

In the Name of God, Amen;

I John DeForest of the town of Castletown County of Richmond and State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament.

That is to say, First, after all my just debts be paid and discharged, I give and bequeath all my Estate in manner and form following viz To my beloved Wife Charlotte I give and bequeath all the household furniture that I may be possessed of at the time of my decease. The remaining part of my personal property I will and bequeath in the following manner. First, the sum of twelve hundred Dollars in cash is to be placed at Interest in the Savings Bank, for the Benefit of my children to be equally divided among them, the Boys each to receive their portions as they severally arrive at the age of twenty one years and the girls to receive theirs, severally arrive at the same age, or on the day of their marriage, if they marry with the consent of their mother. Secondly, the remainder of my personal property consisting of Horses Carriages, Lumber &c. I wish my Executors to take an Inventory of, and to continue the business I have been engaged in, under the charge of some suitable person, devoting the profits of it to the support of my family, or if they seem it more advantageous to sell the whole, together with the Barns and Stables, and invest the whole proceeds in some safe manner, so that it will draw Interest and this Interest is to be applied to the support of my family. Finally, when my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years, one third of this amount, is to be given to my beloved Wife Charlotte and the remaining two thirds, and the remaining two thirds is to be equally divided among my children.

I will and bequeath all the real Estate that I may possess at the time of my decease as follows, viz. It is my Will that all the Houses and Lands be rented out to the best advantage, my house situate in Swan Street excepted, in which I wish my family to reside after my decease. The annual rents of the above houses and Lands to be appropriated for the support of my family, or such of them as continue to live together with their Mother; but if any of them leave home they are to receive no portion of this annual income of my property.

Finally, I will that when my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years, a sale be made of all my real Estate, and the proceeds divided as follows, viz. one third of the whole amount I give to my beloved Wife Charlotte and the remaining two thirds is to be equally divided among all my children.

Likewise

Likewise I make and ordain my Wife Charlotte, and Dr. Samuel R. Smith to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby utterly disallowing and revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John DeForest as and for his last Will and Testament in the presents of us, who at his request in his presents, and in the presents of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses.  
Samuel R. Smith Wm. Root Jane Sandweger

Richmond County ss

Be it remembered, That on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, personally appeared before me John Ganetson Surrogate of the County of Richmond aforesaid, Samuel R. Smith and Jane Sandweger two of their Witnesses to the Will of John DeForest late of the town of Castletown County of Richmond and State of New York deceased who being duly sworn, declared that they did see the said John DeForest seal and execute the Instrument hereunto annexed which said Instrument purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said John DeForest deceased bearing date the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine; That they heard him the said John DeForest publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament; That at the time thereof he the said John DeForest was of sound disposing mind and memory, to the best knowledge and belief of them the said deponents, and that they together with William Root the other Witness to the said Will, did severally subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses in the presents of the Testator and also in the presents of each other.

John Ganetson Surrogate  
Be it also remembered that on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, personally appeared before me the said Surrogate Charlotte DeForest and Dr. Samuel Smith Executrix and Executor in the aforesaid Will named, and being duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual Oath in that case provided.

John Ganetson Surrogate

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The People of the State of New York,  
By the Grace of God free and Independent  
To all to whom these presents come or may concern  
Greeting

Know ye, That on the first day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, at the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond before John Garretson Esquire Surrogate of our said County, the Last Will and Testament of John Deforest, late of the town of Castleton in the County of Richmond and State of New York deceased, (a copy whereof is herunto annexed) was proved and is now approved and allowed by us, and the said deceased having whilst he lived, and at the time of his death goods, Chattels and Credits within this State, by means whereof the proving and registering the said Will, and the granting Administration of all and Singular the said goods, Chattels, and Credits, and also the auditing, allowing and final discharging the account thereof, doth be long unto us: The Administration of all and Singular the goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning his Will is granted unto Charlotte Deforest and Debrahuel R. Smith of the town of Castleton in the said County of Richmond Executors in the said Will named, they being first duly sworn, well and faithfully to perform the same, and to make and exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the said goods, Chattels, and Credits, and also to render a just and true account thereof, when thereunto required. In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be herunto affixed. Witness John Garretson Esquire Surrogate of our said County, at the place aforesaid, this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and of our Independence the fifty third.

John Garretson Surrogate

In the Name of God Amen, I John Slaght of the town of Westfield, County of Richmond and State of New York being weak in Body but of sound mind memory and understanding for which Blessing I most devoutly I most devoutly thank my God, I do make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First It is my Will that my Executors after my decease, do pay all my just debts and Funeral Charges as soon as convenient. Secondly I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Elizabeth all my property both real and personal during her Natural Life.

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nal Life - Thirdly, I Give unto my Daughter Margaret her Miller one Feather Bed Bolsters and Pillows. Fourthly, I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Susannah one feather Bed Bolsters and Pillows. Fifthly I Give and bequeath unto each and every one of my children Names as follows my whole Estate Both Real and personal with the exception of the above named Beds Bolsters and Pillows, to be Shared Equal, Share and Share Alike among them or their heirs Executors, Administrators or Assigns. Namely - Daniel, Israel, Margaret, George Rebecca, Susannah, and Charles. Sixthly I Give and bequeath unto my Son Charles one Feather Bed Bolsters and Pillows, over and above the equal dividend of the other heirs. Seventhly, I order my Executors to dispose of my whole Estate, except such part of my personal as I have set apart as above for Margaret, Susannah and Charles them to be delivered to them before or after the death of my Wife at her pleasure, The whole to be disposed of as soon as convenient. And Lastly, I Nominate my two Friends Israel Oakley and Jesse Morgan Junr. Executors of this my Last Will and Testament thereby revoking all former Wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight 1828. Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said John Slaght } John Slaght  
to be his Last Will and Testament in }  
the presents us. - Israel Oakley Abraham Winant and  
Leureha Smith -  
Richmond County } ps

Be it remembered that on the Sixteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine personally appeared before me John Garretson Surrogate of the County of Richmond aforesaid Israel Oakley and Leureha Smith two of the Witnesses to the Will of John Slaght late of the town of Westfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York deceased, who being duly Sworn declared that they did see the said John Slaght seal and execute the Instrument herunto annexed, which said Instrument purports to be the Last Will and Testament of John Slaght.



deceased bearing date the twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. That they heard him the John Slaght publish and declare the same as and for his Last Will and Testament. That at the time of the execution thereof he the said John Slaght was of sound disposing mind and memory, to the best knowledge and belief of the deponents and that they together with Abraham W. W. want the other Witnesses to the said Will, did severally subscribe their names thereto in the presents of the Testator and also in the presents of each other. — John Garretson Surrogate Richmond County, ss. — Be it also remembered that on the sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, personally appeared before the said Surrogate Israel Oakley and Jesse Morgan Junr. Executors in the said Will, named, and being duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual Oath in that case provided.

John Garretson Surrogate



The People of the State of New York

By the Grace of God free and Independent

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern.

Greeting,

Know ye, that on the sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, at the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond before John Garretson Esquire, Surrogate of our said County, the Last Will and Testament of John Slaght late of the Town of Westfield in the County of Richmond deceased, (a Copy whereof is hereto annexed) was proved and is now approved and allowed by us; And the said deceased having, whilst he lived, and at the time of his death goods, Chattels, or Credits within this State, by means whereof of this proving and Registering the said Will, and the granting Administration of all and singular the said goods Chattels and Credits. And also the settling, allowing, and final discharging the account thereof, doth belong unto us: The Administration of all and singular the goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning his Will, is granted unto Israel Oakley and Jesse Morgan Junr. Executors in the said Will named, they being first duly sworn, well and faithfully to Administer the same, and to make and exhibit a true and

perfect Inventory of all and singular the said goods Chattels and Credits, and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required. — In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereto affixed. Witness John Garretson Esquire Surrogate of our said County, at the place aforesaid this sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, and of our Independence the fifty fourth

John Garretson Surrogate.

In the Name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Adlington of Westfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York... being sick and weak in Body, but of sound mind and understanding thanks be to Almighty God for the same, calling to mind the Uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death, Do this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it trusting in his mercy through the merits and Intercession of my Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ for forgiveness; And my body to be Buried <sup>decently</sup> at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named: — And as to the worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with, I Will and direct to be disposed in the following manner; I order and direct that all my just debts and funeral Expences be first satisfied and paid. **IMPRIMIS.** — I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter, Mary now Mary Bedell All my wearing Apparel my Bed and Bedding and furniture thereto belonging Immediately after my decease, The Remainder of my goods of every description, I order and direct to be sold within three months after my decease, by my Executors, and the moneys arising therefrom, after my Debts and funeral Expences are paid be added to the Rest of my Estate, and put to Interest, and the Interest arising therefrom to be paid yearly to my said daughter Mary during her natural Life, and after her death, to be equally divided among the Heirs of her Body, then living, as they respectively Come of Age, both principals and Interest. But in case my Daughter Mary should die leaving no Lawful Issue, Then I order and direct the whole of the monies or Estate to be equally divided Between my two Cousins Jonathan and

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 is and Israel Lewis or their heirs—  
 Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Jonathan Lewis  
 is and my Son in Law John Bedell Executors to this my  
 last Will and Testament—  
 Signed Sealed published and  
 declared by the said Elizabeth } Elizabeth Adlington  
 Adlington, as and for her last }  
 Will and Testament— John Taylor Frances Taylor  
 John Taylor Junr

Richmond County) Be it remembered that on the  
 twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and twenty nine personally ap-  
 peared before me John Garretson Surrogate of the County  
 of Richmond aforesaid, Frances Taylor one of the Witnes-  
 ses to the Will of Elizabeth Adlington late of the town of North-  
 field, in the County of Richmond and State of New York  
 deceased, who being duly sworn declared that she did see  
 the said Elizabeth Adlington seal and execute the Instru-  
 ment herunto annexed which said Instrument purports  
 to be the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Adling-  
 ton deceased, bearing date the tenth day of August in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen,  
 that she did hear her the said Elizabeth Adlington pub-  
 lish and declare the same as and for her Last Will and  
 Testament— That at the time of the execution thereof the  
 said Elizabeth Adlington was of sound disposing mind  
 and memory according to best knowledge and belief of the de-  
 ponant, and she together with John Taylor and John Tay-  
 lor Junr, the other Witnesses to the said Will did severally  
 subscribe their names thereto on the presents of the Testator  
 and also in the presents of each other. John Garretson Surrogate  
 Richmond County) Be it also remembered that on the  
 twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and twenty nine personally appeared  
 before me the said Surrogate, John Bedell one of the Execu-  
 tors in the said Will named, and being duly sworn to the  
 faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the  
 usual Oath in that case provided—

John Garretson Surrogate



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 The People of the State of New York,  
 By the Grace of God free and Independent,  
 To all to whom these presents shall come a may  
 concern, Greeting,

Know ye, that on the twenty eighth day of December in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
 nine, at the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond  
 before John Garretson Esquire Surrogate of our said County,  
 the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Adlington late of the  
 town of Northfield in the County of Richmond deceased, (A Co-  
 py whereof is herunto annexed) was proved and is now appro-  
 ved and allowed by us: And the said deceased having whilst  
 she lived, and at the time of her death, goods, Chattels and cre-  
 dits within this State, by means whereof the proving and re-  
 gistering the said Will, and the granting Administration of  
 all and singular the said goods, Chattels, and Credits; And  
 also the auditing, Allowing and final discharging the account  
 thereof, doth belong unto us: The Administration of all and sin-  
 gular the goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased and  
 any way concerning her Will is granted unto John Bedell one  
 of the Executors in the said Will named he being first duly  
 sworn, well and faithfully to Administer the same, and to  
 make and exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and sin-  
 gular the said goods, Chattels, and Credits, and also to render  
 a just and true account thereof when thereunto required—  
 In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of Office of  
 our said Surrogate to be herunto affixed. Witness John  
 Garretson Esquire Surrogate of our said County, at the  
 place aforesaid this twenty eighth day of December  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and twenty nine and of our Independence the fifty fourth

John Garretson Surrogate



Recover Will of John G Wood  
Richmond County, State of New York. Be it remembered, that a Surrogate court held for the County of Richmond at the surrogate office in the village of Richmond, on the ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, in the matter of the real estate and proving the last will and Testament of John G Wood deceased; present Richard Crocheron Surrogate; comes William Wood and David C Wood, named in the last will and Testament of John G Wood late of the town of Westfield in the said county, deceased, and confirmed the said court of their intention of proving the last will and Testament of the said John G Wood deceased, and whereas on a representation made to the said surrogate by William Wood and David C Wood, that there are no other heirs or devisees of the said deceased than themselves and their Brother Joseph Wood a minor who is here represented by his Guardian Edward Weir, which is supported by the affidavit of the said named executors in manner following: Richmond County, State of New York. William Wood and David C Wood being duly sworn deponeeth and saith that they are executors of the last will and Testament of John G Wood, that there are no more heirs or devisees of the estate of the said deceased than themselves and their Brother Joseph Wood a minor, who is here represented by Edward Weir his Guardian and further these deponents saith not. Sworn before me this ninth day of June A. D. 1830 Richard Crocheron Surrogate, the above affidavit was signed by William C. Wood & David C Wood. Whereas the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that according to law no further notice was necessary, of their intention to have the said will of the said deceased proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an act concerning Wills of Real and personal Property and the proof of them. It was therefore ordered, on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said court, that William Wood and David C Wood the executors named, have leave to proceed to prove the said will of the said deceased, and thereupon the said will being produced and shown to the said court. It was proved in the following manner: Richmond County, State of New York. Edward Weir of the County aforesaid, being duly sworn.

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deponeth and saith, that he did see the said deceased sign and seal the said Instrument now shown to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same as and for his last will and Testament; that at the time thereof, the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with William McFerran and Ellen McMaster the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed Edward Weir. Sworn before me this ninth day of June A. D. 1830 Rich? Crocheron Surrogate Richmond County, State of New York. John G Wood deceased. William McFerran of the County aforesaid, being duly sworn deponeeth and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and heard him the said deceased publish and declare the same, as and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with Edward Weir and Ellen McMaster, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. William McFerran Sworn before me the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1830. Rich? Crocheron Surrogate And thereupon it appearing to the said court that the said will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; It is ordered by the said court, on due deliberation, that the said will with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is hereto before recovered and contained, and that said will do ordered to be recorded in as follows: To wit

In the name of God. Amen. I John G. Wood of the Town of Westfield County of Richmond and State of New York, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (that is to say). First. If my debts are called upon, my executor to sell a part, or the whole of my real estate whatever may be to the best advantage to discharge my lawfull debts, and the residue to be for the use of my widow during ~~her~~ her natural life. If I die before my son Woodh comes to age my executor to pay him ten Dollars per year to buy him clothing, when he is over and above supporting my widow and paying my lawfull debts, the rest and residue to be equally divided between my three sons, viz William Wood, David Wood and Joseph Wood, whom I do hereby appoint my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the third day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed, sealed, published, and Delivered by the above named John G. Wood to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who have

hereunto subscribed our name as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Richmond County ss. Be it remembered, that on the ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, the above Will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording wills remaining in the office of the surrogate of the County of Richmond

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office. Done at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond the nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty and of our Independence the fifty fifth.

Richard Brochevon Surrogate

Richmond County ss. Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me David Wood one of the Executors in the aforesaid Will named, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided

Richard Brochevon Surrogate

### Record of the Will of John R. Van Pelt.

To the Surrogate of the County of Richmond The Petition of Elizabeth Van Pelt Widow of John R. Van Pelt, late of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, deceased. Respectfully Sheweth

That your petitioner is the Executrix of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, that the said deceased left goods, chattels, and credits in the said County and elsewhere, that the deceased left no real estate; That your Petitioner being desirous that the said Will should be admitted to proof, and letters Testamentary thereon granted to your petitioner. And requests the aid of the surrogate in the premises. Dated June 19<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1830. Elizabeth Van Pelt, Elizabeth Van Pelt, being duly sworn deponeth and saith that the matters set forth in the above petition are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. Signed Elizabeth Van Pelt. Sworn before me the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1830. Richard Brochevon Surrogate.

Whereas the said surrogate being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that according to law no further proof was necessary of the intention of the petitioner to have the said Will of the said deceased proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an act concerning Wills of Real and personal property and the proof of them; It was therefore ordered, on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said Surrogate, that the said Elizabeth Van Pelt the Executrix named, have leave to proceed to prove the said Will of the said deceased. And thereupon the said Will being produced and shewn to the said Surrogate. It was proved in the following manner.

State of New York Richmond County ss. In the matter of proving the Will of the personal Estate of John R. Van Pelt deceased. James Sharp of the Town of Northfield in the said

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County, being duly sworn, depose and say, that he did see the said decedent, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said decedent bearing date the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, and heard him the said decedent publish and declare the same as and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said decedent, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, and that he together with Benjamin Simonson and Isaac S. Brown, the other subscribing witnesses, to the said will subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed James Sharp. Sworn before me the nineteenth day of June A. D. 1830. Richard Crocherson Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said Surrogate that the said Will of the said decedent was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; It is ordered by the said Surrogate, on due deliberation, that the said will with the proof thereof be recorded. Which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that said will is ordered to be recorded in as follows, to wit:

In The name of God. Amen. I John P. Van Pelt junr of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, for which blessed be Almighty God; considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: that is to say. First, I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth, (after the payment of my funeral charges and just debts) all my real and personal estate of what kind and nature soever. to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever; And to be disposed of by her as she shall think proper. Lastly, I do appoint my said wife Elizabeth sole Executrix of this my last Will

and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. 1823.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named John P. Van Pelt junr, to be his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our name as witnesses to the same - - -

John P. Van Pelt J  
 Witnesses  
 James Sharp -  
 Benjamin Simonson  
 Isaac S. Brown -

Richmond County ss. Be it remembered, that on the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty the within Will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording Wills, remaining in the Office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond.

Be it also remembered that on the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Elizabeth Van Pelt executrix of the aforesaid Will named, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided.

In Testimony whereof the said Surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office. Done at the Surrogate office in the County of Richmond the said second day of August. A. D. 1830

Richard Crocherson Surrogate

State of New York. Be it remembered, that a Richmond County Surrogate court held for the County of Richmond at the Surrogate office in the village of Richmond on the twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

In the matter of the Estate of James Johnson late of the Town of Westfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York deceased; present Richard Brocheron Surrogate; comes Cornelius W. Johnson one of the Executors of the last will and Testament of said deceased, and informed said court that notice had been given pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, of his intention of proving the last will and Testament of the said James Johnson deceased, and the said Cornelius W. Johnson brought into this court a notice of his intention to prove the said will, signed by the said Executor of the said will with the affidavit of Bornt S. Laforge, proving the due service of said notice upon all the heirs and devisees of the said deceased, which said notice and affidavit are as follows, to wit: In the matter of proving the last will and Testament of James Johnson deceased. To Harman Lyster, Bornt S. Laforge, Cath. Slaight, Jacob Lockman, James J. Lockman, Elizabeth Wyllard, Cornelius W. Johnson, Mary Slaight, Lydia Totten, Rodney Laforge, Mary Winant. And Cornelius W. Johnson Guardian of Bornt S. Laforge, Joseph Lockman, Cath. Ann Lockman, James Johnson, Elizabeth C. Johnson and Cath. Jane Johnson, Minors, heirs and devisees of said deceased.

Please to take notice that I intend to apply to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond at his office in the village of Richmond on the twenty first day of June at 10. O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of having the last will and Testament of James Johnson late of the town of Westfield deceased, proved. Dated the thirty first day of May 1830

Richmond County, p. Bornt S. Laforge being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he served a copy of the above notice on the persons therein named, (except James J. Lockman who could not be found) on the second day of June A. D. 1830. and further this deponent saith not. Bornt S. Laforge Sworn before me the 29th June A. D. 1830.

Richard Brocheron Surrogate

Richmond County, p. Cornelius W. Johnson, being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is an Executor of the last will and Testament of James Johnson deceased, that there are no heirs or devisees of the said deceased interested in his real and personal estate, besides those named in the foregoing notice and further this deponent saith not. Cornelius W. Johnson Sworn before me the 29th June 1830 Richard Brocheron Surrogate

Whereas the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice has been given according to law, of the intention to have the said will of the said deceased proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an act concerning wills of real and personal property, and the proof of them, it was thereon ordered, on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said court, that Cornelius W. Johnson the aforesaid Executor named, have leave to proceed to prove the said will of the said deceased, and thereupon the said will being produced and shewn to the said court.

Richmond County, p. In the matter of proving the will of James Johnson late of Westfield deceased.

Cornelius W. Johnson of the town of Westfield in the County aforesaid being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, bearing date the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, and that he together with William C. Woglom and Charles Jackson the other subscribing witnesses, to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Cornelius W. Johnson Sworn before me the 29th day of June 1830 Richard Brocheron Surrogate



Cornelius Woglam, the foregoing deforment further saith, that the other witnesses of the will of said deceased, to wit, William C. Woglam who is also deceased and that Charles Jackson does not reside in the county. Signed, Cornelius Woglam

Dated the 29th June 1830

And thereupon it appearing to the said court that the said will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed the same was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; it is ordered by the said court, on due deliberation, that the said will with the proof thereof be recorded which said proof is herein before recited and contained, and that the said will be ordered to be recorded as follows, to wit.

In the name of God. Amen.

I James Johnson of the town of Westfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory. (Blessed be Almighty God for the same.) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say. 1<sup>st</sup> I order and require all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid and satisfied out of my estate as soon as conveniently can be after my decease. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth, all my real and personal estate that shall be left after my decease and after all my just debts, funeral charges shall be paid and satisfied for as stated as above. That is she shall have the benefit and possess all my property both real and personal for and during her natural life if she remains my Widow and unmarried, and which shall be in full satisfaction and recompense of and for all her dower and thirds which she may or can in any wise claim or demand out of my estate. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Hannah the

Wife of Cornelius Lyster twenty five dollars to be paid unto her after the decease of my Wife. 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my grandson Borrit Laforge the like sum of twenty five dollars to be paid to him after the decease of my Wife. 5<sup>th</sup> The residue and remainder of my property both real and personal that is not in money shall be sold after the decease of my Wife, and the proceeds of the same and of all the monies which may not be wanting to discharge the legacies aforesaid my debts and necessary expenses attending her funeral, shall be equally divided among all my children share and share alike. That is, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Slaght or her children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property after the decease of my Wife. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Lockman children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property after the decease of my Wife.

I give and bequeath unto my son Harrier Johnson children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property after the decease of my Wife. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lydia Totten or her children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property after the decease of my Wife. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Harrey Laforge or her children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property after the decease of my Wife. I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Warrant or her children the one sixth part of the proceeds of all my property that may be left after the aforesaid legacies and demands shall be paid and satisfied for after the decease of my Wife.

The true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament is that after my Executors pay or cause to be paid out of my estate all just debts and demands and the bequeaths that I have heretofore bequeathed unto my Grand daughter Hannah Lyster, and to my Grand son Borrit S. Laforge and after the decease of my Wife, the residue & remainder of the proceeds of all my property shall then be divided among all my children share and share alike and paid to them if they shall be living after the decease of my Wife and if not it shall and must be paid to their children.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Executrix and my son in law Winant Winant, and my Grandson Cornelius Johnson Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disallowing all former Wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven. 1827.

Signed Sealed published James Johnson  
pronounced and declared by the said James Johnson to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us -----  
Witnesses  
Cornelius Hagan  
William C Hagan  
Charles Jackson

Richmond County p. Be it remembered, that on the twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty. The aforesaid Will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording wills remaining in the office of the surrogate of the County of Richmond.

Be it also remembered that on the thirtieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Elizabeth Johnson Executrix and Cornelius H Johnson one of the Executors in the aforesaid Will named, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided. In Testimony Whereof, the said Surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office, Done at the Surrogate's office in the Village of Richmond the second day of August. A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty. in the year of our Independence the fifty fifth.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnson Decd }

I Elizabeth Johnson Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnson late of the Town of Eastham in the County of Richmond and State of New York deceased, bearing date the eleventh day of February A. D. 1830. do hereby apply to the surrogate and at the surrogate office in the said County this twenty first day of July to have the said last Will and Testament proved before the said court, according to an act entitled an act concerning wills of real and personal property and the proof of them. Signed  
Done at the County first day of July 1830 Elizabeth Johnson  
State of New York Richmond County p.

Elizabeth Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes and saith that she is Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnson deceased, which is here offered to be proved before this court: That there are no heir or devise of the said deceased interested in his real or personal estate, beside herself, who is the widow of said deceased and his five infant children, to wit Charles, Catherine, Mary, Elmer, and John Johnson, who are all minors under the age of twenty one years, that John H Blake their guardian is personally present to take care their interests in proving said Will and further this deponent saith not sworn before me the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1830. Signed.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate Elizabeth Johnson  
Whereas the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that according to law no further notice was necessary of the intention of said Elizabeth to have said Will proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an act concerning Wills of Real and personal property, and the proof of them. It was therefore ordered, on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said court, that Elizabeth Johnson Executrix and Jacob Degroot Executor named in said Will have leave to proceed to prove the said Will of the said deceased, and thereupon the said Will being produced and shown to the said court. The proof was as follows.

Richmond County, Va. In the matter of proving the Will of Cornelius Johnson late deceased.

John W. Blake of the town of Castleton in the County aforesaid, being duly sworn deponeeth and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and heard him the said deceased publish and declare the same, as, and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, and that he together with Jacob Degroot and Richard C. Blake the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 21<sup>st</sup> July  
A. D. 1830 Richard Crockeron Surrogate John W. Blake

Richmond County, Va. In the matter of proving the Will of Cornelius Johnson late deceased

Jacob Degroot of the town of Castleton in the County aforesaid, being duly sworn deponeeth and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, and that he together with John W. Blake and Richard C. Blake the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed.

Sworn before me the twenty first day of July, A. D. 1830 Rich<sup>d</sup> Crockeron Surrogate

And thereupon it appearing to the said court that the said Will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testator who executed the same was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; it is ordered by the said court, on due deliberation, that the said will, together with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that the will so ordered to be recorded is as follows. to wit.

The last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnson of the town of Castleton and County of Richmond. I Cornelius Johnson considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being in sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my great and personal estate during her natural life, and if my wife finds she cannot keep the property without involving the said property, then my will is that my executor may sell the property by public or private sale as they may think best, (my Will is, after my funeral expenses and all other honest debts, is paid, then my will is the residue of the monies to put out to interest and that my wife to have the interest of all the monies during her natural life and if my wife thinks best to sell apart of her household furniture then in that case she may do so, my Will is that after the death of my wife, that the monies shall be collected and to be share and share alike among my children, that is to say, Charles, Catherine, Mary, Elenor, and John. Lastly my Will is that my wife Elizabeth to act and serve as Administratrix and my friend Jacob Degroot Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me made done this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty. Signed Sealed and published declared By the above named Cornelius Johnson to be his last Will, and in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator. Richard C. Blake & John W. Blake



Richmond County, ss. Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty the foregoing will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording wills, remaining in the office of the Surrogate of the county of Richmond.

Be it also remembered that on the twenty third day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Elizabeth Johnson Executrix and Jacob Degroot Executor in the aforesaid will married, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided.

In Testimony whereof the said Surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office, Done at the Surrogate office in the village of Richmond the said twenty third day of August A. D. 1830

Richard Crocheron Surrogate

### Record of the Will of Barnet Prall

State of New York } ss.  
Richmond County } Do it remembered, that at a Surrogate court, held for the county aforesaid at the Surrogate office in the village of Richmond on the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

In the matter of the estate of Barnet Prall late of the town of Northfield in the county and State aforesaid deceased Present Richard Crocheron Surrogate; Comes Jacob Tyson by an executor named in the last will and Testament of said deceased, and informed the said court that notice had been given pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, of his intention of proving the last will and Testament of the said Barnet Prall deceased, and the said Jacob Tyson brought into this court a notice of his intention to prove the said will, signed by the said Jacob Tyson the acting executor aforesaid of the said will, with the affidavit of Rachel Prall proving the due service of said notice upon all the heirs and devisees of the said

Barnet Prall, deceased.

In the matter of proving the will of the Real estate of Barnet Prall deceased

To Mary Hourman, Elizabeth Crocheron, Sarah Buerh, Ellen Prall, Alotta Lannman Benjamin Prall, Please to take notice that we the undersigned, executor of the last will and Testament of the said Barnet Prall late of the town of Northfield in the county of Richmond & State of New York deceased, bearing date the sixteenth day of June A. D. 1828 intend to apply to the surrogate court of the county of Richmond at the surrogate office in the village of Richmond, on the twenty third day of August next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to have the said last will and Testament of the said deceased proved before the said court, according to an act entitled an act concerning wills of real and personal property and the proof of them. Dated Richmond County, July 28<sup>th</sup> 1830

Signed Jacob Tyson - -  
Richmond County, ss.

Rachel Prall being duly sworn deposedth and saith that the above notice has been personally served on the persons within named on the twenty ninth day of July A. D. 1830 and furtherth deponent saith not. Signed Rachel Prall.

Sworn before me the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1830 Jacob Tyson Judge  
Richmond County ss.

Jacob Tyson being duly sworn deposedth and saith that he is an acting executor of Barnet Prall deceased named in the above notice, and that there are no heirs or devisees of the said deceased interested in his real or personal estate, besides those named in the said above notice, and further this deponent saith not. Signed Jacob Tyson  
Sworn before me the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate  
Whereas the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice has been given according to law, of the intention to have the said will of the said deceased proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled

are not concerning "Wills of Real and Personal property, and the proof of them, it was therefore ordered on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said court that Jacob Tyson Esq. Executor, have leave to proceed to prove the said will of said deceased, and thereupon the said will being produced and shown to the said court. Richmond County, N.Y.

In the matter of proving the  
Will of Barnet Brice deceased

Naron Van Pelt of the town of Northfield in said County being duly sworn, deposeseth and saith, that he did see the said deceased sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, & heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same as and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with Abraham Ball & Arthur Brall, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed Naron Van Pelt

Sworn before me the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August A. D. 1830. Richard Crockeron Surrogate.

Richmond County, N.Y.

In the matter of proving the  
Will of Barnet Brice deceased

Arthur Brall of the town of Northfield in the said County being duly sworn, deposeseth and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not

under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with Naron Van Pelt and Abraham Ball the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed Arthur Brall

Sworn before me the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August A. D. 1830. Richard Crockeron Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; it is ordered by the said Court, on due deliberation, that the said will, together with the proof thereof be recorded, and ~~and~~ which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that said will so ordered to be recorded is as follows. to wit.

In the name of God. Amen. I Aaron. I Corrit Brall of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, Yeoman, Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, do make and publish this my last will and Testament. And first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner.

And as touching such worldly estate, as it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose thereof in the following manner and form (that is to say) my will and desire is, that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied, and if there is not personal property enough to pay my debts and funeral charges, then my will is, that my executor shall within one year after my decease, or as soon thereafter as they shall think fit, sell so much of my real estate as to satisfy my just debts and funeral expenses. First, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Rachel,

All my beds and bedding, and all my household furniture of all descriptions. I do further give & devise unto my children, namely Benjamin Ball Mary Howman, Netha Demman, Elizabeth Crocheron Sarah Bush, and Ellen Prall, their heirs and assigns forever, all my real estate, that is not disposed of for the payment of my debts, and which shall not be disposed of by any execution for that purpose. But my will and desire is that my beloved wife Rachel shall have occupy and hold in her possession all my Real estate, (which shall be left after the discharge of all my debts) as long as she remains my widow, and to make no waste of same and to keep it in good repair; and my will also is, that my executors shall, immediately after my wife is deceased, or immediately after she ceases to be my widow, or within one year thereafter; divide my Real estate among all my children above named, share and share alike, or sell it and divide the money between my said children share and share alike. And lastly I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Rachel my Executrix, and Jacob Tyson and Edward Bush my Executors, to my last Will and Testament. I do hereby revoke, disannul and disallow, all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. 1828.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, by the above named Barnt Prall, to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator.

Abraham Prall. Arthur Prall. Aaron Van Pelt

Richmond County State of New York. Be it remembered, that on the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, the foregoing will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording wills, remaining in the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond.

Be it also remembered, that on the twenty fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Rachel Prall Executrix, Jacob Tyson and Edward Bush executors in the aforesaid will named, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided.

In Testimony Whereof, the said surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office. Done at the Surrogate office this twenty fourth day of September. A. D. 1833.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate

Record of the Will of Stephen Brown  
On the matter of proving the last will and Testament of Stephen Brown deceased To the Surrogate of the County of Richmond The Petition of Lockwood De Robert of the City and County of New York. Respectfully Sheweth That Stephen Brown late of Hallowell in the County of Kennebeck and State of Maine deceased, died on or about the second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty at the hospital in the County of Richmond aforesaid, leaving a last will and Testament. That he the said deceased, did therein and thereby appoint your Petitioner, executor of his last will and Testament, that the said deceased died leaving his Mother Elizabeth Brown and other heirs and devisees. Your Petitioner has been informed, and truly believes the Surrogate of the said County of Richmond has sole and exclusive power to take the proof of the said last will and Testament of the said deceased. That your petitioner being



desirous that the said Will should be admitted to proof, and letters testamentary thereon be granted to your petitioner, therefore prays a citation issuing out of and under seal of this honorable Court, requiring the said heirs & devisees, namely, Elizabeth Brown, Andrew Brown, Anna Whitten and Judith Seargeant, personally to be and appear when and where this honorable Court may direct, to oppose or support, as they may see fit, the probate of the said last will and Testament. And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Lockwood De Forrest

Richmond County, ss.

Lockwood De Forrest the above petitioner being duly sworn both before and after, that the matters set forth in the foregoing petition are true to the best of his knowledge information & belief

Sworn this 14th day of September 1830 before me Richard Crockeron Sur.

Whereas on Reading and filing the petition of Lockwood De Forrest executor of the last will and Testament of Stephen Brown deceased, in the matter of proving the said will. It is hereby ordered that citation issue to the said heirs & devisees notifying them that the said will of said deceased will be presented for probate at the Court House Hall at the quarantine ground in said County the fourth day of October Instant.

Which said citation is as follows, to wit.

The People of the State of New York  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent  
To all whom these presents shall come, or may concern, and especially to Elizabeth Brown, Andrew Brown, Anna Whitten and Judith Seargeant.

Greeting, You are hereby cited and required, personally to be and appear before our Surrogate, of the County of Richmond, at the Court House Hall near the Quarantine Ground in said County, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to oppose or support as you may see fit, the probate of a certain

instrument in writing, which has been exhibited to our said Surrogate, by Lockwood De Forrest, claiming to be the last will and Testament of Stephen Brown deceased.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be affixed. Witness, Richard Crockeron Surrogate of our said County of Richmond the fifteenth day of September A. D. 1830

Richard Crockeron Surrogate

Whereas the said Surrogate at the time and place specified in the foregoing citation, did accordingly attend, and being satisfied that notice had been given as directed by the Statute in such cases provided, by publishing the said citation in the New York Courier & Enquirer for two weeks successively, it was therefore ordered by the said Surrogate that Lockwood De Forrest executor as aforesaid, have leave to proceed to prove the said will of the said deceased, and thereupon the said will being produced and shown to the said Court.

In the matter of the last will and Testament of Stephen Brown dec'd

Richard Harcourt being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he was present when the said deceased executed said will, that after the said will was executed it was handed to him either by the Testator, Mrs. S. Post, or some other person at the time, that he kept the same in his possession for several days, until after the death of the Testator, he then delivered it to Lockwood De Forrest of the City of New York, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 14th day of Oct. 1830 Richard Harcourt

Richd Crockeron Surrogate

Lockwood De Forrest, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that the instrument heretofore presented to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond for probate, purporting to be the last will & Testament of Stephen Brown dec'd, was delivered to him by Richard Harcourt. And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 14th day of Oct. 1830 Richd Crockeron Surrogate L. De Forrest

In the Matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Stephen Brown Decd.

Wm S. Root, of the town of Castleton in the County of Richmond, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twenty sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, of full age and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with Richard Harcourt and Daniel Harcourt, the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith, not. Signed Wm S. Root Sworn before me 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1830 Rich<sup>d</sup> Crockeron Surrogate.

Richmond County, N.Y.

In the matter of proving the Will of Stephen Brown Decd.

Richard Harcourt of the Town of Castleton in the County upon said, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last Will and testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twenty sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last Will and Testament that at the time thereof the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, of full age and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge & belief of this deponent, that he together with Wm S. Root and Daniel Harcourt, the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator

and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not.

Signed Rich<sup>d</sup> Harcourt

Sworn before me the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830 Richard Crockeron Surrogate

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint, it is ordered by the said Court, on due deliberation, that the said Will with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recored and contained, and that said Will be ordered to be recorded as follows: to wit.

In the name of God: Amen.

I Stephen Brown of the Town of Hallowell in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

That is to say: First, after all my just debts are paid and discharged, I give and bequeath unto my respected Mother, Elizabeth Brown of the town of Hallowell aforesaid, the sum of two thousand dollars, good and lawful money of the United States of America. I further give devise and bequeath unto my Brother Andrew Brown, Mariner of the town of Hallowell aforesaid, the sum of one thousand dollars, good and lawful money as aforesaid, also my Gold Watch and wearing apparel. I give devise and bequeath to my Sister Judith Seargeant Wife of Mr Sargeant, Cooper, of Hallowell aforesaid, the sum of one thousand dollars, good and lawful money as aforesaid. I give, devise and bequeath to my sister Anna Whitten, Wife of Thomas Whitten, Blacksmith, of the town of Hallowell aforesaid, the sum of one thousand dollars good and lawful money as aforesaid. I hereby Will and direct, that my part or proportion of the Brig

Topsaz, now riding at the Quarantine of the port of New York, of which I am the master and part owner. Shall be sold immediately after my demise, and the proceeds of said sale, after payment of my proportion of the just debts due on account of said, allowing therefrom, the expenses of lashing said Brig, which said expenses were paid by me, and amount to about One thousand Dollars, together with the Balance of money now in the hands of DeForest and Son. Merchants of the City of New York, amounting to about twelve hundred dollars, together with my proportion of the proceeds of the present voyage of the said Brig Topsaz, to be applied to the payment of the aforementioned bequests. And I hereby direct, that in case the amount of monies that shall come into the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, shall be insufficient to pay the aforesaid legacies, that then the said legacies shall suffer a proportionable reduction and abatement. - And I hereby further Will and direct, that in case the amount of monies that shall come into the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, shall exceed the amount of the aforementioned bequests, then the residue to be divided, between the aforementioned legacies in proportion to the amount of their several legacies, and according to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament.

I further give and bequeath to my apprentice Samuel Clark the sum of Fifty Dollars, and commend him to the Fatherly care and protection of my Brother Amos Brown aforesaid. - Likewise I make and obtain Lockwood De Forrest of the City of New York Merchant, to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby utterly disallowing and revoking all former Will, by me made. -

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Stephen Brown

Signed, Sealed, published and delivered by the said Stephen Brown, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Wm. S. Root Richmond County, State of New York  
Richard Harcourt Esq. Do Do Do  
David Harcourt Do Do Do Do

State of New York. Richmond County, ss.

Be it remembered, that on the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, the foregoing Will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the book for recording Wills, remaining in the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond.

Be it also remembered that on the fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, personally appeared before me Lockwood De Forrest of the City of New York Executor in the aforesaid Will named, and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Richard Crocheron Surrogate of our said County, at his office in the Village of Richmond, this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty and of our Independence the fifty fifth.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate



Record Will of 35 Harman Cropley

Richmond County Surrogate office p.

In the matter of proving the Will of -  
Real & Personal estate of Harman Cropley Decd.

Present Richard Crocheron Surrogate of said county

Be it remembered, that a surrogate court, held for the county of Richmond the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, comes Harman B. Cropley an Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Harman Cropley late of the Town of Westfield in said County deceased, and informed the said court that notice had been given to all the heirs at law of said deceased, and their consent to produce in a return declared by them, of his intention of proving the last Will & Testament of said deceased, which said notice and consent is as follows, in the matter of proving the Will of the Real & Personal estate of Harman Cropley Decd.

To Maria Wife of Isaac Manee, Eliza Wife of Jeremiah Baker, and Sarah Wife of Benjamin Driver.

Please to take notice that we the undersigned Executors of the last Will and Testament of Harman Cropley deceased late of the Town of Westfield in the county of Richmond, said Will bearing date the seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight do intend to apply to the Surrogate of the said County at his office in the village of Richmond, on Friday the fifteenth day of October Inst. 4. O'clock P. M. to have the said Will of said deceased proved before the said court. We do hereby request your consent to have the aforesaid Will proved at the time above stated.

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Signed. Nicholas Cropley  
October A. D. 1830 - Harman B. Cropley

James Cropley & Jacob R. Cropley  
We the subscribers heirs at law of Harman Cropley late of Westfield in the county of Richmond and State of New York deceased, do hereby fully consent and agree to have the Will of the said deceased proved before the Surrogate Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October Inst.

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Signed. Maria B. Manee  
October A. D. 1830. Sarah E. Driver  
Eliza Baker

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Harman B. Cropley being duly sworn deponent and saith that he is one of the executors named in the last Will and Testament of Harman Cropley deceased named in the within notice, that there are no heirs or devisees besides those named in the said notice, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate  
Whereas the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice had been given to the heirs of Harman Cropley deceased and their consent obtained to have the Will of said deceased proved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October Inst. It was therefore ordered on reading and filing the above affidavit by the said court, that Harman B. Cropley the executor named have leave to proceed to prove the said Will of said deceased, and thereupon the said Will being produced and shewn to the said court.

Richmond County p  
In the matter of proving the Will of the Real and Personal estate of Harman Cropley Decd.

William Shea of the Town of Westfield in the county aforesaid, being duly sworn deponent and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same, as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent; that he together with Jacob G. Winant and Abraham Winant the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed.

Sworn before me the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830 of William Shea  
Richard Crocheron Surrogate

## Richmond County ss.

In the matter of proving the Will of the Real and Personal estate of Harman Croomey dec'd.

Jacob G Winant of the Town of Westfield in the County aforesaid, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shewn to him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and heard from the said deceased, publish and declare the same as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with William Shea and Abraham Winant, the other subscribers to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not. Signed.

Sworn before me the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830. Jacob G Winant, Richard Crochever Surrogate

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint; it is ordered by the said Court, on due deliberation, that the said Will, together with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recited and contained, and that said Will so ordered to be recorded is as follows, to wit.

In the name of God, Amen.  
I Harman Croomey of the Town of Westfield Richmond County and State of New York, being of sound mind and memory Blesed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament in manner and

form following. I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner by my Executor herein after mentioned. And as for what worldly estate as I am possessed of, I dispose of it in the following manner. First, I order all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid as soon as convenient for my execution, Then I order all my Real and Personal Estate to be sold as soon as my execution may think proper giving them full power and authority to sell and dispose of my Real estate Granting unto the purchaser or purchasers thereof sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance for the same in as full and sufficient manner as I myself may or could do, and after such sale or sales is made and all my just debts are discharged, I dispose of the residue or residuary Estate as follows, I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob R Croomey the sum of five hundred Dollars on account of services rendered me, Then the residue and remainder of my Estate after the aforesaid legacy is paid, I Will and bequeath unto all my children, namely, Nicholas Croomey, James Croomey, Herman B Croomey, Jacob R Croomey, Maria Wife of Isaac Mance, Sarah Croomey, and Eliza Wife of Jeremiah Baker, share and share alike, deducting out of the share of Nicholas Croomey the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars which amount he has had of me, also out of the share of Maria Wife of Isaac Mance the sum of seventy dollars which amount she has received of me, also out of the share of Eliza Wife of Jeremiah Baker the sum of one hundred Dollars which sum she has also received of me. I also order that the share of my daughter Maria Wife of Isaac Mance shall be retained and kept in the hands of my executor and paid unto her as her need may require, I also order that if any of my said children should die without lawful issue before a dividend of my estate should be made in such case I order his, her or their share or shares to be divided between the

Surviving children or their heirs share and share alike, and lastly I constitute and appoint my sons Nicholas Grospey, James Grospey, Harman B Grospey and Jacob B Grospey Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking null and void all former wills by me made giving them full power and authority to act accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Harman Grospey at his last will & Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

William Shea. Abraham Winants. Jacob G Winants  
Richmond County, N.Y.

Be it remembered, that on the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty the foregoing will has been proved in open court, and recorded in the Book for recording wills, remaining in the office of the surrogate of the county of Richmond.

Be it also remembered that on the fifteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Herman B. Grospey, Nicholas Grospey & Jacob B Grospey, Executors in the aforesaid will named and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases provided, whereupon letters Testamentary was duly issued to the said Nicholas, Herman & Jacob, upon the estate of the said deceased.

Richard Crocheron Surrogate

# Recover of the (40) Will of Peter Post

Richmond County, N.Y. State of New York. Be it remembered, that a surrogate court, held for the county of Richmond at the surrogate office in the village of Richmond on the sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, in the matter of the Real and personal estate of Peter Post late of Northfield in the county aforesaid deceased; present Richard Crocheron surrogate; corner Catherine Livingston Post Executrix named in the last will and Testament of said Peter Post deceased, and informed the said court that notice had been given pursuant to the Statute in such cases made and provided, of her intention of proving the last will and Testament of the said Peter Post deceased, with the affidavit of Andrew B Decker, proving the due service of said notice upon the heirs and devisees of the said deceased. Which was as follows.

In the matter of the proof of  
the will of Peter Post deceased  
County of Richmond, N.Y.

Andrew B Decker of the Town of Northfield and county aforesaid being duly sworn deposes and saith that he personally served the following persons with notice, that Catherine Livingston Post of the town and county aforesaid intended to apply to the surrogate of the county of Richmond at his office in the village of Richmond on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October next 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of having the last will and Testament of Peter Post late of the town of Northfield deceased proved, viz. personally Jeremiah Pierson, William Christopher, Richard P. Prohman, James Smith, John Post, Jacob De groot, Jacob Bodine, Francis Post, Lemah Woodruff, and by leaving copies of said notice on John Zeluff, Jacob Post, Abraham Hourman and Joshua Mersereau, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1830. before me

Richard Crocheron Surrogate

Andrew B Decker



Richmond County, N. Y. Catherine Lucy Ann Post  
 being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that Francis  
 Post the within named, on whom service of notice  
 of my intention to apply to the Surrogate of said  
 County to have the last will and testament of Peter  
 Post late of Northfield in the County aforesaid de-  
 ceased proved, is the Father and sole heir at law  
 of the said deceased, that the other persons named  
 as notified are creditors of said deceased, and  
 further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 1830. } Cath<sup>y</sup> Lucy Ann Post  
 Richard Crockeron Surrogate }

Whereas the said court being satisfied with the  
 proof made in the premises, that due notice had been  
 given according to law, of the intention to have the said  
 will of the said deceased proved, according to an act  
 of the legislature of the State of New York, entitled an  
 act concerning "Wills of Real and Personal Property," &  
 the proof of them; I was therefore ordered, on read-  
 ing and filing the above affidavit by the said court  
 that Catherine Lucy Ann Post executrix named here  
 leave to proceed to prove the said will of the said de-  
 ceased, and thereupon the said will being produced and  
 shown to the said court. On the will being pro-  
 duced it appeared that John H. Fay one of the sub-  
 scribing witnesses had not appeared, by request  
 of the parties the cause was adjourned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oc-  
 tober Inst. and that said witness be cited to attend,  
 therefore ordered that said witness be summoned  
 accordingly, and subpoena issued,

Parties met the 23<sup>rd</sup> October agreeable to adjournment  
 and John H. Fay the aforesaid witness also appeared  
 Gilbert & Thompson also appeared as a witness and  
 Guardian (to which he had been previously appointed  
 by the surrogate and <sup>certified</sup> recorder in the book kept for that  
 purpose in said office) to take care of the interest of two  
 minor made legatees in the will of said deceased  
 to wit Peter Post son of said deceased (brother Rich-  
 d. Post, and Experience daughter of said deceased) vi-  
 tae Elizabeth Ann Beloff. Whereupon the will  
 was again produced and proved as follows

Richmond County State of New York, N. Y.  
 In the matter of proving the will of Real  
 and personal estate of Peter Post late deceased  
 Gilbert & Thompson of the City of New York being duly  
 sworn deposeseth and saith, that he did see the said  
 deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown  
 to him, purporting to be the last will and Testament of  
 the said deceased, bearing date the twenty first day of  
 August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-  
 hundred and thirty, and heard him the said de-  
 ceased, publish and declare the same as and for his  
 last will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the  
 said deceased was of sound disposing mind and me-  
 mory, of full age and not under any restraint, to the  
 best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that  
 he together with John H. Fay the other subscribing  
 witness to the said will, subscribed their names  
 thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator  
 and at his request, and in the presence of each other,  
 and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 1830. } Signed: G. L. Thompson  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Crockeron Surrogate }

Richmond County State of New York, N. Y.  
 In the matter of Proving the will of Real and per-  
 sonal estate of Peter Post late of Northfield in d County Dec.  
 John H. Fay. Being duly sworn, deposeseth,  
 and saith that he did see the said deceased, sign  
 and seal the said instrument now shown to him,  
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said  
 deceased, bearing date the twenty first day of August  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and thirty, and heard him the said deceased, pub-  
 lish and declare the same, as and for his last  
 Will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the  
 said deceased was of sound disposing mind and  
 memory, and not under any restraint, to the best  
 knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he togeth-  
 er with Gilbert & Thompson the other subscribing  
 witness to the said will, subscribed their names ther-  
 to as witnesses, in the presence of the testator, and at

his request, and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct - John William Fay 1830. Rich<sup>d</sup> Crockeron, Surrogate

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint; It is ordered by the said Court, on due deliberation, that the said Will together with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recorded and contains and that said Will so ordered to be recorded is as follows to wit.

The last Will and Testament of Peter Post of the Town of Northfield County of Richmond and State of New York.

I Peter Post considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Plead be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

First. It is my Will that all my just debts, and funeral expences be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, as soon as convenient after my decease.

Secondly. My worldly estate, I give, devise and bequeath the same as follows that is to say. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Wife Catherine Lucy Ann Post all and every my messuages, lands, Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances whereof I am seized or possessed, situate, lying and being in the County of Richmond and State of New York or elsewhere.

To have and to hold all and every of the said lands and Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances to my said Wife Catherine Lucy Ann Post her heirs and assigns during her widowhood. And I do hereby also bequeath all my personal estate and property of whatsoever nature or kind the same may be with power to dispose of the Real and personal estate in any manner to her seeming fit and just while she is my Widow, provided the same be sold, or

disposed of for her want and necessities of my said Wife. Thirdly. If in case my said Wife shall survive then it is my Will that my said Wife shall have the use, revenue, income and profits of my estate both Real and Personal, whatever the same may be during her natural life.

Fourth. It is my further Will, and I do hereby order and direct after the decease of my said Wife, that all my property both Real and Personal should be divided into five equal shares and portions by

And it is my further Will and I do hereby accordingly order and direct one share to be paid to Peter Post, the eldest son of my Brother Richard Post his heirs and assigns.

One share I do further order to be paid to Experience the youngest daughter of my Sister Elizabeth Ann Zeluff, her heirs and assigns forever.

Two shares of my estate I do hereby authorize and direct to be put to Interest, or placed in the hands of the Reverend Peter H. Van Bell or his successor or successors as pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the north shore of Staten Island.

To be held by him or them as the Trustee of said Reformed Dutch Church and as a fund for the purpose of keeping the said Church in repair.

One share of my said estate I do hereby order in like manner to be invested and paid to the Reverend Mr. Marten or his successor and successors as Trustees of the Baptist Church in like manner as the preceding.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Wife Catherine Lucy Ann the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty

Signed, sealed and declared by the Testator, as for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

John William Fay. Tompkinsville. S. F. Richmond Co. State of New York. G. L. Thompson of the City of New York State of New York

State of New York } Be it remembered that at  
 Richmond County } a Surrogate Court, held at the  
 Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in the  
 aforesaid county, on the twenty second day of Novem-  
 ber, A. D. 1830, before Richard Crocheron Surrogate  
 of said County, the last will and testament of Peter  
 Post late of said County deceased was admitted to  
 probate by me, and that probate thereof was granted on  
 the above date. And that the foregoing is a true re-  
 cord of the proceedings had thereon, and of the said  
 will. Whereupon it was ordered that letters Tes-  
 tamentary thereon be granted to Cath<sup>y</sup> Lucy Ann  
 Post executrix in the said will named, after the  
 expiration of thirty days, from the time of taking  
 the proof aforesaid, by her taking and subscribing  
 the oath of office prescribed by law.

Be it also remembered, that on  
 the twenty second day of November, A. D. 1830, p. was  
 sworn before me testifying that said Cath<sup>y</sup> Lucy Ann  
 Post in the aforesaid will named, and being  
 duly sworn to the faithful performance & execution thereof  
 by taking the usual oath in such cases provided Rich<sup>d</sup> Crocheron

Record of the Will of John Van Pelt Senr.  
 Richmond County } Be it remembered, that  
 State of New York } a Surrogate Court, held for  
 the said County, at the House of Simon Van  
 Name in the Town of Northfield, in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, on  
 the matter of the Real and Personal estate of John Van  
 Pelt, deceased, present Richard Crocheron Surrogate,  
 corner Abraham Crocheron, an executor named in the  
 last will and testament of the said John Van Pelt  
 late of the Town of Northfield in said County deceased,  
 and informed the said Court that notice had been gi-  
 ven pursuant to the Statute in such case made and  
 provided, of his intention of proving the said will, Sign-  
 ed by the said Abr<sup>m</sup> Crocheron, and Daniel Zoluff and  
 Solomon Zoluff also executors named in said will, with  
 the affidavit of William H. Clapp, proving the due service of  
 said notice upon the heirs of said deceased, notice & service of said

Surrogate office Richmond County, ss.  
 In the matter of proving the Will of Real  
 and personal Estate of John Van Pelt deceased }  
 To Mary Latourette, Jacob Van Pelt, Barbara Wood, Sarah  
 Van Name, Gitty Post, Eliza Ann Inyard, Jacob Burbank, and  
 Daniel Post Guardians of Nicholas, Judith, Lavina and Eliza  
 Beth Van Pelt, Minor, Children of David Van Pelt deceased, and  
 Sarah, John, and William Burbank, Minor, Children of Ann  
 daughter of said John Van Pelt deceased, and all heirs at  
 law of said deceased, Please to take notice, that  
 we the undersigned Executor of the last will and tes-  
 tament of the said deceased, intend to apply to the sur-  
 rogate of the said County on the tenth day of November  
 next at the hour of 3. O'clock P. M. at the house of Simon  
 Van Name, to have the last will and Testament proved, ac-  
 cording to an act entitled an act concerning Wills of  
 Real and personal property and the proof of them.

Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1830 - Signed By Daniel Zoluff, Solomon  
 Zoluff and Abraham Crocheron

Richmond County, ss. William H. Clapp Being duly  
 sworn deponeth and saith, that he personally served  
 the above notice on the above named heirs of John  
 Van Pelt deceased on or before the twenty sixth day  
 of October last past except the two first named in said  
 notice, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A. D. 1830 Signed William H. Clapp  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Crocheron Surrogate

Richmond County, ss. Abraham Crocheron being duly  
 sworn, deponeth and saith, that he is an Executor of the last  
 will and Testament of John Van Pelt deceased, that there are  
 no other heirs at law of the said deceased, to the best of the  
 knowledge of the said deponent, other than those named in  
 the above notice, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A. D. 1830 Signed Abr<sup>m</sup> Crocheron  
 Richard Crocheron Surrogate

It was made satisfactory to appear to the said Surro-  
 gate that Mary Latourette & Jacob Van Pelt, had notice of the inten-  
 tion to prove the said will on said day, and fully complied it should be done  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Crocheron Surrogate



Whereas the said Court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice had been given according to law, of the intention to have the said Will of the said deceased proved, according to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an act concerning Wills of Real and personal property, and the proof of them, it was therefore ordered, on reading and filing the foregoing affidavit, a notice given by the said Court, that Abraham Crocheron Executor aforesaid, have leave to proceed to prove the said Will of the said deceased, and thereupon the said Will being produced and shown to the said Court.

Richmond County State of New York.  
In the matter of proving the Will of Real and personal estate of John Van Pelt dec'd.

John D. Tooker of the Town of Northfield in the County aforesaid, being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he did see the deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased, was of sound disposing mind and memory, of full age and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with Thomas Butler and Daniel Lake the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 3<sup>d</sup> Signed John D. Tooker  
10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. A. D. 1830 } Rich<sup>d</sup> Crocheron Surrogate

Richmond County State of New York.  
In the matter of proving the Will of Real and personal estate of John Van Pelt dec'd.

Thomas Butler of the Town of Northfield in the County aforesaid, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to him,

purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased bearing date the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and him the said deceased publish and declare the same, as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof, the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint, to the best knowledge and belief of this deponent, that he together with John D. Tooker and Daniel Lake the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before me the 3<sup>d</sup> Signed Thomas Butler  
10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. A. D. 1830 } Rich<sup>d</sup> Crocheron Surrogate

In the matter of proving the codicil to the last Will and Testament of John Van Pelt deceased.

Daniel Post and David Van Name both of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that they did see the said deceased sign and seal the instrument now shown to them, purporting to be a codicil, to the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and heard him the said deceased, publish and declare the same as a codicil to his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound disposing mind and memory, and not under any restraint to the best of the knowledge and belief of these deponents, and that they together with Matthias Dehart the other subscribing witness to the said codicil, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and further these deponents saith not.

Sworn before me the 3<sup>d</sup> Signed Daniel Post  
10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. A. D. 1830 } David Van Name

Richards Crocheron Surrogate

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said deceased and the codicil to the same was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound mind and

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memory and not under any restraint; it is ordered by the said court on due deliberation; that the said will, together with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is heretofore recorded and contained, and that said will be ordered to be recorded in as follows to wit.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I John Van Pelt senr of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York Ship Carpenter; Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, Blessed be Almighty God for the same; Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First, I order all my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid including a suitable head stone to be erected at its proper place to my memory, out of my estate Real or Personal.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Van Pelt sixty two Dollars and fifty cents, and my daughter Barbary (wife of John Wood; fifty Dollars, to them to be first paid out of my said estate. And further I do hereby release, exonerate and discharge my son in law Simon Van Name from the payment of the sum of sixty two dollars and fifty cents for which he stands to me liable, and my executor are hereby instructed not to collect the same.

I do further give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Van Pelt and to my daughter Mary Latourette and Sarah Van Name share and share alike of all the remainder of my estate, Real and personal and unto their heirs and assigns except my wearing apparel I hereby order to be given to my son Jacob Van Pelt. And further I order that my executor hereafter mentioned or intended so to be, shall make sale of my estate both Real and personal at public Auction or otherwise in order to get the best price, within one year after my decease, or as soon thereafter as possible in order to make a final settlement of my said estate according to the directions above made and ordered.

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And lastly and to conclude I do hereby appoint my friends Solomon Zeluff and Jeeleiah Winant of the town of Northfield aforesaid and Abraham Brocken of Easttown in said county my executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking, disannulling and discontinuing all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and seal the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named John Van Pelt to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who have herewith subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Thomas Butler, John A. Looker, Daniel Lake.

The Codicil to the foregoing Will is as follows.

I, John Van Pelt senr of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond and State of New York, do this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, make and publish this Codicil to my last Will and Testament in manner following, (that is to say) First I do hereby replace Jeeleiah Winant as one of my Executors named in my last Will and Testament, and do hereby appoint and put in his place and stead my friend Daniel Zeluff of the town and county aforesaid. Secondly, I do hereby order and direct my executor as named in my last Will and Testament to fully, freely and absolutely pay to my son in law Simon Van Name or his representative, his just and proper demand against me for my boarding with him, together for the trouble and expense I was to him and his family during this my turn of sickness, that is to say the date of this Codicil, out of the monies arising from my estate.

And further that it may be fully understood by whom it may concern, as respects the heirs of my son David now deceased, and my daughter Ann