelling house whereon I now live; one third part of all buildings and improvements, and of my moveable estate, my household goods, and stock of every sort of creatures, farming utensils and tools. The other two third parts, and the remainder of my estate, unto my four beloved children, namely: Lydia, Susanna, Mary, and Joseph Stevens, excepting money, notes and bonds or debts due; all which are to be divided amongst my other children that have not had their portions. My wife to have improvement of my farm, and what is above given her, until my son Joseph is twenty-one, and then he to have his equal part. My wife to bring up the children born to us and left to her care, to give them common learning at the expense of their portions of my estate. What I have given my beloved wife is to be in lieu of dower. Should my wife marry again, the last mentioned children or their guardians, if under age, to have their said two thirds equally between them. Should either die before receiving their respective por-

tions, my wife and surviving children shall share them equally. My executors to pay out of my moveable estate what is justly due to Gideon Sheldon for his damage of my keeping his money in my hands. I make my faithful and trusty friend, Elder Samuel Waldo of the aforesaid precinct, executor.

Dated March 22, 1783. Witnesses, John Robinson, and Ebenezer Mors, of Dutchess County, yeomen; Abner Chase. Proved, August 19, 1783.

Page 133.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL BARNES, yeoman, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, being in some degree of health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my beloved wife Sarah and my beloved sons, Stephen and John, whom I make executors. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, the best room in the house, and the black mare, and saddle, a cow, a quarter part in the Purchase, while my widow. Also, a bed and furniture. Unto my two daughters, Deborah Clap and Jerusha Undriel, £20 each. Unto my son Joshua, a certain tract of land in Charlotte precinct in Dutchess County, containing 100 acres; said tract I had of my son Samuel. Unto my two granddaughters, Patience and Charity Underhill, £10 each. Also, unto my beloved son Samuel, £6. Unto my two sons, Stephen and John, all my estate of lands in the purchase, in equal shares, provided they pay the above legacies out of my moveable estate as far as it will go. There lies something in the hands of William Deen, the executor to father Deen, and Samuel Deen has in his hands. If my executors can get it, it is to be equally divided among all my children. Should John die a minor, leaving no lawful issue, then his part is to be equally divided among my surviving children.

Dated August 16, 1782. Witnesses, David Halsted, Solomon Haviland, Richard Barnes, of Harrison's Purchase, in said County. Proved, June 13, 1783.

Page 134.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL WHITE, physician, of Westchester, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors; they are to sell all my real and personal estate (except my Plate and Books, which I give to my wife), said sale to be made after my son Daniel is twenty-one, if my wife should live so long. Should she die before his majority, then my executors are to sell at any convenient time; proceeds of sale to be divided between my wife (if living), and all my children; to be paid to my sons, Daniel and Theophilus, when they are twenty-one respectively, and to all my daughters when they are twenty. Should there be any woodland, my executors, if they think it for the advantage of my wife and children, are to purchase the same during my son Daniel's minority. What I have given to my beloved wife is in lieu of her thirds. If any of my children die before the specified ages, having lawful issue, such issue shall have the share of its deceased parent. "I give my negro wench Hagar and all her children under three years of age at the end of the present American war free forever." My executors to put out to service all my other negroes under twenty-one years of age, in the best manner (except such as my wife shall want for her service); all to be free at twenty-five years of age, except my negro boy Ben, as I purchased him, he to be free at twenty-seven. I make my beloved wife Euphania, my beloved son Daniel and daughter, Phebe White, my loving brother Ebenezer, and my friend and brother-in-law, Theodorus Bartow, executors.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, Gilbert Oakley, Josiah Quinby, Theophilus Bartow, of Westchester, yeoman. Proved, August 15, 1783.

Page 136.—In the name of God, Amen. This fifth day of April, 1773. I, Christopher Isinghartt, blacksmith, of Harrison's precinct, Westchester County, being at present in good health. All my just debts and

funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Sarah while my widow, the possession and benefit of one equal half of my farm and profits and to live in either of the rooms in my house as she shall choose. Also to her two feather beds, two cows and one horse. My son Christopher to have the use and benefit of the other half of my farm lands, house and tenements while my wife remains my widow. At her marriage or decease then the whole said real estate to go to my said son Christopher. Further unto my wife Sarah, my negro boy called Lewee, during her widowhood. In case my son Christopher should die without issue, before his mother, then at her decease, said estate to be sold, the proceeds equally divided among my three daughters, viz.: Charity Purdy, Anne Hubbs, and Sarah Lynch. Unto my daughter, Anne Hubbs, £10, out of my moveable estate. My negro boy called Cockas unto my daughter, Sarah Lynch, which she hath had long ago in possession. Should my negro boy Lewee outlive my wife, he shall belong to my son Christopher; Also unto him, my blacksmith's shop and tools. Debts, charges and legacies being paid, the remainder of my estate to be equally shared by my two daughters, Charity Purdy and Sarah Lynch. Should either die before the division, her children are to share their mother's portion. I make my loving wife Sarah and my son-in-law, Joseph Purdy, executors. My wife to have also, as many pots, kettles, etc., as she shall reasonably want, during her widowhood.

Witnesses, Glorana Hallsted, now Purdy, of Harrison's purchase; Josiah Fowler, Jno. Carhartt. Proved, September 17, 1783.

Page 137.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CALEB OAKLEY, of Westchester, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my two grandsons (sons of my son Benjamin, deceased), £20 each. Should either

die before twenty-one, his part to be equally divided between my sons, John, Caleb, and Miles. Unto my son John, £5; unto my son Caleb, £100, with all my cattle, horses and hogs; unto my son Miles, £50. Unto my daughter Elisabeth, wife of Willet Dean, all my household goods. Provided if my estate should be insufficient to pay the within legacies after debts and charges be paid, a reduction to be made from each legacy; any overplus to be divided equally amongst all my children. I make my true brother, Miles Oakley, and Gilberd Oakley, executors.

Dated September 29, 1781, and in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's reign. Witnesses, David Oakley, Mary Buckbee, of Westchester, Edward Buckbee. Proved, August 14, 1783.

Page 139.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARCHIBALD LITTLE, of Oxford, Orange County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Susanna all my household and kitchen furniture, except my wearing apparel; Also, my streaked back cow and £600 to be paid by my executors. Unto my two brothers, Joseph and John, £2,000, each. My brown coat and vest, my blue coat and streaked vest, my new leather breeches and beaver hat to be equally divided between my said two brothers. My executors to put out at interest their said £2,000 each, for their use and at their risk. Should either or both of my brothers die without an heir, and before they respectively are twenty-one, then what I have bequeathed above is to be divided equally between all my brothers and sisters and my wife Susanna, if then my widow. Unto my brother James £1,000; unto my brother Timothy, £400; unto my three sisters, Hannah, Mary, and Sarah, £100 each. I make my brother-in-law, Seth Marvin, and my brother, James Little, executors.

Dated May 10, 1780. Witnesses, Elihu Marvin, Esquire, of the Precinct of Cornwall; Samuel Racket, Sarah Little. Proved, August 29, 1783.

Page 140.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN A. BRINCKERHOFF, yeoman, of Rumbouts, Dutchess County, calling to mind the mortality of my body. All my just and lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my true and loving wife Elizabeth, £100, levied out of my estate. Unto my beloved son Abraham, £150 that his grandmother, Phemmetye Bloom, willed him. Unto my beloved sons, George and Isaac, £100 each. The rest of all my estate to be equally divided amongst my six children (save £5 to my daughter Phemmetye, that her grandmother willed her), namely: Phemmetye, Abraham, Elizabeth, George, Isaac, and Dirck. My widow to remain in full possession of all my real and personal estate till my oldest son is of age, if she remains my widow; to have one bed and bedding in same term. Should she marry before my son's majority, then the estate is to be sold. If she does not marry, it is to be sold and divided among my six children. My three eldest sons to be put out to learn trades, if they choose. My son Dirck I leave to my beloved brother, Dirck Brinckerhoff, at his discretion to put him to what trade he wills. I make my true and loving brother Dirck and my true and loving brothers-in-law, Stephen and George Brinckerhoff, and my trusty and loving friend, Jacobus Swartwout, executors.

Dated November 25, 1774. Witnesses, Cornelius Wiltse, John Smith, and William Algar, of Rumbout precinct, yeoman. Proved, October 8, 1783.

Page 142.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN BRINCKERHOFF, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. My wife to remain in full possession of my tenements, goods and chattels until my son John is of full age. Until then, all my children to be maintained, clothed and schooled at my executors' discretion, out of the profits of my estate. At my son John's majority, my wife to have £200. Should she

die before said money is paid, then it is to go to my two daughters, Meritay and Alty in equal shares. If she remains my widow, she shall enjoy said £200; if she should marry, then she is to have but £100, with one bed and bedding and a cupboard. The monies hired of Samuel Waldron be paid to my son John and Maryta my daughter when they come of age, or marry, at the discretion of my executors. Unto my daughter Alty, £100; to be taken first out of my moveable estate. Unto my son John all my fast estate and one riding horse. He shall pay out of my real estate unto my two daughters £50 each in 'two years' time after my decease. The remainder of my moveable estate to be divided equally between my two daughters. I make Richard Vanwyck and George Brinckerhoff, gentlemen, executors.

Dated September 10, 1776. Witnesses, John Luyster and Zacharias Bush, both of Rumbout precinct, yeomen; William Barkens. Proved, November 27, 1779.

Page 144.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC TELLER, farmer, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being sick, but of perfect mind and memory. My funeral charges to be first paid, then all my debts by my executors out of my personal estate. I leave £300 good money in gold and silver, one horse, saddle and bridle, two milk cows, and one negro wench named Dine, unto my wife Sarah; payable out of my personal estate. If this be insufficient, then after sale of personal estate sufficient to be raised out of my real estate to pay the legacy. Likewise unto her, one feather bed, bedding, bedstead and furniture complete. Unto my loving son Jacobus, £100. The legacy to my wife is in lieu of dower. The remainder of my real and personal estate unto Oliver, Deborah, and Mary Teller, Isaac Depeyster Teller and Jacobus Teller, equally alike. Should either of said children die a minor, his or her portion to be shared equally by the surviving

heirs. Should my daughters marry, and have no issue, and die, if the legacies be not paid, then her legacy is to be divided equally among the surviving heirs. My son Jacobus's legacy to be put to interest. Unto my loving wife, one good riding chair, to be bought by my executors. I make my loving friends and Oliver Teller, Martin Wiltsie, Peter M. DeBois, and Jeremiah Cooper, executors.

Dated September 5, 1783, and in the eighth year of our Independence. Witnesses, Mary De Peyster; Jeremiah Cooper, of Dutchess County, physician; Martin Wiltse. Proved, October 14, 1783.

Page 145.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, now of New Windsor precinct, late of New York, being weak in body, on the first day of September, 1779. After all my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I leave to my loving friend, Margaret Montgomery, daughter to Samuel Montgomery, merchant in Armagh, Ireland, £50 sterling, to be paid as soon as can be collected if Mr. Andrew Thompson of Newry in Ireland has not paid the same. If he did pay, then the said £50 is to remain to be divided among my brethren as hereafter mentioned. Unto my cousin William (son to Mr. John Montgomery), my silver watch. After my brothers, Joseph's and James's two bonds are given up, to each of them the remainder part of my real and personal estate, (except what moveables are in Mrs. Lightbody's) to be equally divided among my four brothers, John and Joseph, James and Robert Montgomery. If I die in Mrs. Lightbody's house, then unto Elisabeth Lightbody, my feather bed, bolsters and pillows. Unto Mrs. Agnes Lightbody, One hundred Dollars, my looking glass, candlesticks and small China. Unto said Margaret Montgomery (daughter to said Samuel Montgomery), one large China Bowl not cracked, and one small diamond ring. I make my two brothers, James and Robert Montgomery, executors.

Witnesses, William Edmonston, of New Windsor precinct, Ulster County; Gabriel Lightbody, of Cornwall precinct, Orange County, yeomen. Proved, December 2, 1783.

Page 147.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ENGLETHIE SCHEPMOS, of the City of New York, widow of Johannes Schepmos, late of Ulster County, deceased; being aged and infirm. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my granddaughter, Anne De Graw, one bed, two bolsters, two pillows, one spotted rug, one trammel, one pair iron andirons, one pair brass candlesticks, and all my wearing apparel. Unto my son, John Van Housen, £15 to be paid as he may have occasion for it at the discretion of my executors; Also, £10 more, which I order my executors to keep until the death of my son, towards his funeral charges. Unto John Van Housen, son of my son, Volkert Van Housen, £40, and one spotted coverlid. Unto my granddaughter, Agnes Osborn, £25. All said sums to be charged upon my dwelling house and lot of ground hereafter described. Unto my said son, John Van Housen, the possession of the cellar kitchen, of the house I now live in, for life. My house and lot of ground and appurtenances situate in the North Ward of the City of New York, fronting William Street, and adjoining to the lot of Anne De Graw (reserving the cellar kitchen), unto William, Jane, and Anne Thompson (children of my granddaughter, Anne Thompson, deceased), subject to the payment of the above legacies. I discharge my son, John Van Housen, from all sums of money owing to me. I make William Thompson, of the City of New York, mariner; Isaac De Graw (husband of Anne De Graw), and Garret Van Horne, of New York, merchant, executors.

Dated May 9, 1763. Witnesses, John King, of City of New York, mason; Jacob Funck, Albert V. Nordstrant. Proved, December 9, 1783.

Page 149.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WATERS SMITH, gent, of Jamaica, Queens County, being in perfect health, I order my estate, real and personal to be sold by executors. I leave to Deborah, my dearly beloved wife, £1,000, payable as follows: £250 within one month; the like sum within one year; the like sum in the second, and in the third year. A certain bond which I have against Benjamin Field, junior, and his mother, shall be accounted as part of said £1,000. Likewise unto my wife, my negro wench named Hester, my best bed and furniture, my clock, silver tankard, and as much of my best household furniture as will be sufficient to furnish one room. All which legacies are in lieu of dower. Unto my daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Betts, £200, with one year after my decease; Also, my silver cream pot, silver sugar basket, and silver salts provided she relinquishes all her claims in my estate. Unto my sister Elizabeth (wife of William Forbus), my silver bowl, and the yearly interest of £400; after her death the said £400 to such of my said sister's children as may be living at her decease; in equal shares. Unto my nephew, Waters Forbus, £500, to be put at compound interest, until he is ten years old, then my executors to put him to a Latin school; sufficient yearly interest to be applied for his maintenance and learning. But if this be insufficient to carry him through college, then so much as is necessary for this purpose shall be taken from the principal. Should he die before he comes to lawful age, or marries, then same to go to all his surviving brothers and sisters in equally shares, and paid them as they respectively come to lawful age, or marry. Unto my niece Elizabeth Forbus (daughter of my said sister Elizabeth), £200, to be paid when she is of lawful age. Unto Samuel Smith, son of my brother Samuel, £100, payable at his majority or marriage. Unto Waters Field, son of Stephen Field, £100. Unto Samuel Forbus, son of my sister Elizabeth, £200. My wife's legacy to be paid at the specified times in money if sufficient be in the hands

of my executors, if there be not, then to be paid in good bonds assigned over unto her. The remainder of my estate to go as follows: One half unto my brother, Melancton Smith; the other half unto all my brothers and sisters, namely: Elizabeth Forbus, Samuel Smith, Melancton Smith, Benjamin Smith, Israel Smith and Mary Smith, in equal shares. I make my wife Deborah, my brother Melancton, my cousin, Talman Waters, and my friend, Robert Hinchman, executors.

Dated August 30, 1773. Witnesses, Joseph Robinson, of Jamaica, Esquire; John Thurston, William Thurston.

Codicil. I, WATERS SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, this 30th of August, 1773, make this codicil. Whereas I have given several legacies to certain children, and no mention is made of what shall be done with the interest, accruing until said legacies are paid, I declare that such interest is to be paid at the same time and manner as the said legacies.

Witnesses, John Thurston, Joseph Robinson, William Thurston. Proved, December 11, 1783.

Page 152.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, being in health of body. All my estate, real and personal, to be sold by my executors at their discretion in some convenient time after my decease. My just debts and funeral charges be first paid. I leave to my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, my best bed and furniture. Six silver spoons, marked NEE., my large looking glass and my linen to be equally divided between her and my daughter Mary. Also unto her, my wife, the use of £250 during life and while my widow. At her decease, or marriage, the said sum to my sons, Samuel, Melancton, Benjamin, and Israel, in equal shares. Unto my daughter Elizabeth (wife of William Forbus), six silver spoons marked A W E; to be delivered after my decease; Also, £25 to be paid as soon as may be after sale of my estate. Unto my eldest son, Waters,

£5, to be paid after sale. Unto my daughter Mary, £90, after sale. Unto my son Benjamin, £100, after sale. The remainder of my estate unto my sons, Samuel, Melancton, Benjamin, and Israel Smith, in equal shares. I make my said four sons or any three of them, executors.

Dated February 9, 1775. Witnesses, Joseph Robinson, of Jamaica, Esquire; Samuel Messenger, Daniel Smith. Proved, December 11, 1783.

Page 154.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHIAS SWAIM, of Staten Island, Richmond County, this second day of October, 1782. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate. My executors to sell my lands and meadows (except the 9 acres salt meadow fronting the land of Justis Bedell and the land that I have of Proall's patent; and all my personal estate). Unto my loving son, Matthias Swaim, the above excepted land; should he die without issue, the said meadow shall be equally divided between my surviving children. Unto my loving daughters, Cat-tren, Mary, and Elisabeth, all my personal estate, or the proceeds of sale of it, together with proceeds of sale of land and meadow, in equal shares, payable as they respectively come of age. I make my loving brother, Simon Swaim, of said County; and my loving friend, Israel Bedell, of the City of New York, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Wood, yeoman; John Van Pelt, cordwainer, both of Richmond County; Jacob Rezeau. Proved, December 20, 1783.

Page 155.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL GAUTIER, of the City of New York, carpenter, being in good health of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my son Andrew, all my wearing apparel, both linen and woolen, and all my tools with the benches and implements belonging to my trade, and the value of £10 of stuff taken out of what

I leave at my decease. Also, the choice of one of my guns and sword. Unto my daughter Mary my large black walnut cupboard. The remainder of my real and personal estate to my wife Mary (until the youngest of our children, as shall be living at the time of my decease, shall be twenty-one), for the maintenance of herself and our children during their minority. When the youngest is of age, then, unto my wife, the one full third of all my personal estate for her own use and the other two thirds of my moveables with all my real estate as shall then be remaining, unto the child or children living when my youngest is of age, equally to be divided among them. In case my wife and my executors, or any two of them, shall think it necessary to sell part of my real estate, they are to sell all that tenement and parcel of ground, in the South Ward of the City of New York, which I bought from David Cosart; Also, that house adjoining to the house in which I live with the ground, the same ground I purchased from Captain Kip and Alderman Van Renst, and belonged formerly to Cornelius Boomer; or either of my said properties. I make my wife Mary, and my esteemed friends, David Clarkson and John Chambers, both of the City of New York, gentlemen, executors.

Dated March 18, 1739. Witnesses, Ann Chambers, William Bogart, Lancaster Green. City of New York, proved, January 8, 1747, before Goldsbrow Banyar, Esquire. Letters of administration were granted to Peter Webbers, of the City of New York, grocer, and Catharine his wife, on December 26, 1783, his wife Mary (qualified executor), and David Clarkson and John Chambers having died.

Page 157.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC FILKINS, of Charlotte preeinet, Dutchess County, being weak in body, this sixth day of August, 1781. My daughter, Lane Filkins, to be maintained out of the Place where I now live with my son Peter. I leave to

him, 100 acres of land where I live after the decease of my daughter Lanah. Unto my son Isaac, 16 acres of land where he now lives. The remainder of my goods and personal estate unto all my children, Henry, Peter, Abraham, Isaac, Jacobus Filkins, and Joseph Hicks and Enuck Lester, in equal shares. I make my beloved son Peter, and my friend, John W. Allen, executors.

Witnesses, John W. Allen, and Reuben Sarles, both of Dutchess County, yeomen; Catrin Allen. Proved, December 22, 1783.

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS ROOSEVELT, merchant, of the City of New York, but now in Southfield in the State of Connecticut, being in good health of body. After all just debts and funeral expenses be paid, I leave to my loving wife Sarah, the income of my real and personal estate until my son James is twenty-one, or marries, provided she remains my widow; said income to be for the maintenance of my wife and the bringing up of my son James and all other children I may hereafter have by my said wife. Unto my wife, all that dwelling house and lot of ground in Peck's Slip, City of New York, next adjoining the house wherein I formerly lived; Also, the use of the household goods, kitchen and other furniture while my widow, except such furniture and plate as she brought to me. My son James to pay my wife £500 at majority, to be accepted by her in lieu of dower. After this sum is paid out of my estate, the remainder of my real and personal estate unto all my children, born before or after my decease, in equal shares. Should my son die in non-age, without lawful issue, and no other child or children be living heirs, then all my estate to go to my wife, provided she pays the following legacies: unto my uncle, Peter Brush's (deceased) children, £200 in equal shares; unto my aunt, Eliz't Brush (deceased) son Richard, £100; unto the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch

Church, £100 towards repairing the North Church. I make my loving wife Sarah, my uncle, Isaac Roosevelt, and cousin, Peter Byvanck, executors and guardians of all my children.

Dated August 21, 1781. Witnesses, Ann Byvanck, Joseph Bull and Evert Byvanck, of said city, merchant. Proved, December 30, 1783.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PHILIP HALSAPLE, yeoman, of Claverack, Albany County, being very sick and weak, this ninth day of November, 1777. All my just debts be first paid as soon as convenient. My well-beloved wife Gertruy to be full owner and Master of my real and personal estate while my widow; to maintain herself and my lawful children. I leave to my two daughters, Maregret and Mary, at death or marriage of my wife, all my real and personal estate. If I should have a child born after my decease, of which my wife is now pregnant, if a female, to be an equal joint heir with my said two daughters; if a male child, then he is to be the only heir to said estate when my wife dies or marries, and when my daughters come to full discretion. I make my loving father, Johannes Halsaple, and Hendrick Klapper, executors.

(Signed)

"PHILLIP HOLSAPPEL."

Witnesses, Richard Esselstyn, Esquire, and Michael Horton, Captain, both of Claverack; and Henry Zeibel. Proved, September 16, 1783.

Page 162.—*Translation of will in Dutch:*

January 6, 1783. FRANCIS HARDICK JR., of Claverack, Albany Co. "Weak of body but of strong and perfect memory and of good understanding." His son, William Hardick, to receive five shillings sterling for right of primogeniture. All real estate to go to three sons: William, Pieter, and Daniel Hardick, each an equal share. Six daughters: Anna Catharina, Maria, Elizabeth, Annatje, Margarieta, Gerritje, each to re-

ceive £10 out of the estate. Daughter Anna Catharina to be supported and have the use of the house as long as she remains single. Testator's wife, Margarita Hardick to remain in possession as long as she remains his widow. Wife Margarieta Hardick, sons William and Pieter Hardick, guardians, executors and administrators.

(Signed) FRANCIS HARDICK JR.

Witnesses, Justus H. V. Hoesen, Gerrit Hardick, Stephⁿ V. Dyck. Proved, September 19, 1783.

Page 164.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT HUNTER, yeoman, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, being sick and weak in body. After all my just debts be paid I leave to my loving wife Anne a horse and saddle suitable for her to ride, her bed and its appurtenances, including all that she brought to my house at marriage; Also, £15 out of my estate, together with the sum payable unto her from her father, James Neely, by Bond, so as the whole may amount to £50. My farming utensils to my two sons, James and John, in equally shares. The remainder of my moveables (books, bedding and what is specifically given away, excepted), to be sold at public vendue, and money owing to me at time of my decease to be collected in. Whereas I have already paid my son David, £200, formerly willed to him, £212 of the proceeds of said sale and collections be paid unto all my children by my wife Anne (John excepted) in equal shares. As soon as it is in hand, it is to be put at interest to assist in bringing up my younger children until my son Samuel is twenty-one, or at my executors' discretion; the remainder, after said £212 is paid or applied, to be equally divided among all my children, James and John excepted. Unto my son James, all the farm whereon I now live, he paying my sons, William, Matthew, Robert and my daughter Lilly, £212 in equal shares, within eighteen months after my decease, provided my son Robert be then the age of twenty-one.

Likewise, my son James to pay unto all my children by my wife Anne (John excepted), £105, at said term and in like manner, provided the messuage is in his possession. Unto my son John, my messuage and farm on the west side of the Dwarf's Kill, lying between the farms of David Crage and Jan Crispell, he to pay the rest of my children by my wife Anne, £160 in equal shares. My wife to have the sole use of last mentioned messuage for life, or during widowhood; then to go to my son John. Should any of my children by my wife Elizabeth die (James excepted), before this will come of force, or without lawful issue, then the shares of them so dying to go to the surviving, in equal shares. If any of my children by my wife Anne should die (John excepted) before majority or day of marriage, the legacies to be divided in like manner. All my books shared by my sons as most agreeable; my beds and bedding among all my daughters (Lilly excepted). My wearing apparel unto my children, and not to be sold; likewise my saddle and guns. Whereas I have given to my daughter Lilly sundry articles to the value of £10, exclusive of her bed and bedding, said sum is to be deducted from her portion of my moveable estate. I make Matthew Rea, Esquire, and my son James, executors.

Dated November 22, 1775. Witnesses, Edward Neely, of the precinct of New Windsor, farmer; George Knox, of the precinct of Schwangunk, weaver; James Fulton. Proved, June 17, 1783.

Page 166.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN HASBROUCK, merchant, of New Burgh, Ulster County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my personal estate as soon as convenient after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Tryntje, for her own support and that of my children, and their education, until they respectively are twenty-one, the use and profit of my real and personal estate; and until my youngest son,

Jonathan, is twenty-one. Should my wife marry within that time, then she is to have one bed and bedding, her choice of one of my negro wenches, and all my household furniture in lieu of dower. Unto my two daughters, Rachel and Mary, £500 each payable when my then youngest son is twenty-one. Unto my three sons, Cornelius, Isaac and Jonathan, my lands and all other real estate in New Burgh, Ulster County, or elsewhere, as tenants in common, in fee simple; together with the residue of my personal estate, in equal shares, when the youngest of them is twenty-one. Such of my sons as are living when my youngest son is twenty-one, shall pay, in consideration of their portions in my estate, unto my wife Tryntje (if then my widow and unmarried), an annuity of £20 on the first day of May, during said widowhood; my said two daughters, for the same consideration, to pay an annuity of £10 on same date, and for like term. As the 500 acres of land which I lately bought of the executors of Peter Remsen, deceased, may lie in a dead and unprofitable state to my sons, not yielding anything equal to the interest of the money I gave for it, nor raising in value equal thereto, I authorize my executors, at their discretion, to sell or dispose of all or part of the same; to invest the proceeds on good security until the majority of my youngest son; then the principal and interest to go equally to my three said sons. I charge all my real estate devised to them with the payment of the legacies bequeathed to their two sisters, and the annuity to my widow. I make my wife Tryntje, my brother, Abraham Hasbrouck, and Joseph Gasharie, Esquire, and my son Cornelius, executors.

Dated November 24, 1772. Witnesses, His Excellency George Clinton, Esquire; James Gregg, Captain in the First New York Regiment; George Denniston.

Codicil. Whereas I have since purchased a tract of land of James Delancy and others, such lands shall be enjoyed by my three sons, Cornelius, Isaac and Jonathan, as my other lands.

Dated July 20, 1776. Witnesses, Robert Hunter; William Hunter, of the precinct of New Windsor, farmer; Siah Robinson. Proved, December, 21, 1782.

Page 170.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETRUS SMEDES, miller, of the Green Kill in Kingston, County of Ulster, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding. I leave to my dear beloved wife Catharina the use of my real and personal estate for life, excepting what I desire my son Petrus to enjoy; that is, he shall have the land, house, barn, millstones, bolts and bolting cloath, etc., with the use of the water of the mill-dam; he to keep the mill in order for the use of my wife during life. Unto my said son, all my real estate, with the above described moveables, and seasoned wood or boards, after my wife's decease; Also, my blacksmith's tools and one half my wearing apparel; Also, the free commonage and liberty I have in the land of Charles Broadhead (late deceased), now in the possession of Charles de Witt. My son Petrus, in consideration of the bequest of real estate, to pay one half of my just debts. Unto my daughters, Geritje, Sarah, Elizabeth and Jackamytje, each one sixth part of my personal estate. Unto my grandchildren, equally (the children of my daughter Magdalena, deceased), one sixth part; unto my grandchildren (children of my daughter Catharina, deceased), the remaining sixth part of said personal estate in equal shares. The personal estate given to my four daughters and aforesaid grandchildren to be chargeable with the payment of the other half of my debts. My executors to render an inventory of the same when demanded by any daughter or grandchild. I give my good faithful and honest Harry the eldest, his absolute freedom after my own and my wife's decease; my son Petrus to provide a reasonable support in clothing and diet for my good man Harry during his life, to answer all the seasons of the years, and the rest of my heirs with my son Petrus, three shirts, one pair of Makesons, three

pair stockings, two linen breeches, two pair shoes, yearly; one waistcoat and one jacket every two years, and one great coat every three years; my executors to see this performed. Whereas my son has received his portion of me in the purchase of a farm at Shawngonk, he is to have only the one half of my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Jackamyntje, my large cupboard and large looking glass. Unto my grandchildren (children of my son Benjamin), John, Petrus, Jacob and Elizabeth, each, £25 payable after the decease of myself and wife. My eldest, Thom, to have liberty to choose a Master if not choosing to live with any of the children; Also to Hono, the same liberty. If there be debts by bonds, bills or notes or any other specialties or money due, and money remaining after my just debts are paid, the remainder to be equally shared by my eight children, namely: Peter, Gerritye, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jokamyntje, and the grandchildren of Magdalena, and of Catharina, and of my son Benjamin. My youngest, Harry, liberty to choose one of my son Benjamin's children to live with; the one chosen is to pay £80 to said children in equal shares. I make my loving wife Catharine, and son Petrus, and grandson, Coenradt I. Elmendorph, and friend, Albert Pawling, executors.

Dated February 1, 1783. Witnesses, Johannis Van Wagenen, junior, Petrus Van Wagenen, junior, and Jacob Van Wagenen, of Hurley Town, Ulster County, farmers. Proved, October 13, 1783.

Page 172.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHAN URY ELIGH, farmer, of the Beaver Kill, Ulster County, being very sick and weak. I leave to Catherine, my dear and loving wife, £50; Also, one tea kettle, one trammel, two pewter tea pots, six China tea cups and saucers, one pewter sugar box, one pewter milk pot, three pewter plates, six glass bottles, one pewter chamber pot, one little flat pot, and one small skillet, one small pewter bason; Also, all her Cloaths of

woolen and linen, also the cloth of linen and woolen except what is given to my eldest daughter, Elisebath's heirs; Also, her feather bed and four blankets and everything belonging to the bed. All which she is to have for life, while my widow. After her death, the money left in her hands is to be equally divided among my two sons, Andries and Jacob and to my three daughters. My wife to have £4 from both my sons, Jacob and Andries, as an annuity. Unto my eldest son, Andries, for his birthright, one cross-cut saw, the value of £1, 5s.; Also, the farm whereon he now lives, lying on the Caters Kill in the County of Ulster; he paying to his three sisters, Elizabeth, Catharina, and Margriet, or their heirs, £30 each, out of his estate. Unto my son Johannes, during his life, the farm now possessed by his wife, lying on the Blue Mountains, County of Ulster; after his death, to his only son William. Should my son Johannes die before his wife, she is to have the benefit of said farm so long as she is his widow. Unto my son Jacob, the farm whereon he now lives, lying on Beaver Creek in said county; he paying to his three sisters £20 each out of his estate. Unto the six heirs of my daughter Elizabeth, one woolen sprear, one calico sprear, three sheets and two toe blankets, one iron stove, two pair andirons, one tong, one shovel, one hang iron, one iron tea kettle, in equal shares. Unto her youngest heir named Sarah, one brass bed pan; unto the said six heirs five Barrick bolts and nine drag teeth, in equal shares; Also, £150 (including £60 lent to her husband, making it £90), which net sum is to be levied out of my bonds, notes and book debts, and equally distributed. Unto my two daughters, Cathrena and Margriet, £150 each. Any overplus to be equally paid to my sons, Andries and Jacob, the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth, and my two daughters, Cathrena and Margriet. I make my son, Andrie Eligh, and my true and trusty friends, Adam Beer and Jacob Moure, executors; they to sell that piece of land at Freehold in the County of Albany

(which I bought of Johannes Becker); the proceeds to be equally shared by my two sons, Andries and Jacob, and my three daughters, Elisabeth, Chatrina, and Margriet, or their heirs. If any of my children have a mind to purchase the land at Freehold, they shall be entitled to the land for £100.

Dated December 6, 1780. Witnesses, Wilhelmus Rouw; Geysbert Diederick, and Peter West, both of Sagerties, in said County, farmer. Proved, September 2, 1783.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY CRIST, yeoman, of Montgomery precinct, Ulster County, being weak in body, this 26th day of July, 1783. I leave to my loving wife Ann, a room in the house I now live in, and a comfortable maintenance out of my real estate, while my widow; and a riding creature. Unto my oldest son, David, one half of my real estate in this precinct, he paying £25 out of the same to my youngest son, Henry, when of age; and also discharging all my lawful debts. The remaining half of said estate to my second son, Adam, to enter on the same when of age, he paying my son Henry a like sum at same time. "David and Adam raising and schooling, etc., all my girls and youngest children out of my real estate; and also give Johannis Crist, my wife's son, a riding creature, worth eight or nine pounds, when of age, provided he continues with them." "They doing as above directed are to hold the same with all appurtenances," as tenants in common. The residue of my personal estate to my daughters, Hannah, Elizebath, Mary, Eva, Ann and Sally, in equal shares, except so much of the grain in the barn necessary for supporting the family one year, and three milch cows for the support of the family. I make my good friends, Stevonis Crist, Johannis Millar, and Abraham Crist, executors.

Witnesses, Johanes Newkerk, and Jost German, John McKinstry both of said precinct, farmers. Proved, September 17, 1783.

Page 176.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM ELIGH, farmer, of the West Camp, Ulster County. I leave to my sister Margriet's oldest son, Johannes Fearo, for his birthright, ten shillings. Unto Jeremiah, eldest son of Andries Eligh, all my freeholds, lands and tenements whereon I now live, together with the house, barn, etc. Unto Margriet, my wife, £50, payable within six months after my decease; and sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging allowed out of my real estate, while my widow; Also, one feather bed, bolsters, pillows and bed-clothes; all her clothes and cloath of linen and of woolen; one trunk. Unto Rachel, wife of Hezekiah Dubois, for her good care and service, £20, payable within said term; likewise sufficient provisions and lodging, out of my estate, during her life; Also, one good milch cow. Unto William, son of Johannes Eligh, £5; unto my brother's sons, namely: Andries and Jacob Eligh, £3 each to buy them mourning. Unto William and Sophia Rushel (eldest children of Ludwig Rushel), £2, 10s. each. Unto Jeremiah (son of Andries Eligh), the residue of my chattels, bonds, book-debts, etc., and of my personal estate, after debts, funeral charges and legacies are paid. I make my true and trusty friends, Andries Eligh and Jacob Eligh and Peter West, executors; they to have sufficient wages for their trouble.

Dated August 14, 1782. Witnesses, Petrus Maurer, of West Camp, farmer; Adam Bacerr or Baar; Jacob Musier, of West Camp, farmer. Proved, October 15, 1783.

Page 178.—I, SAMUEL HALLOCK, of New Marlborough precinct, Ulster County, being infirm in body. I order the Bounds of my land to be settled by my executors. All my just debts and just incumbrances on my lands by former mortgages to be paid. Unto my beloved wife Sarah, the use of my real and personal estate while my widow. If she, with the advice and assistance of my other executors, shall judge it best or

think it necessary at any time to sell any or the whole lands for to pay debts or mortgages, it is to be done. The balance of my estate after payments are made, to remain in my wife's hands to deal out at her discretion unto any of my children as need may require, so long as she is my widow. If she marries "she to take up with a good horse and saddle, a good bed and furniture and £100." My estate to be divided into an equal parts: Elijah and John Hallock to have equally between them, four parts; Ama Sands, Phebe, Deborah, Forster, Clemment, and James Hallock, to have the remaining six parts equally. After such partition, Forster and James to receive the interest of their respective shares until they come of lawful age. They to be put to suitable trade. An account to be kept of what Ama Sands may have had before the distribution, and to be considered as part of her portion. What my wife Sarah may deal out discretionarily is also to be deducted from my children's respective portions. Ama Sands to be charged with £60 advanced. "If Friends conclude to build a meeting house on the three acres of land which I proposed to give for that purpose, and was viewed by a Committee of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, I order that at such time as they shall build said house for their security that my executors or heirs give such a deed as shall secure Friends to hold such land free and clear." I make my beloved wife Sarah, with my trusty friends, John Young, Nehemiah Smith, Caleb Merritt, and Benjamin Anthony, executors.

Dated December 27, 1782. Witnesses, John Moore, of New Marlborough precinct, farmer; Thomas Hallock; John Moore, junior, of said precinct, farmer.

Codicil. Any one or more of my executors to have full power and lawful authority to sell lands or give conveyance; to collect debts, and every other thing to complete my will.

Dated January 20, 1783. Witnesses, John Moore, and John Moore, junior, of said precinct, farmers. Proved, October 30, 1783.

Page 180.—In the name of God, Amen. This thirteenth day of July, 1777. I, LEWIS McDONALD, of the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, being sick and weak of body. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my second son, Lewis, 10 acres of land I bought of the executors of Isaac Miller, deceased; my gun, sword, gold sleeve buttons, and watch, with one bed and furniture, and spurs. Unto my oldest daughter, Sarah, wife of Peter Fleming, £1,500 out of my moveable estate, and my silver tankard and six large silver spoons. Unto my son Daniel's children, namely: James, Lewis and Joseph, £300 each; Sarah and Rachel, £150 each; payable in one year after my decease, the natural parent or guardian giving security that the sons shall receive their portion with interest at the age of twenty-one each; the daughters at eighteen. If either should die before receiving their portions, the legacy is to be divided among their survivors out of my moveable estate. Unto my son James' children, namely: James, Alexander and Lancelot, £300 each; Nancy and Sarah, 150; in like manner and under same conditions as above. Unto my grandson, Lewis Holmes, £200; unto my granddaughter Catharine, wife of Jesse Holly, £300, out of my moveable estate, and six silver tea spoons and a pair of silver tongs. Unto my granddaughter Mary, daughter of John and Catharine Thomas, £700 within one year after my decease, under same security and conditions as above. In case Kathrine have more children the legacy is to be divided among them all; in case none arrive at age to receive their portions, their mother is to receive the interest during life, and then to return to be equally divided among all my grandchildren. Unto my three sons, Daniel, Lewis, and James, the remainder of my estate, real and personal, not before disposed of, in equal shares. I make Doctor Peter Fleming and Lewis McDonald, executors.

Witnesses, Gilbert Budd; John Forman; Ezra Wil-

son, of Bedford, physician; Abijah Harris. Proved, October 23, 1783.

Page 182.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of April, 1782. I, JOSEPH MERRIT, yeoman, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, living in the street called Hogpen Ridge, being of sound body, mind, memory, and understanding. My funeral charges and expenses to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Ruth, all my household furniture, except one bed and its furniture; Also, the use of my real and personal estate towards the maintenance and education of my under-aged children. When they are of age, or if my wife should remarry, then she is to have all my household furniture and wearing apparel, except what is above specified. Before any division, unto my daughter Ann, the excepted bed, etc., and £60. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate at publick or private sale, at discretion; the proceeds and money outstanding on bonds, etc., unto my children, namely: Nehemiah, Daniel, Jotham, John, and Lot, in equal shares. My sons, Nehemiah and Daniel, having had of me each a horse and saddle, both shall have £10 less than the others. I make my two friends, Samuel Brown and Joseph Carpenter, and my beloved wife Ruth, executors.

Witnesses, Christopher Bennet, and Jonathan Guion, of Westchester County, yeoman. Proved, November 1, 1783.

Page 185.—In the name of the God of Israel, I, MATTHIAS GOMEZ, merchant, of the Township of the Northern Liberties, County of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, being sick and weak in body. To be decently interred according to the order of the Jews. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I make my loving mother, Deborah Gomez, my brother-in-law, Moses

Gomez, and his son Daniel, executors. I leave unto my four children, Deborah, Isaac, Esther, and Benjamin, in equal shares, when they respectively are twenty-one years old, two third parts of a tenement and lot ground on Queen Street in the Fly in the City of New York; Also, two tenements and lots on Golden Hill in said city; Also, one undivided half part of a distillery house and lot, with the stills and utensils, on Ferry street in said city; Also, my house and lot on said Queen Street, which was devised to me by my late father, Isaac Gomez, deceased, after the decease of my mother Deborah. Unto my eldest son, Isaac, my Sepher, or five books of Moses, written on parchment, with Rimmonims or ornaments of silver. My executors to let or demise all my real estate during the minority of my children for the best rents; these to be applied to the support of my loving mother Deborah, in lieu of an annuity of £150 given to her for life by my late father; Also, for the support and education of my children in non-age. Should the rents be insufficient, then my executors are to sell all or any real estate in the City of New York for the best prices, the net proceeds to be for the above purposes. The residue of my estate unto my four children, at majority, in equal shares. I make my executors guardians of the persons and estate of my children in minority.

Dated April 20, 1781. Witnesses, Walter Bicker, of the City of New York, hatter; Samuel Cowperthwait, Thomas Franklin, junior. Proved, January 2, 1784.

Page 187.—The last will and testament of me, JACOB GRIFFEN, of the White Plains, Westchester County, made this ninth day of June, 1777. All my just debts and charges of burial to be paid by my executors out of my movable estate at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah, the best bed in my house, with four pair of sheets and two pair of blankets, four pair of pillow cases, two cover-

lids, one down bed, covering, and a set of curtains and the cupboard that was her father's, one looking glass, one chest, two smoothing irons, and my pocket watch, and £10. Likewise, the use of my house where I now live in, the White Plains, all my houses and lands in Harrison's purchase, and the remainder of my moveables, while my widow; to be in lieu of dower. At her decease or remarriage, my executors to set up my dwelling house and farm and that at Harrison's purchase, at publick vendue, and sell them and the remainder of my moveables given my wife during widowhood; the proceeds of sale to go as follows: Unto Sarah, wife of Owen Stringham, £15 payable six months after sale; unto my two brothers, Ezekiel and William, all my wearing apparel (except my pocket), in equal shares. After the above legacies are paid, the balance of the proceeds to be divided into four equal parts, one to be paid to each, my daughters, Winnifred Purdy, Catherine Bates; another part to be divided into eight equal parts, and paid one each, to Griffen Wiledy, Joseph Wiledy, Jacob Wiledy, Anna, wife of James Hammond; Elizabeth, wife of George Combs, all being the children of Thomas Wiledy that he had by my daughter Sarah; one eighth to Sarah, wife of Thomas Lynch, and an eighth to be equally divided between Judah, widow of Thomas Wiledy, and Stephen Maybee, now living with me, in lieu of his personal service; the other eighth I put into the hands of John Bates, my son-in-law, to help my negro man Ichabod when he grows old, or is sick, or other ways disabled. The remaining fourth part to be divided between my grandchildren, William, Jacob, and Henry Fowler, and their sister's two oldest children, and Benjamin Griffen (my brother Caleb's son), that is: Jacob, Henry and Benjamin, to have £10 apiece more than William; the two abovementioned oldest children together to be equal to William. Benjamin's part to be put to use; the interest paid him yearly until he is thirty-five, then with the principal, provided he reforms, and my ex-

ecutors think he will make good use of his portion, they may at any time pay the whole if most to his advantage. I make my beloved wife Sarah, and my sons-in-law, Samuel Purdy and John Bates, executors.

Witnesses, Margreet Gedney; Gabriel Lynch, of White Plains, yeoman; Benedict Carpenter.

Codicil. Whereas I, willed my nephew Benjamin, a certain sum of money with proviso and restrictions; and also gave to my negro man that was, but is now set free, a legacy in custody of John Bates; my will now is: that my son shall receive his legacy when my estate is settled; the negro man to his legacy when Benjamin receives his. My grandson, Samuel Purdy of Phillipsburgh to be an additional executor to my will.

Dated September 2, 1778. Witnesses, John Jackson; Stephen Maybee, of White Plains, cordwainer; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, November 13, 1783.

Page 190.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER HAUCK, yeoman, of Knieskern-dorph, Albany County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my eldest son, Henrick, £10 for his birthright. Unto my dear and loving wife Christina, for the term of her life, this house wherein I dwell, all furniture, and all lands lying in different places, on both sides Schoharry river. After her death, the same lands and houses to my three sons, Henrich, Peter, and Jacob; my eldest son to be the nearest to the land, and have the first offer to it that he shall pay in a reasonable time to his two youngest brothers; together with such a sum of money as two or three chosen and elect good men shall appraise as an equal third part to pay each of his brothers. My three sons to share all my horses and horse yieldings, all my farming utensils, as waggons, sleds, plows, harrows, tackling, furniture, axes, hoes and other implements of husbandry. Unto my daughters, Anna, Elizabeth, and Catrine, £50 each, payable by my executors immediately after my decease. The

£20 loaned to my daughter Anna to be deducted. My two daughters, Elizabeth and Catrina, or either, being young, my executors to grant out of my personal estate, as good and sufficient out-set as Anna had, or the money value of the same. Unto my three daughters, together, all my household stuff and furniture in my dwelling house, all my cows, sheep, and saws, etc., in equal shares. I make my loving two brothers-in-law, Doctor Jacob Werth and Peter Eldors, executors.

Dated January 6, 1777. Witnesses, Henrich Semor, Caspar Krieslaer, George T. Reinhard, schoolmaster. Proved, July 23, 1783.

Page 191.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BOGERT, of the City of New York, gentleman, being at present in perfect health. I leave to my son Jacobus, £25, as being my eldest son. Unto my beloved wife, as per marriage contract, wherein she releases her dower in my estate, an annuity of £100 during her widowhood, to be paid by my executors in lieu of dower. My executors to put sufficient money at interest out of my personal estate (and proceeds of sale of real estate if the former be insufficient), to produce such annual income. Unto my sons, Peter and Henry, £500 each. The remainder of my estate, including the investment for the annuity to my wife, after her death to go to my sons, Jacobus, Cornelius, Peter and Henry, and my daughters, Ann and Mary, each an equal seventh; the income of the remaining seventh part for the support of my son Nicholas during life. My executors to sell my real estate at publick or private sale to pay legacies and annuity, and repair deficiencies. Such sums of money as any of my children or sons-in-law owe me on book, bond or otherwise, to be deducted from their shares or from their wives' shares respectively. I make my sons, Cornelius, Peter, and Henry, and my friend, Benjamin Kissam, executors.

Dated April 4, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Mitchell;

James Burling, of said city, breeches-maker; William Cock. Proved, January 9, 1784.

Page 194.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARCLAY, Mayor of the City of Albany, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Margaret, all real and personal estate which she possessed before marriage; Also, my gold sleeve buttons, two gold rings, silver tankard, silver mustard pot, two silver salt sellers, one silver tea canister, and the use of the residue of my whole estate, while my widow. Unto Charlotte, wife of David McCarthy, the household furniture I had by my first wife; only to be possessed after the death or remarriage of my wife Margaret. Upon the contingencies, unto Charlotte, Peter, and Jonas, children of John Jonas Bronch, lately deceased, £100 each. Unto Charlotte, wife of Condradt Ten Eyck, and Peter Ten Eyck, son of Andries Ten Eyck, each £100. At the death or remarriage of my wife, unto the children of my brother, Andrew Barclay, lately deceased, one half of the remainder of all my estate; the other half to the children of my late brother, Henry Barclay, deceased. Whereas my brother Andrew was in my debt by bond for £500 with interest, said principal and interest to be deducted from his children's portion. Each of my slaves and servants, to wit: Ishmael, Sam, Frank, Catrene, and Sair, to have liberty to choose their own masters and mistresses when sold any time after the death or remarriage of my wife, or, if my executors choose, any time before. I make my beloved wife Margaret, Peter Gansevoort, and John M. Beckman, executors.

Dated January 30, 1779. Witnesses, Henry R. Lansing, gunsmith; Robert Wendell, Mat: Visscher. Proved, June 20, 1783.

Page 196.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WESSEL VAN SCHAICK, of the City of Albany, merchant, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts, if any, and

funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my beloved wife Mary, the use of my whole estate, while my widow; if necessary any parts to be disposed of for the maintenance of herself and her family. At her death or remarriage, all my real and personal estate unto my sons, John G. Van Schaick and Gerrit W. Van Schaick, and to my daughters, Mary Van Schaick, and Catherine, wife of Peter Gansevoort, Esquire. Whereas my son, John G., is indebted to me by bond with condition for £989, 5 pence, 3 farthings, payable without interest after the decease of my wife; and my son-in-law, Peter Gansevoort, by two several bonds, of £90, 7 pence and £15, 1 shilling, 6 pence, without interest; these sums are to be considered part of my personal estate and be divided as above. Any child remaining unmarried, and by her consent living with my wife during her widowhood, and supported by her, shall make no compensation to the rest of my children. I make my wife Mary, and my daughter Mary, my sons, John G. and Gerrit W. Van Schaick, and Peter Gansevoort, executors.

Dated December 16, 1782. Witnesses, Jacob Van Schaick; Abraham Eights, of Albany, sail-maker; Robert Yates, Esquire; one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Proved, October 2, 1783.

Page 198.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT BLOOMER, of Rye, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth, the choice of one bed, bedstead, and a complete set of furniture. The residue of my whole estate, to be sold by my executors at time and in manner as they think best. My just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of the proceeds; then my executors to pay unto my wife Elizabeth, £150, to be in lieu of dower; Also, out of the same, unto my dear daughters, Levina and Phebe, £5 each; unto my dear daughter Elizabeth, £10; payable as soon as raised out of my estate: The residue of said

proceeds unto my six dear sons, Robert, Reuben, Isaac, Monmouth, Elisha and Anderson, paid in equal shares as they severally arrive at age of twenty-one. The profits of my estate, until the sale, be employed for the support of my family; my son Robert to have his equal share of the profits. I make my loving friends, Joseph Willson and Samuel Brown, of Rye, yeomen; and William Brundige, of Greenwich in Connecticut, executors. #

Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Joseph Merritt; Nehemiah Sherwood, of the State of Connecticut, yeoman; Timothy Wetmore. Proved, December 23, 1783.

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY WALLER, of the City of New York, widow of Peter M. Waller, late of said city, mariner; being in a low state of health. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, I leave to Henry King, of aforesaid city, joiner, and Mary, his wife, the house and lot where I now live, corner of Beaver lane in the broad way in the said City of New York; Also, all other real and personal estates. I make the said Henry King; and, in case of his death, Mary King, his wife, executors.

Dated November 24, 1783. Witnesses, John Slidell; Peter Marsalis, of New York, carpenter; Lemountis Noë. Proved, January 15, 1784.

Page 201.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS RIFENBERGER, jr., of the Little Nine Partners, in Dutchess County, being in perfect health. I leave to my father, Johannes Rifenger, and my brother Daniel, all my leasehold estate which I hold of Martinus Hoffman, and now in the possession of my father; situate in the Little Nine Partners aforesaid, for a term of years yet to come, to my father and brother immediately after my decease for the remainder of the term; upon this special trust and confidence reposed in them: that they shall permit my loving wife Eva, with my children, Johannis, Catharine, Anna, Eva, George, and Daniel to enjoy said leasehold estate until the expiration, dur-

ing my wife's widowhood and the lives of my children; and if my wife die or remarry, to permit my six children to share the use thereof. The residue of my worldly goods unto all my children. I make my father, Johannis Rifenberger, and my brother Daniel, executors.

Dated October 24, 1782. Witnesses, John J. Myer, Lancaster Burling, Felix Lewis, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, January 12, 1784.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-ninth day of April, 1783, I, ELIAS VAN BUNSCOTEN, of the precinct of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, being in perfect senses. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave to my beloved son Elias, £15 for his birthright. Unto my well-beloved wife Jacobmyntje, £15 annuity after my decease, and while my widow; paid equally by my three sons, Elias, John, and Teunis or their heirs. Unto my son Elias, the farm whereon I now live, being in said precinct, and containing 200 acres; with all the houses and barns. Unto my second son, John, the farm whereon he now lives, which I purchased of Hendrick Grawbergh, in Rumbouts precinct, containing 170 acres; with the houses and barns; he to bring in no bill or account he may have disbursed toward said farm (after my decease) against any of my surviving heirs. Unto my third beloved son, Teunis Van Benschoten, the farm whereon he lives, which I bought of Gideon Ververveen, being in Rumbouts precinct, containing 237 acres; with the houses and barns. Should any difficulty arise about any of said farms, whereby they may be cut short for defending the title, that then, according to the judgment of judicious men, each son or their heirs bear equally in the cost or loss of suit or lands. Unto my eldest beloved daughter, Catharine, £300, exclusive of a negro woman which she has now in possession. Unto my second beloved daughter, Rachel, £280, with a like exclusion. My eldest son, Elias, shall pay

unto my said two daughters, £212 as follows: £70, 13s. 4d. within two years after my decease; a like sum in three years; the same in four years; the whole in equal shares. My second son, John, shall pay to my said two daughters, £160 in three equal payments in like manner and same terms. My son Teunis, £208, as above described. My moveables to be sold; the proceeds to discharge debts if any; if not, to be equally divided among my aforesaid five children. I make my beloved sons, Elias, John and Teunis, executors.

(Signed)

"ELIAS BUNSCOTEN."

Witnesses, Peter Dubois, jr., Jacobus Ostrun, and James Elderkin, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, January 12, 1784.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC OAKLEY, of the White Plains in Westchester County, being very sick in body. I leave to my son Miles, a piece of land at the south corner of his garden, and running easterly by the land of Miles Oakley, keeping the same equal distance all the way through. Unto Miriam, my beloved wife, two beds and furniture, warming pan, cupboard, and half my pewter, one iron pot, and brass kettle, half dozen chairs, pair of hand-irons, shovel and tongs, a trammel, half dozen knives and forks, one cow, and all my linen; all instead of her dower. Unto Phebe Matilday, one bed and furniture in the fore room, one square table, one chest, two smoothing irons, one little and one large wheel. The rest of my moveables, lands and tenements to be sold with all convenient speed after my decease; proceeds to pay all my debts and funeral expenses; the overplus to be put to interest by my executors; the income to maintain my widow; after her decease to be divided equally between my sons, Miles and Isaac. I make my son Miles, executor.

Dated September 13, 1776. Witnesses, Moses Higgins, Elizabeth Hunt, and Anne Hatfield, of Westchester County, widow. Proved, January 7, 1784.

Page 207.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM STEVENS, yeoman, of Haverstraw precinct, Orange County, being weak and infirm in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate. I leave to my four sons, Stephen, Peter, Abraham, and Hendrick, as tenants in common, all my real estate in said county, in equal shares; to my younger sons not of age, the profits of their share for their maintenance until their majority. Unto my daughters, Maria, Elizabeth, and Jonitee, £100 each; payable by my sons out of their real estate; my adult sons to pay their proportion of said £300 in one year after my decease; my younger sons in one year after they respectively are twenty-one. Unto my unmarried daughters an out-set equivalent to what I gave my daughter, the wife of Dowe Vanderbitt, when they marry, or each is of age. Unto my younger sons, out of my personal estate, out-sets equal to what I gave to my oldest son, Stephen. Unto my four sons and three daughters, my blessing, and the remainder of my personal estate in equal shares, at the discretion of my executors. I make my sons, Stephen and Peter, and my respected friends, Jacobus Van Orden and Resolvat R. Van Nuten, executors.

(Signed) "ABRAHAM STEPHENS."

Dated September 6, 1783. Witnesses, Hendrick Stephens and Stephen Stephens, both of said precinct; David Pye, Esquire. Proved, October 7, 1783.

Page 208.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL MCKINLEY, of Hurley, formerly of the City of New York, tailor; being weak in body, this fifth day of April, 1783. All my just debts to be paid by my executors. Whatever is left, to remain to my loving wife Rebecca for use and support, or deal out to my children, if she approves, with my executors; such division not to do damage the equal divisions of the rest. All my children to have an equal share in my real and personal estate, viz. my daughters Catharine (now wife of

Alexander Crooksank), Jane, Elizebeth, Sarah, and Mary McKinley; still saving to my loving wife, with the advice or consent of one or both of my executors, the management of my property in such a way as they may think most conducive for the good of all my children. I make my dearly beloved wife Rebecca and loving brother, William McKinley, as also my daughter Catharine's husband, Alexander Crookshank, executors; my wife, with one or both my executors, to have power to let or sell any of my lots of land in the patent of Bamp, or my house and lot in the City of New York.

Witnesses, Garrit Harrison or (Harsin), and John Newkerk, gentlemen, both of said city; Huybert Ostrander. Proved, January 17, 1784.

Page 210.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES ALEXANDER, of New Perth, Charlotte County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at discretion of my executors. I leave to my beloved wife Catherine while my widow, the income of my house and farm in New Perth for her maintenance, one cow, and the use of my house furniture and five sheep. My executors to sell at public vendue all other my personal estate; proceeds to discharge debts; surplus to be put at interest on good sufficiently good security and applied for supporting my widow. Unto my loving children, James, and Jenny Alexander (if living), a moiety each of my real or personal estate. Unto my grandson, Joseph Alexander, £10. Unto my servant boy, Ebenezer Place, at the time he shall be free, if he behaves well, and my executors think he deserves it, £8. After the death or marriage of my wife, my executors to sell my real and the rest of my personal estate; proceeds to be paid to my children, grandson and servant as above directed. I make John Gray, senior, and Edward Savage, Esquire, executors.

Dated July 16, 1783. Witnesses, Matthew McWhorter, James McWhorter, Zurishaddoi Doty, all of said county, farmers. Proved, January 9, 1784.

Page 212.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-seventh day of December, 1783. I, SAMUEL CARMAN, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah, all my household goods, five cows, one pair of oxen, and ox-cart, one horse and chair, all the meat I have provided for winter, one half my grain on the ground, at Merrick, and as much of my other grain as will support her and her family until next harvest; Also, all the tallow, hog's fat, and butter; likewise, my old negro man named Dick, and my negro girl named Amy; Also, the service of my young negro man named Dick, during her natural life; all which is in lieu of dower. Unto my grandson, Caleb Carman, my silver watch. Unto my brother Adam, £50. Unto my daughters, Anne Cornelious and Mary Bedell, £90 each. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate; out of proceeds to pay my just debts and funeral charges, and legacies. The net proceeds unto my four sons, Samuel, Lot, Benjamin, and John Carman, in equal shares; whom I make executors.

Witnesses, Archelaus Doxsee, wheel-wright, and William Petitt, yeoman, both of Queens County; David Batty. Proved, January 30, 1784.

Page 213.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH HOGEBOOM, of the district of Claverack, Albany County, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Annatie, £50; Also all such parcel of the estates of Jerian Van Hoesen, deceased, and David Van Hoesen, deceased, as I am entitled to right of my wife. Unto my daughter Christina, wife of Gideon N. Hubbard, £100; payable two years after my decease. Unto my son Peter, the remainder of my real and personal estate; whom I make executor.

Dated December 21, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Hop, James Hogeboom, Thomas Williams, junior, of Claverack district, gentleman. Proved, January 16, 1784.

Page 214.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of October, 1782. I, DAVID CLARKSON, of Flat Bush, Kings County, merchant, being weak in body, but perfect of mind and memory. All my lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors before any division be made. I leave to my loving wife Elezabeth, all my real and personal estate in said township, or in the City of New York, etc., while my widow, for the support of my children, viz: Freeman, Anna Margrieta, Thomas Stretfield, and Levinus Clarkson. My non-aged children to be educated and maintained out of my estate by my widow, at her discretion. After her death, all my real and personal estate to go to my aforesaid children, in equal shares. As some of my children are indebted to me, such sums to be included at the division. I make my wife Elesabeth and my daughter and three sons, executors.

Witnesses, Petrus Hageman, Hendrick Sydam, and Johannis E. Lott, of Flat Bush in Kings County, Esquire. Proved, February 2, 1784.

Page 216.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILES HUDSON, of London, merchant, being of indifferent health of body. My body to be laid in my own vault in Chiswick in the County of Middlesex, where my dear late wife lies buried. I confirm the settlement made previous to marriage of my present wife. Acknowledging myself debtor to my dear child Mary in the sum of £1,000, which I received for her from the late Richard Jonson, Esquire, of West Oakley in the County of Berks, as by my receipt given him on or about the seventh day of September, 1772; being willed by Jacob Jonson, Esquire, his brother; said sum with interest to be paid to my daughter Mary, free from deductions for her board, and maintenance during my life when she is twenty-one, or on day of marriage. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be fully paid; then unto Ruth Hagar, if living with me at the time of my decease, £50. Unto John Deschamps, Esquire, of Buck-

lersbury in the City of London, and Mr. James Dunch of Shepherd Street, £100 each, in hopes and in full persuasion that they will take upon themselves the trouble of being executors and trustees to this will. Unto my good friend, Wentworth Ogle, Esquire, of Walbrook, £100; to my cousin, Elizabeth Rutter, of Iver in the County of Bucks, £200. As soon after my death as convenient, my leasehold, copyhold and freehold estates to be sold; proceeds with all my outstanding debts, bills, bonds, etc., as they come in and shall be paid, shall be placed in good Government securities at my executors' discretion. One third unto my dear wife forever, subject at her death to the payment of one-third thereof to my daughter Mary, if she be living; or any other child or children. The remaining two-thirds to be invested as above for the benefit of all my children together at my decease or born in due time after, payable in proportion as they are twenty-one years old. The interest to be paid to my wife for their maintenance during their minority. The remainder of my estate, with my furniture, plate and Jewels, not disposed of, unto my wife Catharine. I make John Deschamps, Esquire, Mr. James Dunch, with my wife Catharine, executors.

Dated November 1782. Revised by deleting, February 18, 1783. Witnesses, Catherine Hudson, of the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, County of Middlesex, widow; and John Deschamps, of the Parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook, London, Esquire. Handwriting identified by Thomas King, of the Parish of St. Michael, Bassishaw, London, Gentleman; and James Macombe, of the Parish of Great St. Thomas Apostles, London, Gentleman. Proved, March 3, 1783, in London. Approved, under the seal of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, February 12, 1784.

Page 220.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILHELMUS VAN ANTWERPE, Esquire, of Canistagauna, Albany County, being weak in body. My just debts

and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid. My wife to be Master and Commander of my whole estate, while my widow. In case my negro Jack does not please his mistress she is to dispose of him as she pleases. Should she be in need of the necessities of this life, and be my widow, she may sell all my lands in Rensselaerwick; Also, those in the Township of Schenectady, granted unto me by my father's will. My real and personal estate not willed or given away by my wife, to be equally divided between Daniel G. Van Antwerpe, and Marritje, now wife of James Van Vrancka. One year after the said Daniel is in possession of my real and personal estates, he shall pay to his brother Garret, £10 specie, and £15, specie, to his three sisters; at the same time Marritje or James Van Vrancka shall pay to my sister's children, £25 specie, in equal shares. I make my loving wife Hility, and my trusty friends, Daniel G. Van Antwerpe and James Van Vrancka, executors.

Dated November 8, 1781. Witnesses, Connelis Groot, Derick C. Groot, and Cornelius Groot, of said County, farmer. Proved, November 6, 1783.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GARRET COUWENHOVEN, of Township of New Utrecht, Kings County, being now in good health. My just and lawful debts and funeral expenses to be first paid at a decent time after my decease. I bequeath immediately after my decease, the whole use of the farm whereon I now live, commonly called my homestead farm, purchased of Jeris Lott, deceased, and the lot of woodland bought of Anthony Holts, and the two lots of meadow bought of Mr. Voorheen and Tunis Bergen, unto Niel-tie, the widow of my son Necasie, deceased, while his widow. If she marries again, then only the things she brought as her outset at her marriage, and £50 out of my personal estate. At her death or remarriage, unto my granddaughters, children of my said son, Antie, Geertje, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Nieltie, the 60 a res

of cleared land as now in fence and possession, in said township, on the easterly side of the high road leading from Flatbush to New Utrecht; bounded northeasterly by Van Nuys land; southeasterly by lands of Stilwell, southwesterly by lands of Tuntie Denyse, the wife of Denis Denise, and northwesterly by said road. Also, 4 acres to be measured and taken from my woodlands next to Petrus Van Pelts and John Van Duyns woodland. Also, the lot of meadow which I bought of Rolof Voorheee; together with all rights and privileges with above described parcels of lands. The remainder of my homestead farm unto my grandson, Garret Couwenhoven; bounded northeasterly by Yellow Hock, easterly by said road, southwesterly by Van Nuys Suydams and Emans land, and northwesterly by the lands which my son bought of Capt. Denyses estate; Also all the woodland and meadows (belonging to my farm), purchased of Joris Lott, deceased; Also, the woodland bought of Anthony Holt; together with the buildings and improvements of said farm, except the four acres devised to sisters and the meadow bought of Voorhies. My said grandson Garret, in consideration of the farm devised to him, as soon as he is of lawful age, shall pay £60 to his sister Antie, and like sums to each of his sisters, Geene, Sarah, Elizabeth and Nieltie. Unto my son Johannes all that farm or plantation in said township, whereon he now lives, which I bought of John Rapelje, Esquire; together with the buildings, woodlands, meadows belonging to said farm, now occupied and enjoyed by him. Unto my daughter Sarah, wife of Martin Schenk, the plantation in the Jersey on the North Branch in Sommerset County, and let last to Thomas Burgon; the same which I got of my father, Necasiee Couwenhoven, deceased, with the buildings and appurtenances. All my negroes, with my household furniture, the one-third to my son Johannes; a like part to my daughter Sarah; the remainder part to the children of my deceased son Necasie. My farming utensils, stock of horses and cattle unto my son

Johannes and my grandson Garret in equal shares. Should my daughter Sarah go and live on her farm herein devised, my son Johannes and grandson Garret shall give her one new iron-bound, one good plow, one good harrow, two cows and two horses. I make my son Johannes, and my friend Art Van Pelt, son of Petrus and my daughter Sarah, executors.

Dated May 9, 1781. Witnesses, Petrus Van Pelt, John Verkerk Van Nuys, yeoman, and Nicholas Couwenhoven, Esquire, both of Kings County. Proved, February 5, 1784.

Page 225.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CASPARUS MABIE, of the precinct or township of Tappan or Orange-town, Orange County, yeoman, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. I leave to my son, Peter Mabie, all the lands and real estate devised to me by my father, Peter Maltbie, deceased. Unto my son Cornelius, all the real estate I bought of David Bogert, in the said town of Orange; he paying for the same £100. My executors to sell the farm I bought of John Perry, Esquire, in the aforesaid County, with my grist mill and appurtenances for such sums of money as may be reasonably gotten for the same. While said farm, mills and other premises remain unsold; the possession and profits to go to my wife Willempje; Also, unto her, £200. Unto my son Peter, £25. Unto each my daughters not having had an outset before my decease, to have one equal to the what each of my married daughters shall have received of me. Unto each of my sons, Peter and Abraham, an outset equal to what my son Cornelius has had. My executors to apply sufficient of the proceeds of sales to the payment of my debts and the legacies. The remainder of my personal estate and the net proceeds of said sales unto my eight children, viz: Peter, Cornelius, Abraham, Mary, Cathaline, Catharine, Margaret and Elizabeth, in equal shares. I make my son, Peter Mabie, and my son-in-law, Johannes Bogert, executors.

Dated September 23, 1782. Witnesses, Jacobus Da Blauvelt, John Johnston, and John Haring, of Orange County, Esquire. Proved, February 10, 1784.

Page 227.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL MILLER, now of North Castle, late of Bedford, Westchester County, being of sound mind, this fourth day of June, 1783. I leave to my son, Lewis Miller, £200; payable by my executors within six months after my decease. Unto my daughter Anna, £100; payable as aforesaid. Unto my son Daniel, the remainder of my whole estate after payment of just debts and a reserve for my wife. Unto my wife Charity, the use of one third part of my real and personal estate for life. I make my wife and my son Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, Rachel Mills; Josiah Mills, of Bedford, yeoman; Zebadiah Mills. Proved, January 26, 1784.

Page 228.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighteenth day of September, 1754. I, JEURY BROWER, of Gowanes, in the township of Brookland, Kings County, miller, being very sick and weak in body. All my funeral charges to be paid. I leave my whole estate in the Township of Brookland, unto my three sons, Abraham, William, and Adolph, in equal shares; but my son Abraham to have £5 for his birthright before any division is made. My three sons to pay my just debts, and satisfy legacies hereafter given unto my well-beloved wife and the rest of my children. Should my sons neglect or refuse to pay above mentioned debts and legacies, then my whole estate shall be sold at public vendue; the proceeds divided amongst all my children and well-beloved wife Geertje in equal shares. Unto my wife all her goods she brought to my estate; Also, one of my negro girls named Bet, or Bettie; likewise, £200, and one of my rooms in my house, while my widow. Unto my son Jeury, £200. Unto my daughter Maria, on her marriage day, £30; six years after my decease, £50. Unto my daughter Cornelia, £30 and

£70 at above terms. Unto my daughter Annatie, wife of Henry Tayler, £70, payable six years after my decease. Unto my daughters, Jannetie, Elizabeth, Lena and Sarah, on their respective marriage day £30; six years after my decease, £70. Unto my wife Gertie, one of my milk cows; my three sons first named to keep said cow for my wife. I make my three sons, Abraham, William and Adolph, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Bennet; Jere Bennit, of Kings County, weaver; Simon Boerum. Proved, February 4, 1784.

Page 232.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HERCULES WENDOVER, blacksmith, of City of New York, being in good health, this third day of March, 1739. I leave to my brother Thomas, £10, to buy a suit of mourning; unto my sister Anne, £10 for same purpose. All my wearing apparel to my brother Thomas, and John, the son of my said sister Anne, in equal shares. The remainder of my personal estate to my dear wife Mary, after my just debts and funeral charges are paid. The house and lot of ground, where I dwell in Wall Street in said City unto my wife Mary, during her natural life, with liberty to rebuild, repair and alter the same. After her decease, my executors to sell said property; proceeds to be put at interest; a moiety of said interest to be paid to my brother Thomas, during his life; the other half to my sister Anne, during life; at the death of my brother and sister, the said proceeds to be equally divided among their children. I make my wife Mary, and my friend, Thomas Lynce, merchant, and Jacobus De Lamonge, blockmaker, both of this City, executors.

Witnesses, George Larting, William Bartlett, Samuel Bourdett. Proved, April 11, 1743.

[NOTE.—City of New York, February 18, 1784. To Hercules Wendover, of Paramus, State of New Jersey, cordwainer; nephew and one of the legatees of Hercules Wendover, late of the City of New York, black-

smith, deceased. Whereas, on April 11, 1743, said will was proved before Geo. Jos. Moore, Esq., and Mary Wendover and Jacobus De Lamonge qualified as executors; and they having since died intestate; and the estate of Hercules Wendover, deceased, not being full administered; letters of administration are granted unto you.]

Page 233.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID PROVOOST, merchant, of the City of New York; now residing at my country seat on New York Island, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors in some convenient time after my decease, out of the first monies that may come into his hands. I leave to my daughter-in-law Mary, widow of my deceased son, John Provoost, £200; Also, the use of my farm at Dover in the province of New Jersey, during her widowhood. At her decease or remarriage, the said farm to go to the children of my deceased sons, John and William Provoost, in equal shares. Unto Mrs. Sarah Bolton Loftus, who has for a long time past, and at present does reside with me in the capacity of a housekeeper, £350, payable within twelve months after my decease; £50 whereof I desire she may lay out in a suit of mourning. Whereas, by her faithful services and great attention to my interest, during the time she has resided in my family, has been a great means of preserving and increasing my estate, I further devise under her the use of my house and lot at the Old Slip, now rented by James Weir; Also, the profits of my lot fronting Smith Street and King Street, which I leased to the late Mr. Nathaniel Marston, since deceased; Also, the profits of my lot fronting Wall Street, which I leased to the late Simon Johnston, Esquire, deceased; Also, the profits of my farm, and buildings thereon, at Hallet's Cove on Nassau Island. I confirm the deed of gift heretofore executed to the said Sarah Bolton Loftus for the farm, buildings, etc., where I now reside, on the East River, and

commonly called the Louvre; and all such other deeds and instruments in writing as I have executed to her. After her decease, one moiety of my estate given her for life, unto the children of my said deceased son John, in equal shares, the other half part unto the children of my said deceased son William. Unto my executor, £300. Whereas the management of my estate will require great pains and attention, I bequeath to my executor £2, 10 shillings on every £100 he shall receive, or pay out of my estate. Of the remainder of my whole estate: a moiety each to the children of my said deceased sons, John and William, as above. Should any of the children die before twenty-one, and without lawful issue, their shares to be equally divided among their surviving brothers and sisters. I make David Mathews, of the City of New York, sole executor; he to sell at discretion, any part of my real estate, not devised to my daughter-in-law, and to said Sarah Bolton Loftus, for life.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, John Hardenbrook, of said City, gentleman; Robert R. Waddel, David Richardson. Proved, February 18, 1784.

[NOTE.—Letters of administration granted to John Brown, merchant, of the City of New York, whose wife was a granddaughter and one of the residuary legatees of said David Provoost, deceased, on the nineteenth day of February, 1784; the said David Mathews nominated executor, "by a law of our said State, stands attainted of high Treason against us, and is forever banished from our State; by reason whereof he may not take upon himself the execution of the said will.]

Page 236.—*Translation of will in Dutch:*

February 27, 1760. NICKEL PHILIP, of Dutchess Co., "sick of body and of perfect understanding." His wife, Christina Philip to inherit his entire estate during her widowhood. Son, Zaghrias Philip, to receive for his right of primogeniture £3 N. Y. money. Son, Nicholas Philip, to receive the entire real estate, viz.:

house, barns and everything fastened with nails where testator is now living, on condition that Nikolas Philip is to pay to testator's five children £250 in good N. Y. money, without interest, within 8 years after testator's widow's death, one fifth to each of said children, viz.: Zacharias, Nickolas, Johannes, Catharina, wife of Johans Kool, and Geertia Philip. Personal estate such as horses and cattle, to be equally divided among the children, after the widow's demise. Executors: wife, Christina Philip; sons, Zaghrias and Nickolas Philip. Made his mark.

Witnesses, Willem Betzer, Josep Nier (his mark), Aernout Viele. Proved, February 5, 1784.

Page 238.—In the name of God, Amen. This twentieth day of June, 1776. I, ALEXANDER FORBES, of the City of New York, being well in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving son William, £50, due to me from him by a Bond. Unto my loving daughter, Gitty Forbes, my new bookcase, and one set of black and white china cups and saucers. My loving wife Eva shall choose one of my houses for her use during her lifetime. The remainder of my whole estate to be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds to be divided among my wife, my son William, my daughters, Gitty, Elizabeth, Mattie and Mary, in equal shares. If any of my children be under age, the shares of her or them to be put at interest toward their bringing up until they come of age. At the death of my wife, the house in her possession to be sold; the proceeds to be divided among my said children. I make my son William, my loving brothers, John and William Forbes, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge; Beekman Van Bueren; and Isaac Van Hook, jr., of said City, trader.

Codicil. Whereas, I have given all my household goods to be sold; the proceeds to go to my wife and five children, said goods to go to my wife Eva, except

my new bookcase, and one set of black and white china cups and saucers.

Dated June 21, 1776. Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge, Beekman Van Buering, Isaac Van Hook, jr. Proved, February 14, 1784.

Page 242.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW GAUTIER, of the Township of Achqueghononck, Essex County, in the Eastern division of the Province of New Jersey, Esquire, being weak in body. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors, I leave to my eldest son and heir at law, Andrew Gautier, jr., my silver bowl, which was presented to me by the Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church in New York, as a compliment for my assistance at the fire of the school-house and church, a representation of which is engraved on the said bowl, for his birthright. Unto my sons, Andrew and Daniel, all my real estate in the City of New York, in equal shares. Unto my son Daniel, the parcel of land containing five acres, at Flat Bush in Kings County, which was given to me by John Hogeman, deceased. Unto my beloved wife Margarit, my lot of land, containing one and a half acres, which I bought of Doctor Walter De Graw, which I now dwell upon, at Achqueghononck aforementioned, with my dwelling house, barns, stables, etc., all that my wife Margarit brought with her (bonds, mortgages, plate and household furniture) at our marriage shall be returned to her. Unto my wife, my negro wench named Belle. Unto my wife and son Daniel, all my money in hand. Unto my son Daniel, £500, in consideration of a like sum which my son Andrew has had from me; after this legacy to Daniel is paid, the remainder of my money, due by bonds, notes, or book-debts, to go to my wife and said two sons, in equal shares; Also, all linen in like manner. Unto my wife, for life, my horse and riding chair; a pair of "Sconsers" gilt framed; eight mahogany chairs, worked bottoms; sufficient household goods and

kitchen furniture to keep house with decently; the same to be returned again after her decease, to my sons, Andrew and Daniel, and be equally shared by them, except what she brought with her at marriage, and the negro wench named Belle. The rest of my personal estate to be shared equally by my two sons, Andrew and Daniel. Should either die without issue lawfully begotten, then his share shall remain to the survivor. I make my well-beloved friends, John Oothout, late merchant at New York; John Chetwood, Esquire; and Robert Drummond, Esquire, executors.

Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Daniel Rutan, William Wischam, Hessel Peterse.

Codicil. The furniture given to my wife Margrit is to be left to the discretion of the executors.

Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Daniel Rutan; Hessel Peterse, of said Township, yeoman; William Wischam. Proved, March 6, 1784.

[NOTE.—In the City of New York, on the 8th of March, 1784, John Oothout “refused to be concerned therein” as an executor; and John Chetwood and Robert Drummond, “absent from this State”; letters of administration were granted to Andrew Gautier, of said City, gentleman.]

Page 244.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM BRASHER, merchant, of the City of New York, being in good health. My funeral charges to be paid as soon as may be after my decease. I leave to my beloved son Gasherie, when twenty-one, or married, the tract of land in Marbletown, Ulster County, commonly called Gasheries Bucht, containing 112 acres. My executors to have full power to lease or sell the land, at their discretion; the proceeds to be put at interest on good and sufficient security; the rent or interest from time to time towards the support of my beloved wife Helena and her children. The land or principal to be delivered to my son Gasherie, when twenty-one, or married; should he die in non-age or single, then

the land to pass, with above limitation, to the next son I may have born before my son Gasherie's death as above; should there be no other son born, then the land is to be considered part of my estate and disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. Unto my said son, or the next son I may have, my small collection of books when of sufficient age for them to be serviceable, and at my executors' discretion. Unto my son Gasherie, and my daughters, Judith and Elizabeth, each, respectively when twenty-one, or married, £350; and to such child or children hereafter born of my wife Helena, the like sum at majority or marriage. Unto my wife, all her wearing apparel, my household furniture. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, to be sold or otherwise disposed of by my executors; the proceeds of sale to be put at interest for the support of my wife and children until the youngest is twenty-one, or is married. Should all my children die in non-age, and single, the interest of the whole estate to go to my wife's support, and £1,000 of the principal be entirely at her disposal; the residue at her decease, unto the sons of my cousins, Phillip, Ephraim and Henry Brasher, of the City of New York, in equal shares, payable when each son is twenty-one. I make my wife Helena, and my brothers-in-law, Lawrence Kortright, William Ricketts Van Cortlandt and Henry Van Vleck and Cornelius Peter Low, all of the City of New York, merchants, executors.

Dated January 6, 1774. Witnesses, Oliver Templeton; James Byers, of said city, grocer; John Norris. Proved, February 13, 1784.

Page 247.—In the name of God, Amen. This fifteenth day of January, 1784. I, JOSEPH BEADELL, yeoman, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my estate after my decease. I leave to my daughter Lockey, two beds and furniture, two bedsteads and cords, two cows, and £60, levied out of my

estate and paid her by my executors, without control. Unto my sons Silvester and Richard, the piece of upland lying the east side of the Swamp, that is within fence, in equal shares; the land to be divided easterly and westerly. My son Silvester not to have any use of half the land until the crop be taken off. Unto my well-beloved wife Ruth, one bed and bedstead, and furniture, and the best of my horse kind, one; and the first choice of my cows, one. After debts and legacies be paid, then the remainder of my real and personal estate to my well-beloved son Richard, the equal half of my grist mill, dam and stream, and all my houses and lands, my moveable goods; my wife to have the use of property just mentioned while my widow, in lieu of dower. Should my son Richard refuse or neglect to pay said legacies to his sister Lockey, or to his mother; or any debt or funeral charge, my executors may sell any part of my estate devised to him. Should there be any loss to my estate because of my being responsible for other men, the loss shall be levied proportionately on every legacy. I make my wife Ruth, and my son, Richard Beadell, and my friend, Joseph Dorlon, son of Elias Dorlon, executors.

Witness Isaac Frost, Nance Jackson, widow; Jeremiah Hutching, of the Township of Hempstead, wheelwright. Proved, February 10, 1784.

Page 249.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER MURPHEY, of the City of New York, mariner, being weak and low. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Loretia, all my personal estate for her maintenance, and the support and education of my two children, Hester and Margaret. Unto my wife and said two children, the dwelling house now in my occupation, situate in Gold Street in said City. Said devise of real and personal estate to my wife given to her in lieu of dower. Should either of my children die under age and with-

out lawful issue, the descendants share is to go to the survivor. If for the best advantage to my wife and children, the dwelling house is to be sold, but not before the eldest of my children, and in case of her death, before the youngest is sixteen years of age; the proceeds to be equally divided. I make my wife Loretia, and my friend, Thomas Hazard, executors.

Dated November 9, 1783. Witnesses, David Morris; George Mount, of said City, cordwainer; John Cozine. Proved, February 16, 1784.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT BATES, at present of the City of New York, shopkeeper; being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid out of my estate. I leave to my loving wife Sarah, two beds and bedsteads at her choice; two sets of curtains with all the furniture and bedding; a trunk she brought me, or another of the same size, with as much linen as it will contain; Also, her wearing apparel; Also, one-fifth of the residue of my whole estate and the use of the several shares herein given to my children until they severally are twenty-one, or married; she supporting and in a suitable manner educating my children. My wife likewise to have the use of one-half hereinafter given to my son John, while my widow; all which is in lieu of dower. Unto my said son John, two fifth parts of the said residue (with the above exception). Unto my daughters, Phebe and Hannah, each one fifth part of the residue of my whole estate. Should I have one or more children born hereafter, if a son or sons, a share equal with my son John, to him or them; if a daughter or daughters, a share to her or them equal with my said daughters. If one or more of my children die in non-age and without lawful issue, then, the shares of them so dying to go to my surviving children, each son to have twice as much as a daughter. I make my wife Sarah, and my affectionate brother, Stephen Bates, executors.

Dated April 12, 1783. Witnesses, Edmund Ward,

estate and paid her by my executors, without control. Unto my sons Silvester and Richard, the piece of upland lying the east side of the Swamp, that is within fence, in equal shares; the land to be divided easterly and westerly. My son Silvester not to have any use of half the land until the crop be taken off. Unto my well-beloved wife Ruth, one bed and bedstead, and furniture, and the best of my horse kind, one; and the first choice of my cows, one. After debts and legacies be paid, then the remainder of my real and personal estate to my well-beloved son Richard, the equal half of my grist mill, dam and stream, and all my houses and lands, my moveable goods; my wife to have the use of property just mentioned while my widow, in lieu of dower. Should my son Richard refuse or neglect to pay said legacies to his sister Lockey, or to his mother; or any debt or funeral charge, my executors may sell any part of my estate devised to him. Should there be any loss to my estate because of my being responsible for other men, the loss shall be levied proportionately on every legacy. I make my wife Ruth, and my son, Richard Beadell, and my friend, Joseph Dorlon, son of Elias Dorlon, executors.

Witnesses Isaac Frost, Nance Jackson, widow; Jeremiah Hutching, of the Township of Hempstead, wheelwright. Proved, February 10, 1784.

Page 249.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER MURPHY, of the City of New York, mariner, being weak and low. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Lucretia, all my personal estate for her maintenance, and the support and education of my two children, Hester and Margaret. Unto my wife and said two children, the dwelling house now in my occupation, situate in Gold Street in said City. Said devise of real and personal estate to my wife given to her in lieu of dower. Should either of my children die under age and with-

out lawful issue, the descendants share is to go to the survivor. If for the best advantage to my wife and children, the dwelling house is to be sold, but not before the eldest of my children, and in case of her death, before the youngest is sixteen years of age; the proceeds to be equally divided. I make my wife Lucretia, and my friend, Thomas Hazard, executors.

Dated November 9, 1783. Witnesses, David Morris; George Mount, of said City, cordwainer; John Cozine. Proved, February 16, 1784.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT BATES, at present of the City of New York, shopkeeper; being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid out of my estate. I leave to my loving wife Sarah, two beds and bedsteads at her choice; two sets of curtains with all the furniture and bedding; a trunk she brought me, or another of the same size, with as much linen as it will contain; Also, her wearing apparel; Also, one-fifth of the residue of my whole estate and the use of the several shares herein given to my children until they severally are twenty-one, or married; she supporting and in a suitable manner educating my children. My wife likewise to have the use of one-half hereinafter given to my son John, while my widow; all which is in lieu of dower. Unto my said son John, two fifth parts of the said residue (with the above exception). Unto my daughters, Phebe and Hannah, each one fifth part of the residue of my whole estate. Should I have one or more children born hereafter, if a son or sons, a share equal with my son John, to him or them; if a daughter or daughters, a share to her or them equal with my said daughters. If one or more of my children die in non-age and without lawful issue, then, the shares of them so dying to go to my surviving children, each son to have twice as much as a daughter. I make my wife Sarah, and my affectionate brother, Stephen Bates, executors.

Dated April 12, 1783. Witnesses, Edmund Ward,

Timothy Wetmore, Thomas Wetmore. Proved, February 17, 1784.

[NOTE.—Signature of testator was identified by John Bates, his father; and by Alexander Morrison, of said City, shopkeeper; Stephen Ward, of East Chester, identified the signature of Edmund Ward, his father.]

Page 252.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL UNDERHILL, of the Borough Town of Westchester, gentleman, being sensible of the certainty of death. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. My executors, as soon as may be, to divide all my lands in Westchester and elsewhere, upland and meadow, with the buildings and improvements into two equal half parts, one moiety to Thomas McLeroth the other half to Anthony Lispenard Underhill (son of my brother Israel). Unto the said Thomas McLeroth, one half of my household furniture, my negro woman Tempe, and her child Kate; together with one half the sloop *Tamer* (which I own in partnership with James Leonard), her tackle, apparel and furniture. In consideration of these bequests, the said Thomas McLeroth is to pay to my sister, Helena Morgan, £200, and unto my sister, Mary Bayley, £100. Unto my above mentioned nephew Anthony Lispenard Underhill, my negro men slaves, Tom, Dick and Cull; with all my stock of cattle, horses, etc., he paying to my brother, Bartow Underhill, £500, and unto my nephew, Nathaniel Underhill (son of my brother John), £200; but if my said nephew shall refuse to pay these two legacies, then my executors shall sell the moiety of lands and houses, and the three slaves and cattle, etc., and with the proceeds of sale pay the above legacies; the residue of proceeds to said Anthony Lispenard Underhill. Unto Gloriana Underhill, £200 out of my moveable estate, my negro girl Nanny, and one feather bed and furniture for the same, and six chairs and one table. Unto Sarah, wife of Samuel Embre, £100, paid as above. Unto Mary

Bugbee (widow of John Bugbee), £50. Unto Amelia Wright, daughter of Obadiah Purdy; unto Charity Dally, daughter of Josua Hunt, £25 each. Unto John and Benjamin, sons of John Underhill, each £50; unto Obadiah and Joseph Purdy, my nephews, £50 each. Unto my brother, Israel Underhill, a bond of £300 which was due from him to my father. Unto my three negro slaves, Abraham, Phyllis and Peggy, their absolute freedom from any servitude to any person or persons, in consideration of their faithful services to me during my life-time. I recommend it to them to be sober and industrious, and to get their living honestly. The remainder of my estate in money or bonds to go in equal shares to my brothers, Israel and Bartow Underhill, my nephew, Anthony Lispenard Underhill, and Thomas McLeroth. Should there not be sufficient money for defraying the debts and paying the legacies, each legacy is to bear its proportion of the deficiency. I make my said brothers, Bartow and Israel Underhill, my nephew, Anthony Lispenard Underhill, and Thomas McLeroth, executors.

Dated March 29, 1783. Witnesses, John Williams, yeoman; Sarah Vollintine; John Valentine, weaver; both men of Borough of Westchester.

Codicil. My executors to pay out of my moveable estate unto Gilbert Drake, the son of my sister, Elisabeth Drake, £50; Also, unto Anner Underhill, the daughter of John Underhill, £300 in addition to what is willed to her. The said negro wench called Peggy having behaved so contrary to the rule of a good servant, my executors are to sell her as a part of my moveable estate. Codicil not dated.

Witnesses, John Valentine, John Williams, Sarah Vollintine. Proved, February 13, 1784.

Page 255.—In the name of God, Amen. This nineteenth day of December, 1783. I, THOMAS LEAKE, of The Little Nine Partners precinct of Dutchess County, State of New York, yeoman, being weak and sick of

body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors after my decease. I leave to my grandson, Benjamin Leake, son of my son Isaac, one cow, or its value, when he comes of age. Unto my son, Stephen Leake, 40 acres of land to be set off on the east side of my farm, that I now live on. Unto my sons' four sons, David, Pelige, Daniel and Abraham Leake, equally, the rest of my said farm. Unto my daughter, Sarah Leake, one cow, one good bed, and horse. Unto my daughter Mary, one riding horse, or the value of £14. Unto my daughter Lydia, one good bed, one good cow, and one riding horse, or the value of £14. Unto my beloved wife Ledia, the use of all my estate, while my widow. At her marriage, the remainder of my estate to go to my children in equal shares. I make my wife Ledia, and son Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, George Hoddelston; Samuel Dean, jr., of said County, yeoman; Lydia Leake, of same place, spinster. Proved, February 14, 1784.

Page 257.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM DE PEYSTER, late of the City of New York, now residing at Albany, in perfect mind and understanding. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of my estate. I leave to my daughter Ann, my negro wench called Lucretia or Cris; unto my daughter Margaret my negro wench called Unus. Further unto my daughter Ann, the smallest of my two old silver teapots; unto Margaret, the largest. Unto my said two daughters my nine silver table spoons, in equal shares. Unto Ann, my gold sleeve buttons. Unto my two daughters all my household furniture, including all bedding and sheets and their appurtenances, equally. Unto my son William, my silver salt sellers. My son Abraham to have my silver tankard, he paying therefor at the rate of nine shillings per oz., and this consideration to be divided as the residue hereafter mentioned. Unto my daughter Margaret, my half dozen silver tea spoons. Whereas my son Abraham stands

charged to me in my book of accounts, £267, 16s. 7d. (paid out for him in his education and support) entered on my books as a memorandum, and not as a charge; and, whereas, my account books are at present in my Refugee Situation, not easily got at, being packed up, so that I cannot now make a proper entry of this matter therein, I declare said charge to be null and void, and acquit him from the same. The remainder of my real and personal estate unto my sons, John, William, Gerard, Nicholas, Abraham and James, and to my aforesaid daughters, Ann and Margaret, in equal shares, subject to the provision herein after made for my two daughters; unto them, the use of £500 until one or both marry or die; when one marries or dies, the other to have the use of £300 until she marries or dies; my executors to put the appropriate sums to loan upon good security, or raise the income otherwise; to apply the interest at their discretion and to which my daughters shall think proper to agree. My executors to sell at public vendue all or any part of my estate (except the specific legacies above bequeathed), and to apply the proceeds as above directed. I make my sons, William and Abraham W. De Peyster and Egbert Benson, executors.

Dated November 3, 1780. Witnesses, Evert Bancker, Henry Rutgers, of City of New York, Esquire; Gerard Bancker. Proved, February 19, 1784.

Page 259.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM SCOTT, of the City of New York, vintner. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave the remainder of my estate to my beloved wife Elizabeth. I make my wife executrix.

Dated November 6, 1778. Witnesses, James Hallett, of said city, coachmaker; George Campbell, Benjamin Norwood. Proved, February 20, 1784.

Page 260.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BOWDEWYN LECOUNT, yeoman, of Poughkeepsie precinct, Dutchess County, being in good health, this tenth day

of March, 1755. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my youngest daughter, Sarah, my homestead or farm whereon I now live, lying in said precinct; bounded northerly on Moses De Graaf, easterly on lands now of Abraham Freer, southerly of Francis Filkin; described in the deeds I have of Jacobus Meyndert Vanderbogert; together with the house, barn, fences, etc. Likewise, unto her, that piece of woodland, part of a tract I bought of Battus Kip, part by me conveyed to Gale Yelverton, bounded westerly on Gale Yelverton, northerly on Thomas Beiggs and Martin Hoffman, easterly on the Fall Kill, southerly on Moses De Graaf. Should she die without heirs of her body, lawfully begotten, and intestate, the farm and woodland shall go equally to my daughters, Hester and Fransisca. Unto my daughter Sarah, my negro boy Tom, if he shall belong to me at the time of my death; Also, all my stock of horses, cows, sheep, swine and all other live stock; all my farming utensils, as waggons, sleds, harrows, plows, tackling, haws, axes, etc.; and all furniture in my house, as beds, cupboards, bedsteads, chests, pots, kettles, pewter, chairs, etc. (except my money, outstanding debts and negro slaves, if any). My outstanding debts at the time of my death, and money and slaves (except the negro boy Tom), to go to my three daughters: Hester, Fransisca, and Sarah, in equal shares, after my debts, funeral charges, executors' charges, expenses and trouble are answered and paid. My daughter Sarah to pay to her sisters, Fransisca and Hester, £20 each. Unto my daughter Hester, £1 for her birthright; the remainder of my estate unto my three daughters. I make my friends, Joseph Gonsalis, Moses Ver Veele, Magiel de Graaf, and my daughter Sarah, executors.

(Signed)

"BOUDEWIN LACKONT."

Witnesses, Francis Pr Laroy; Judith Livingston; James G. Livingston, of Dutchess County, Esquire. Proved, February 26, 1784.

Page 262.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighth day of April, 1774. I, JOHN HUNT, of Bushwick, Kings County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to my son William, my large English Bible, as his birthright. Unto my well-beloved wife, all my real and remaining personal estate, while my widow. After her marriage, my whole estate to be sold at public vendue; the proceeds to go to my wife and five children: William, Jacobus, Mary, Jane, and John, equally. Should my wife die before remarriage, then the estate to be sold as aforesaid, and the proceeds to be divided equally between my children, or their survivors if any die in non-age or without lawful issue. The shares of them that be under age shall be put out at interest, for their benefit, by my executors. I make my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, my brother-in-law, Peter Colver, and my good friend, Theodorus Pelhemus, Esq., executors.

Witnesses, Lucas Burbanck; Peter Vandewater; Cornelius H. Bogart, of Bushwick, yeoman. Proved, February 21, 1784.

Page 264.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM TERWILLEGEN, yeoman, of the precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, being weak in body. I leave to Sarah Terwillegen, one of the daughters of my nephew, Teunis Terwillegen, one negro girl named Peggy; nevertheless, Catharine, wife of the said Teunis, shall have the use (during her lifetime) of said negro girl, she bringing her up and giving her a maintenance. Unto Abraham (son of said Teunis), my farm and other real estate, for life; at his decease, to the first heir male of his body; and to the first issue male of such heirs, forever. For default of such issue, then to remain to my own right heirs, forever. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate, the remainder unto said Abraham. My executors to sell my personal estate by public vendue, except my two negro

boys, Jack and Lank, and negro child Tilly; Also, a young black mare, and two heifers, which my nephew, Teunis Terwillegen, shall keep and have use of the same and Abraham's estate until Abraham come of age; he also, to pay rental of £14 per annum; said rent to be for the education and maintenance of Abraham. If my negro man slave Joe and wench Floe shall not incline to be sold, my nephew Teunis to keep and have the use of them until Abraham is twenty-one. I make Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, Matthew Jansen, and Johannis Bruyn, executors.

Dated March 25, 1773. Witnesses, Cornelius Decker and Abraham Decker, both of the precinct of Shawangunk; farmers; and Johannis Bruyn. Proved, January 18, 1784.

Page 265.—In the name of God, Amen. The fourth day of September, 1757. I, JOSAPHAT DU BOIS, of the Town of Roschester, Ulster County, yeoman, being very sick in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to my three well-beloved daughters, Maria, wife of Hendrickus Hornbeck, Corneleja, wife of Johannis Grad: Hardenbergh, and Catharena Du Bois, all my lands, other real estate, barks, orchards, gardens, etc.; Also, all my money in cash, mortgages, bonds, book-debts, etc., in equal shares; one third part six weeks after the decease of my dearly beloved wife Tjatje Du Bois, or at her marriage, when she is to quit all claim to my estate; while my widow, she is to remain in full possession, provided she is not to Bazel away any part unlawfully; nevertheless, should any of my above named daughters die without heirs of their own issue, then the descendent's share to go to the survivors, equally. I make my wife and my three daughters executors.

Dated September 4, 1759. Witnesses, Lawrence Cortreght; Jacobus Van Keuren, of said precinct, yeoman; Abraham Van Keuren. Proved, January 17, 1784.

Page 267.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VAN DUYN, yeoman, of Brooklyn, Kings County, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Phebe, my whole estate, during widowhood. At her remarriage she may take of my household furniture whatever she may think proper to furnish one room sufficiently, and choose two of my negro wenches; likewise, whatever the law entitles her to for dowry. Unto the children of the following persons, £1,000 in equal shares, namely: my brothers, Garret and William Van Duyn, Machaltie Rapalja, Jacomanty Rynier Vaghte, Altie Peterson, Cornelia Veghte, Catharine Hegemen, Jerrhe Peterson, Gerbrant Peterson, Albert Peterson, Thomas Peterson, Machaltie Staats, and Christina Nostrand; payable to the children living when my estate is divided, at my wife's death or intermarriage. Unto my eldest brother, Garret Van Duyn's son, Cornelius, all my wearing apparel, my best saddle and bridle, holsters, pistols and gun; Also, £50; unto the said Cornelius Van Duyn's daughter, Altie, £50; unto David Sprung's daughter, Phebe, £60; unto Albert Peterson's daughter Phebe, £30, payable at the said division. The remainder of my estate, after above legacies be paid, to be divided as follows: one half to my two sisters, Machaltie Staats and Christina Nostrand, and their children, in equal shares; the other moiety to be equally divided amongst Jacobus Van Deventer, Saytie Sprung, Ida Striker, and Mary, wife of William Bennet, my wife's relatives. At my wife's death or intermarriage, my whole estate to be sold and divided as above ordered. I make my wife Phebe, Garret Nostrand, Jacobus Vandeventer and Fernandus Suydam, executors.

Dated March 6, 1767. Witnesses, Christopher Codwise, Capt., now of the City of New York; Thomas Candell; Nathan Fish. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 269.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW ABRAMSE, of the Township of New Rochelle, Westches-

ter County, gentleman, being in health of body. I leave to my beloved wife Magdalene, for the maintenance and support of herself and my daughter Jamima, the income of my whole estate, as long as my daughter is unmarried, and lives with my wife, and be under twenty-one, if my wife shall so long remain my widow. Unto my said daughter, one half of my whole estate, at her majority, or marriage; the income of the other half unto my wife while my widow. At her marriage, the use of that part of my household furniture which I received with her at marriage; my negro Secundus, and the income of one third of my real and personal estate. The remainder of my whole estate unto my daughter Jamima. Should she die before twenty-one, and without lawful issue, then the use of my whole estate to my wife, while my widow; at her death or remarriage, my farm in New Rochelle with appurtenances, and my house and lot of ground fronting to Burnets Street and near the old Slip market in the City of New York, unto Anthony Abramse and Jacob Abramse of the said city, merchants, in equal shares. Should my daughter die under twenty-one and without lawful issue, in manner aforesaid, after the death or remarriage of my wife, then the income of my two houses fronting Wall Street in said city to my brother, Abram Abrahamse, my sister, Francyntje Bergen, and the children of my brother, Arnout Abramse, deceased, in equal shares, during the natural lives of my brother and sister. Should this devise take effect, then after the death of my brother and sister, the two houses in Wall Street to go to the children of my brother Arnout and sister Francyntje, in equal shares, provided, no challenge or demand be made for any gift, bequest, etc., out of the estate of Lybitje Neelen, deceased, which is devised to me and my representatives after the decease of Sarah Neelen. If my daughter should die before twenty-one, without lawful issue, and my brother Abraham or sister Francyntje or their heirs, or heirs of my brother Arnout, deceased,

should challenge, etc., then my executors are to sell the two houses and lots of ground fronting to the Wall Street in said City; out of the proceeds of sale to pay such persons as shall be entitled to receive parts of the estate of Lybitje Neelen, deceased, devised as above. The overplus with the remainder of my estate to be divided: one half to Anthony Abramse and Jacob Abramse, in equal shares; the other half part to the children of my brother, Arnout Abramse, deceased, and of my sister Francyntje, in equal shares. I make my daughter Jamima, Anthony, and Jacob Abramse, executors.

Dated December 31, 1768. Witnesses, Jacobus Bleecker; Theodorus Bartow, of New Rochelle; John Bleecker. Proved, February 21, 1784.

[NOTE.—Jamima Bartow, qualified as executrix.]

Page 272.—Know all men by the presents, I, SAMUEL BOWNE, of the City of New York, merchant, being well in health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors soon after my decease, out of first monies received. I leave to my wife Abigail, my dwelling house, store-house and lot of ground in said city, now in my possession, distinguished in a map of my land where I now live, made by Gerard Bancker on the twenty-first day of October last, by lot Number one fronting on Queens Street, twenty-six feet; in the rear, thirty-six feet, eight inches; extending in length from Queens Street to the wall of my garden; with all buildings thereon, during her widowhood. At her death or remarriage, the said property to my son Samuel. Should she remarry, £500 out of my personal estate. Unto my son William, my other house and lot adjoining the above mentioned, and now in the tenure of Robert Needham, distinguished on the aforesaid map as Lot Number two, being of twenty-one feet, eight inches frontage on Queens Street, and thirty-six feet, eight inches in the rear, from the said street to the garden wall, with the build-

ings thereon including the stable. Unto my son James, one half of my garden laid out for two lots, mapped as lots Number three and four; adjoining the house and ground of Henry Brasher; running thirty-eight feet in front, and in length (along the ground of Lawrence Kortright, sixty feet, nine inches), in the rear of said lot number two, in width, thirty-six feet, eight inches. Unto my daughter Abigail, the other half of my garden; mapped as lots number five and six, fronting said property of Henry Brasher; thirty-eight feet front; in length along the ground of Henry Beekman, seventy-two feet, six inches; thirty-six feet, eight inches wide in the rear. I expect the street which is now stopped up by the house of Henry Brasher will hereafter be opened. Whether or not, I do not intend there should be any passage or way through lots number one and two, or either of them to lots three, four, five and six or either of them. Unto my son Matthew, my house and lot fronting Burling's Slip, now in the tenure of Benjamin Heaviland and George Farrington. All my printed books unto my wife and children in equal shares. Unto my son Samuel, my gold studs, silver buckles and iron chest; unto my son Matthew, my watch; unto my son James, £200, out of my personal estate, payable in a convenient time after my decease; unto my daughter Abigail, £800; but should she be not married at the time of my decease, then she is to have my newest mahogany Chest upon chest of drawers, eight mahogany chairs, one of the best beds with its bedding and furniture, one dressing table, with a dressing glass and one other of the looking glasses. Should she be married or not living when I die, the said household goods to my wife Abigail, who is also to have the remainder of my household goods and plate. In consideration of the faithful services of my negro woman called Isabella, I do manumit and set her free, and she shall, if she pleases, have the benefit of her freedom; my executors to pay her as annuity, the interest of £150; at her death the principal to be

divided equally between my wife and children. But as said Isabella is infirm and growing old, if she choose to remain with my wife, I give her to my wife, and advise my wife to be kind to her; the said £150 to be treated as part of the residue of my estate. The remainder of my whole estate unto my wife Abigail; my children, James, Matthew, Abigail, William and Samuel, in equal shares; those of full age to be paid one and a half after my death; those who are under twenty-one, one and a half years after my death, to be paid as they respectively arrive at full age. My executors to invest the shares of such of my children as are minors at the time of my death; to let their real estates to good Tenants, and to apply sufficient of the rents thereof towards their maintenance and education. What I have given to my wife is in lieu of dower. My executors to leave to arbitration, all disputes that may arise relating to my trade and mercantile affairs; to settle advantageously with my debtors; to employ any person at the expense of my estate to sell my goods and merchandize; to alter any of my book debts to Bonds or Notes, with or without security; to endeavor to secure interest thereon; to change the notes and bonds for better security. I make my wife Abigail, my loving friends, John Lawrence and Thomas Pearsall, of the City of New York, merchants, executors; they to have five per cent. on the net proceeds of my personal estate.

Dated November 5, 1771. Witnesses, Joseph Lawrence; Isaac Willet, jr.; Elijah Pell, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman.

Codicil. If the street which fronts the lots herein given to my son James and daughter Abigail, shall not be laid open within three years after my decease, then my executors, out of the legacies above given to my son Samuel, pay to my daughter Abigail, £300. In that case said lots 5 and 6 shall belong to my son Samuel; out of William's legacies pay to my son James, £300, and said lots 3 and 4 shall belong to my son Wil-

liam. My executors to retain in their hands sufficient of the respective portions of my sons, Samuel and William until the street matter is ascertained. My son James not to be chargeable with any debts I may have against him; it being my intention to cancel them. Instead of my friends, John Lawrence and Thomas Pear-sall, I make my sons, James and William, and my wife Abigail (they being such of my sons most conversant with accounts), executors.

Dated January 4, 1784. Witnesses, Lindley Murray; Richard Morrell; John Murray, jr., merchant, of said City. Proved, March 19, 1784.

Page 277.—To all Christian people to whom the Presents shall come. Know ye, I, EME HAINS, widow and relict of Godfrey Hains, deceased, of Harrison's precinct, Westchester County for the love and affection I bear unto my son, Gilbert Haines, I leave to him, my frying pan, and one dozen round "Pottles" which he now has in his possession; for the same reason, unto my daughter, Sarah Reding, Jonathan Budd's bond for £10, bearing date July 1, 1769, payable with interest immediately after my decease, and not until then. For the same reason, unto my granddaughter, Sarah Ascough, daughter of William and Mary Ann Ascough, my looking glass. For the same reason, unto Sarah Reding and Sarah Ascough and William Ascough, daughter and son of the above named, all my household furniture in equal shares immediately after my decease. Unto my two said grandchildren, all my bonds, as follows: Joseph Miller and John Townsend, for £50, dated March 23, 1769; Thomas Merritt and Nathan Merritt, for £40, dated May 15, 1775; Jonathan Budd, for £40, dated April 6, 1776; Jonathan Budd, for £70, dated May 10, 1776; Nathaniel Smith and Joshua Lounsberg, for £100, November 25, 1776, together with interest due on day of my decease, principal and interest to be equally divided; payable to Sarah Ascough when she is eighteen; to William

when he is twenty-one. Should both die then the said moneys to my daughter, Mary Ann Merritt, formerly Mary Ann Ascough, to her own use and not for her husband; she to make a conveyance of the same according to her own design. Should she become a widow hereafter, then for the love and affection I bear to her, she is to have one-third of said bonds and interest. For the same reason, unto my granddaughter, Sarah Ascough, my negro child Sib; and unto my daughter, Mary Ann Merritt, my negro wench Hester, for life, to my daughter's disposal and control; at my daughter's death, said wench to go to my two grandchildren before mentioned. Also, unto them, all the money due from William Ascough's estate, which I disbursed for funeral charges, being £10, 17 shillings. I authorize Absalom Gedney of Phillipseburgh, in said County, for me, and to the use and benefit of the persons herein mentioned, after my decease, to take all my estate in his hands, and make disbursements and receive all my debts; to sue for and recover my debts; to take such prudent measures on all accounts as the law shall admit of, or require.

Dated November 22, 1782. Witnesses, Jacob Farrington; and Isaac Sniffen, of the White Plains, in the said County. Proved, February 23, 1784.

Page 280.—In the name of God, Amen. The seventh day of February, 1761. I, JACOBUS DEBEVOISE, of the Township of Brookland, Kings County, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Maria, my whole estate in said township, while my widow, except eight acres of land, which shall go to my son Joost, to be taken off the hindpart of the farm where I now live; bounded easterly by land of John Ryerse; westerly by John Couenhoven, southerly by the Kings highway that leads from the ferry to Bedford, and northerly by my said farm. At the death

or remarriage of my wife Maria, all my real estate unto my two sons, Joost and Samuel, in equal shares, except the above mentioned legacy of eight acres. Unto my daughter Ida, wife of Ferdinand Sudam, £50, for her outset. Unto my daughter Marritie, the like sum, for same purpose on her marriage day. Unto my said two daughters, £150 each, to be paid by my two sons, Joost and Samuel, after the death or remarriage of my wife. Unto my said daughter Ida, three of my best cows; unto my daughter Marritie, three of my cows, to be delivered to her on her marriage day. At the death or remarriage of my wife, all my household goods unto all my aforesaid children, in equal shares; likewise, all my personal estate (not already disposed of), to go to my sons, Joost and Samuel, in equal shares. If any children die under age, and without lawful issue, the decedent's share to go equally to my living children. I make my wife Maria, and my son Joost, executors.

Witnesses, John Maxwell, Barent Jansen, Simon Boerum. Proved, March 19, 1784.

[NOTE.—The testator's signature was identified by Abraham Brower, of Brooklyn, miller; Charles Doughty, John Ryarson, and Johannes Debevoise, all of Brooklyn, yeomen, identified the signatures of Simon Boerum and Barent Jansen. Letters of administration were granted to Fernandus Suydam, Esquire (son-in-law), and Elizabeth Debevoise (daughter-in-law of Jacobus Debevoise, late of Brookland, Kings County, deceased), and John Van der Bilt, all of Brookland, on March 31, 1784, the executors named in the will having died soon after the making of the will.]

Page 283.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SELBY, formerly an inhabitant of the City of New York (Merchant), but late of the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, being in a weak and low habit of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to the Methodist Preachers' Fund, £50;

to be paid into the hands of Francis Asbury, and appropriated by him to the benevolent purposes of the Institution, the fullest assurance of his integrity. Also, unto him, my silver watch, which I request him to accept as a remembrance of me. Unto William Budd, £8, to be laid out by him in my name towards the purchase of a store and painting the Methodist preaching-house in the New Mills; Also, £6 payable to the overseers or directors of each of the Methodist meeting-houses one in the County of Monmouth and the other near Clarks in the County of Salem. Said legacies to be paid as soon as they possibly can be collected after my decease. The remainder of my property to my dear friend, John Thompson, who was my partner in New York, whom I make executor.

Dated at New Mills, Burlington Co., N. J., August 1, 1783. Witnesses, John Wood, William Budd, Peter Stretch. Proved, September 3, 1783.

[NOTE.—The copy of the above will was certified by Bowes Reed, Regr of Wills in the State of New Jersey. The executor, John Thomson (or Thompson) qualified before His Excellency, William Livingston, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General, and Commander-in-chief in and over the State of New Jersey and territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, and Ordinary in the same, under the Prerogative Seal of said State, at Burlington, in the year A.D. 1783.]

Page 284.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TUNIS VAN PELT, of the Township of Brooklin, Kings County, being sick in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my son John, £5 for his birthright. All my real estate in Monmouth County in the Jerseys unto my two sons, Peter and Christopher Van Pelt, in equal shares; each to pay £10 to their brothers, Johannes and Alexander, and £50 each to my daughter Altie, wife of Peter Heyer, in Jersey. The debts owed me by my sons, Alexander and Johannes, on bond I discharge; my executors to give up the

bonds. All my other estate unto my son Winant, he paying £100 six months after my decease unto my daughter Maritie, wife of Mr. Holland; and £50 at same term to my granddaughter Caty, wife of Mr. Latham. I make my friend, Johannes Bergen, Esq., Tunis Bergen, and my son Winant, executors.

Dated December 17, 1779. Witnesses, Rachel Berry; Walter Berry, farmer, of Kings County; Nicholas Couwenhoven. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS HICKS, of Little Neck, in the Township of Flushing, Queens County, attorney at law, being sick and weak in body. I leave to Snider, my gardener, £20. Unto my sister, Mary Hicks, the rest of my personal estate. All my lands and real estate unto my sister, Mary Hicks, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten; for default of such issue, then unto Stephen Hicks and to his issue so born; in default, unto Richard Penn Hicks (one of the sons of my late friend and cousin, William Hicks, of Pennsylvania, deceased), in like manner; for want of such issue, then to the right heirs of said Richard Penn Hicks. To prevent mistakes I declare the above mentioned, Stephen Hicks, is the husband of my sister Mary. I make my sister, Mary Hicks, and my friend, Benjamin Kissam, executors.

Dated June 19, 1782. Witnesses, Stephen Van Wyck, of Little Neck, yeoman; Hannah Van Wyck, Elizabeth Van Wyck. Proved, March 21, 1784.

Page 287.—In the name of God, Amen. The twelfth day of June, 1759. I, GERRIT VAN BENTHUYSEN, of Rhinebeek precinct, Dutchess County, gentleman, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid at the right time. For the payment of my debts, my horses, cows and other horn cattle, swine, sheep, wagons, plows, and all other farming utensils; all my moveables, household stuff

(excepting two cows and what is hereafter given to my loving daughter Jannetje), to be sold by my executors. Unto my oldest son Barent, my silver tankard, for his primogeniture wherewith he is to rest satisfied, and make no further pretence of being my heir at law. Unto my son Peter, the two farms lying in said precinct, now in the occupation (by a certain indenture of lease for three lives) of Johannes Sherp and Aree Straat. Unto my daughter Jannetje, the tenement and farm in said precinct now occupied (and leased for three lives), of Hendrick Myer. Unto my two sons, Barent and Peter, all my clothes and wearing apparel, in equal shares. To my loving daughter Jannetje, for her outset of household goods, the two great looking glasses, the silver tea-pot, the great new copper tea-kettle, the table with the china ware belonging thereto, the chest, the drawers, her choice of one of the bedsteads and curtains, feather bed, pillows, pillow-cases, sheets, rug and blankets; all the pewter ware whereon her mother's name M V A stands; Also, six silver spoons and tea spoons, a silver sugar tong, all marked with F L, the two cows, and all women's clothes and apparel belonging to me. The remainder of my personal estate, moveable goods and chattels, after my debts are paid, and all moveables which may fall to my share after my father's decease. Unto my three children, Barent, Peter, and Jannetje, in equal shares. The remainder of my real estate with the appurtenances, and all real estate which may fall to me after my father's decease, to my said three children in equal shares. Unto my son Peter, my little Bible with silver hooks and Crams. Should all three children die without lawful issue, all my real estate to go to my brother, Peter Van Benthuisen, and my two sisters, Coatje, wife of Jacob Ten Broeck, and Annetje, widow and relict of Peter Van Aalen, in equal shares. I make my loving brother, Peter Van Benthuisen, and my said three loving children, executors.

Witnesses, Jurry Haas, John Jury Tremper; Chris-

tian Schultz, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, February 5, 1783.

[NOTE.—On March 8, 1784, Jannetje Donnel (late Jannetje Van Benthuyzen), qualified as executrix.]

Page 290.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH CARPENTER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be first paid. I leave to Sarah, my well-beloved wife, the use of my estate during her widowhood. Should she have a child or children during my life, the remainder, after her third part for her use during her life is paid to her, is to return to my children, payable at my executors' discretion. Should I die without issue, and my wife should marry after taking her thirds of the remainder, half of what remains in my executor's hands is to be equally divided between my two nephews, Joseph Crane, son of John and Tamer Crane, and Carpenter Lewis, son of Henry and Sarah Lewis, the other half equally between the above named Joseph Crane and Carpenter Lewis, and Benjamin Carpenter, son of Caleb and Amey Carpenter, and Caleb Carpenter, son of Gabril Carpenter. I make my wife Sarah, and my trusty friends, Gilbert Pinkney and Caleb Carpenter, executors.

Dated December 30, 1775. Witnesses, Jonathan Travis, jr.; Elijah Barto; Moses Travis, of Westchester County, farmer. Proved, April 10, 1776. Approved, March 9, 1784.

Page 291.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN BLAKE, of the City of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. I leave to my beloved wife Jane, the dwelling house and lot of ground in the North Ward of said city; fronting to John Street; bounded south by the estate of Rip Van Dam, deceased; west by James Devereux; east by the estate of Anthony Rutgers, deceased; north by John Street;

being 25 ft. x 87 ft. Also, the lot of ground in said Ward, in Augustus Street, mapped by Evert Banker, Surveyor of the City of New York; and numbered lot thirty-three; bounded in front by said street; in the rear by lot number forty-eight; being 25 ft. front, 92½ ft. on the south-west side, 94 ft. on the north-east side. Also, the lot of ground in said ward in Augustus Street, mapped and numbered thirty-four. Also, a lot in George Street, mapped and numbered lot forty-eight. Also, one half of three lots of ground in said city, in Anne Street, and opposite the North Dutch Church (the other half being the property of Daniel Dunscomb), together with the appurtenances to said tenements and all my freehold and real estate; all while my widow. Also, unto her, all my personal estate. At her death or remarriage, all my real estate above mentioned to go to my children: my four daughters, Mary, Johanna, Jane and Elizabeth, and my son Robert, each one fifth part; to them, two-thirds of my personal estate in equal shares; the remaining one third part to my beloved wife, whom I make executor.

Dated August 17, 1776. Witnesses, John Mason; Robert Manley, of said city, coach-maker; Elizabeth Wilson. Proved, March 9, 1784.

Page 294.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS ROOSEVELT, Jr., of the City of New York, merchant, being at present in perfect health of body. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave to my son John, £5. The use of the residue of my estate unto my beloved wife Annatje, while my widow, for her own maintenance and that of my children, and their education, until they respectively are twenty-one, or married. Also, to pay out of the same to each of my children for their advancement in life, a sum at her discretion not exceeding £100, payable at majority or marriage; the children to have like sums with the one first advanced, and such sums are to be deducted from