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office in the village of Richmond in the said County, on the fourteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. — Before Richard Brockeson, Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and Testament of Thomas Lick, late of the said County, deceased (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate, after due notice to the next of kin to the said deceased returned and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid, Richard Conner, Nathan Tomlinson and Joseph Simonsen, jun^r, the Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, after having been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, the said Conner testified, that he was the drawer of the said Will, and that he signed the name of Thomas Lick, the said deceased, to the said Will; all which was done at the request of the said deceased, — that the said deceased, published and declared the said instrument to be his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind and not under any restraint to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he and the other Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of the said testator. — And the said, Tomlinson and Simonsen testified, that they were present at the execution of the said Will, that they heard the said deceased request the said Conner, to sign his name to the said Will, that they heard him publish and declare the said instrument, as and for his last will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind, and under no restraint, to the best of their knowledge and belief, so that they together with the said Conner, the other Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other. — Whereupon the said Surrogate upon the proof aforesaid, being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will, — Ordereth that the said Will be admitted to probate, and that Letters Testamentary thereon be granted to the executors in the said Will named, after the expiration of thirty days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid, on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated the 12th day of October, A. D. 1835

R. R. Brockeson. Surrogate

Be it also remembered that on the twenty first — day of

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December in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, personally appeared before me John Lick Esq^r Executor named in the Will of Thomas Lick late of the County of Richmond deceased and were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such cases prescribed

R. R. Brockeson. Surrogate

Received Will of Mary Johnson, of Westfield, deceased.
State of N. Y. & Richmond County, L. I.
Be it remembered, that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate Office in the village of Richmond in the County of Richmond the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Present Richard Brockeson Surrogate. — In the matter of proving the Will of Mary John
the late of Westfield Richmond County, deceased. On reading and filing the Petition of William Cole of the Town and County aforesaid. — Setting forth that the said Mary Johnson had lately departed this life, in the said County, first having made and published her last Will and Testament, that is and by the said Will, Abraham Cole, a man son of the said deceased, and the said petitioner are appointed the executors, that the said deceased died possessed of certain personal estate, that she left next of kin, daughter, to wit, Maria Butter, Anna Cole Lichtenstein Winant, and Grand children, Anna, wife of Jacob LaFarge, Mary, wife of Benjamin LaFarge, Cornelius Johnson, Elizabeth wife of Wm Dodge, Mary, wife of Louis Debois, and Christine and Mary, wife of Winant Winant, that he the said petitioner is desirous the said Will be admitted to probate, record and probate, and requests the aid of the Surrogate in the premises.

Whereupon an order was made and entred, that citation issue to the said next of kin, requiring them to appear on the twenty first day of September instant at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Surrogate office in the village of Richmond to attend the probate of the said Will. — And that the said citation be served on the said next of kin as required by law.

Be it also remembered that a Surrogate Court held in and for the County of Richmond at the Surrogate office in said County, on the twenty first day of December in the year One thousand eight

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hundred and thirty five. - Present Richard Brockerton. Surrogate
In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Mary
Johnson, late of the town of Westfield, County of Richmond, a/c.
Whereas, citation was heretofore issued to the rest of kin to the
said deceased, requiring them to attend the probate of the said
will this day. - William Shea, Acting executor of the said will
appeared, and returned the said citation, and made oath of
due service on the rest of kin of the said deceased, - which oath
and oath is as follows. - The People of the State of New York
To Sophia Butler, Ann Cole, Susannah Vincent, Jacob Draper &
Ann his wife, Benj. & George Tollary his wife, Cornelius Johnson
H'r Draker & Elizabeth his wife, John Dubois Tollary Ann his
wife, and Hinant Vincent & Christiana Mary his wife. Greet.
You are hereby cited to be and appear before the Surrogate
of the County of Richmond at his office in the village of Rich-
mond in said County on the twenty first day of September
instant at two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day
to attend to the probate of a certain instrument in writing
left with the said Surrogate, purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Mary Johnson, late of Westfield a/c
on the application of Wm. Shea an executor named in said
Will. - In witness whereof, the Surrogate of the said Com-
ty. hath hereunto affixed his seal of office, the eighth day of
September one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Richard Brockerton. Surrogate

Richmond County, a/c. Wm. Shea being executor of the Will
of Mary Johnson, deceased, being sworn deposes that he has
duly served the within citation, on all the within named
rest of kin to the said deceased, more than six days previous
to this date, except H'r Draker & Elizabeth his wife, and John Dunn
& Mary Ann his wife, on whom said citation he served the
day, and who consented and where willing the said will
be proved this day. - William Shea. - Sworn the 21st day
of September 1835. before me. Richard Brockerton. Surrogate

Whereupon the said court being satisfied with the proof made
to the premises, that citation of the rest of kin of the said deceased
of the intention of offering the said Will for proof this day, has
been duly issued and served on the said rest of kin as
required by law. - It was therefore ordered as follows the said
citation and oath of service that leave be given the said Will
to William Shea to proceed in the proof of the said Will. The said Will

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being left with the said court by the said Wm. Shea at the time
of his making application for its proof, and being now shown.
State of New York, Richmond County, a/c.
In the matter of proving the Will of Mary Johnson, late of
Westfield, County of Richmond, deceased.

Susan Ann Vincent and William Shea of the Town of West-
field in the County of Richmond, being duly sworn deposes
and saith, that they did see the said deceased, sign and seal
the instrument now shown them, purporting to be the last will
and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twenty fifth
day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
dred and thirty three, and heard the said deceased publish-
and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament,
that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind
and not under any restraint to the best of the knowledge and
belief of these deponents, and that they the said deponents to-
gether with Abraham Hinant the other subscribing witness
to the said will, subscribed their names as witnesses thereto
at the request of the testatrix, in her presence and in the pres-
ence of each other. - And these deponents further saith
that the said Abraham Hinant, one of the subscribing wit-
nesses aforesaid, is now deceased, having departed this
life since the execution of the said will. - Susan Ann Vincent
William Shea. - Sworn the 21st day of September, 1835.
before me. Richard Brockerton. Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said court that the
said Will of the said Mary Johnson, deceased, was duly exe-
cuted according to law, and that the said testatrix who execut-
ed the same, was at the time of making such execution, of sound
mind and memory and not under any restraint. - It is therefore
ordered by the said court on due deliberation, that the said Will
of the said deceased, together with the proof thereof be recorded,
which said proof is herein before recorded and contained
and that the said Will, so ordered to be recorded is as follows.

In the Name of God. Amen. - I Mary
Johnson, of the Town of Westfield, Richmond County
and State of New York. Do make and publish this
as my last Will and Testament in manner and form
following. (That is to say) I recommend my soul to God
who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in

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a decent manner by my Executor herein mentioned,
and as respects such worldly estate as I am possessed of
I dispose of the same as follows.

First. I order all my just debts and funeral charges
to be paid after my decease, as soon as convenient for
my Executor. — Then I give unto my grand daughter
Mary Johnson Cole a feather bed and straw bed. —
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sophia Butler
my Bible. — I give and bequeath unto my son in law
Jacob Hinant my cupboard. — Then I give and bequeath
unto my three daughters, namely, Sophia Bul-
ler, Ann Cole and Susannah Hinant, all my wear-
Apparel, linen and all the other valuable and remainders
of all my goods and chattels, monies or any other prop-
erty that I may be possessed of at the time of my decease
to be divided between them & share and share alike, in
equal proportion. — And lastly, I appoint my grand
son Abraham Cole and William Shea, Executors of this
last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills
by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, this twenty ninth day of October, in the
year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
thirty three.

Published, pronounced and
sealed by the said Mary Johnson
son, to be her last will and testa-
ment in the presence of.

Abraham Hinant, of the Town of Westfield
Susan Ann Hinant, of the Town of Westfield
William Shea, of the Town of Westfield

State of New York. Richmond County. A.D.
Be it remembered, that a Surrogate Court, held at the
Surrogate office in the said County, on the twenty first
day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand
eight hundred and thirty five, before Richard Broth-
erwood, Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and
testament of Mary Johnson, late of the said County, done
(of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to pro-
bate after a citation to the crest office of the said deceased

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itself, served, returned and filed according to law. — Whereupon
at the place and on the day aforesaid, Susan Ann Hinant and
William Shea, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, after having
been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did
see the said deceased sign and seal the said instrument, and heard
her publish and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament
that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound disposing mind
and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and be-
 lief of the said deponents, and that they and Abraham Hinant the
other Subscribing Witness to the said Will, (and who is now deceased)
subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, at the request of the
testatrix and in her presence. — Whereupon the Surrogate upon
the proof aforesaid, being satisfied of the genuineness and ba-
lidity of the said Will, ordered that the said Will be admitted
to probate and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to the
executor in the said will named after the expiration of thirty
days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid, on their taking
and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated October 17, 1885.

Richard Brotherwood, Surrogate

Be it also remembered, that on the twenty fourth day of No-
vember in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and thirty five, personally appeared before me Abraham Cole &
William Shea Executors named in the will of Mary Johnson, late
deceased, and were duly sworn to the truth and performance and
recitation thereof by taking the usual oath in such case pre-
scribed.

Richard Brotherwood, Surrogate

Received Will of Joseph Decker, deceased.
State of New York. Richmond County. A.D.
Be it remembered, that a Surrogate Court held at
the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in said Coun-
ty the twenty three day of July in the year of our Lord, one thou-
sand eight hundred and thirty five. — Present, Rich^d Brotherwood, Surrogate

In the matter of the Will of Joseph Decker, late of
Northfield, County of Richmond & State of New York, and
Col. Richard Comer appeared, and produced a paper pack-
age sealed, endorsed, the last Will & Testament of Joseph Deck-
er of Northfield, Richmond County, within. — And set forth
that the said Joseph Decker lately departed this life, at his
residence in the said Town of Northfield, first having made

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and published his last Will & Testament, (and which said will is enclosed in the paper package here produced) that the said deceased left a widow, Sophia Becker, and heirs several children residing in this County & State and one out of the three, that is and by the said will he the said Richard Conner is appointed the sole executor, and that he is desirous the said will be admitted to proof, Record and Probate, and in quest of the aid of the Surrogate in the premises, whereupon an Order was made and entered that the fourteenth day of September next be signified for the proof of said will, and that an notice thereof be given to the heirs of the said deceased as required by law, and that citation be issued to the widow and next of kin, requiring them to appear on said day, to attend the probate of said will.

At a Surrogate Court held in and for the County of Richmond, the fourteenth day of September, the day signified for the proof of the Will of Joseph Becker, deceased, - Richard Conner, acting executor, Thompson Becker & Joseph Becker, heirs of the said deceased, appeared, said executor & heirs having appeared at the said will and said heirs expressing their satisfaction of the same upon motion of the said executor, and count of notice to heirs thereof not being made, another Subscribing Witness not appearing, the matter was adjourned to Monday the twenty first day of September instant.

Be it also remembrance, that a Surrogate Court held at the Surrogate office in the village of RIchmond the town of Northfield, on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, present, Richard Brockson, Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the Will of Joseph Becker, late of Northfield, Richmond County, and Richard Conner, the sole executor named in the said will appear, and produced a notice to the heirs of the said deceased, of his intention of offering the will of the said deceased for proof on the fourteenth day of September instant, and a certificate under oath of the publication of said notice in the Albany Register, (State paper) for six weeks successively previous to the day offered for the proof of said will, - which notice to heirs and date of publication are as follows:

In the matter of proving the last will and Testament of Joseph Becker, deceased

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Please to take notice, that I intend to apply to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, at his office in the town of Northfield, on the fourteenth day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having the last Will and Testament of Joseph Becker, late of the town of Northfield, in the County of Richmond, deceased proved. - Dated the 24th day of July 1835. To the heirs and executors of Joseph Becker deceased, State of New York - 3
Richard Conner, Executor.
City & County of Albany 3d

Philip E. Cole, of the City of Albany, being duly sworn, says that he is foreman in the office of the Albany Register, and that the notice, of which the subscriber is a printed copy, has been regularly published in said Albany Register, once in each week for six weeks successively, commencing on the fourth day of August last past. - Philip E. Cole. - Sworn before me this 10th day of September 1835. J. M. Hart, County of deeds.

Whereupon the said court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice has been given according to law, of the intention of having the said will of the said deceased proved; according to the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, concerning wills of real and personal property and the proof of them. - It was therefore ordered on reading and filing the said notice to heirs and date of the publication of said notice, leave was given Richard Conner the executor aforesaid leave to prove the said will.

State of New York. Richmond County, Jr.
In the matter of proving the Will of Joseph Becker, late of Northfield, in the County of Richmond & State of New York, dec'd.

Silas Becker and Henry A. Cooper of the town and County aforesaid, being sworn, deponeth and saith, that they did see the said deceased, sign and seal the instrument now shown them, purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, 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 mind and not under any restraint, to the best of the knowledge and belief of these deponents; and that they the said deponents, together with Samuel Becker the other Subscribing Witness to the said will, subscribed their names to the said will as witnesses at the request

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of Land in the presence of the said testator, and also in the presence of each other. — Silas Decker, Henry Cooper,
Sworn the 21st day of Sept 1835, before me Richd — Brockman, Justice
And Whereas it appearing to the said Court that the
said Will of the said Joseph Decker, 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 restraint. — It is there-
fore ordered by the said Court on due deliberation, that the said
Will of the said deceased, together with the proof thereof be record-
ed, — Which said proof is hereinbefore recorded and contained
and that the said will so ordered to be recorded, is as follows.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Joseph
Decker of the Town of Northfield in the County of Rich-
mond and State of New York, a man, tho! enjoying the perfect-
use and exercise of my mental faculties, as a sound
mind, memory and understanding, yet being ap-
prehensive from my diseased state of body, and alarm-
ing symptoms of the disorder with which I am afflicted
that my dissolution is fast approaching, and being mon-
over deeply impressed with the necessity and importance
the injunction, to set our house in order before we die.
So in the most solemn manner, and in strict confor-
mity with my present desire, direct and order that the
sequent clauses be considered, regarded and observed
my last will and Testament. — Previous to the disposal
of my worldly property it behoves me to invoke the divine
Benediction and to surrender into the hands of Almighty
God, my immortal spirit, whenever in the course
his all wise and unerring Providence, he shall be pleased
summon it hence; beseeching his gracious acceptance
of, only for the righteous sake of the blessed Redeemer.—
My body, I request may be committed to the earth, in a due
and Christian like manner as my executor shall be pleased
direct. — Dispossession. It is my will and I do hereby
order and direct that my executor do cause all my proper-
ty (that is not hereby willed) to be sold within one year of
my decease both real and personal; If my executor can
any time within the year get such a price as a majority
of my heirs shall think sufficient for the same, then my

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executor shall be at liberty to sell the same; And I do hereby give
unto my executor full and ample power to sell the same, and to
give to the purchaser or purchasers, his, her or their heirs, good and
sufficient deeds of conveyance in the law for the same. — Leaving
Wife Alice to remain in peaceful possession of my house and
land until it shall be sold. — Item. I also will order
and direct that my executor, shall as soon as he shall be in pos-
session of sufficient money to answer the purpose and my exec-
utor is also hereby authorized to call in and collect all the money
that shall then be owing due to me from every person or persons
whomsoever and without delay to settle and pay off all my
funeral and testamentary charges, — and all other just claims
and demands, in upon or against my estate.

Item. — I also will order and direct my executor as soon
as he shall be in possession of sufficient money to answer
the purpose pay unto my beloved wife Alice the sum of
two hundred and fifty dollars, which I do hereby bequeath
unto her, — I do also bequeath unto my said wife the feather
bed I now lie on, with the straw bed, Bolster and Pillows,
curtains, Bedstead board, with the Bed clothes now on it, all
together as it now stands — and also my round Tea Table
which said bequests is to be in lieu of her right of dower
in whom, or against my estate.

Item. — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Cathar-
ine Hatfield, my best looking glass, one feather bed, Bol-
ster and Pillows, Straw bed Board, board and bed clothes
sufficient for the same out of such as shall be in the house
at the time of my decease.

Item. — I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph
B Decker, my large Bible and common prayer book.

Item. — I give and bequeath unto my sons, namely
Richard Decker, Thompson B Decker and Joseph B Decker, —
and my daughters, Sarah Hendon, Hannah Vincent and
Catherine Hatfield the remainder of my estate, share and
share alike; — After all my just debts being first paid as
aforesaid. — It is my request and I do hereby order that
my executor hereafter named, cause a common headstone
to be erected at my grave to the memory of myself — which
is to be considered as funeral expense.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate, constitute, authorize —
and appoint my friend Richard Loring, of the Town of

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Bastleton in the County of Richmond aforesaid to be the sole and only Executor of this my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking, disannulling and disallowing all Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made, ratifying, allowing and confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof.—I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. 1835.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced
and declared by the said Joseph Decker
as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who have signed our names
as Witnesses thereto, at the request and in the presence of the Testator, and also in the presence of each other.

Samuel Decker, of the Town of Northfield. Boatman.
Solas Decker, of the Town of Northfield. Farmer.

Henry A. Cooper. Northfield. S. S.

State of New York. Richmond County. h.
Be it remembered, that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond, in the said County, on the twenty fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.—before Richard Crocheron, Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and Testament of Joseph Decker late the said County deceased, (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate, after notice to the widow and next of kin of the said deceased, duly served, returned and filed according to law.—Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid Silas Decker and Henry A. Cooper, two of the subscribing Witnesses to the said will, after having been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did see the said deceased sign and seal the said instrument, and hear him publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament, that the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind and not under any restraint to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they the said deponents, together with Samuel Decker the other subscribing witness to the said will, subscribed the same thereto as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of the said testator.—Whereupon I the Surrogate upon the oaths of aforesaid, being satisfied of the genuineness and

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lidity of the said Will, order that the said Will be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to the executor (Richard Crocheron) the sole executor named in the said will, after the expiration of thirty days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid, on his taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated October 12, 1835.

Richard Crocheron. Surrogate

Be it also remembered, that on the twenty fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, personally appeared before me Richard Crocheron the sole executor named in the Will of Joseph Decker, Decker, and where duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual oath in such case prescribed.

Rich^d. Crocheron. Surrogate

Record of the Will of David Tyson, of Bastleton ad^d
State of New York, Richmond County. Jr.

Be it remembered, that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.—Present Richard Crocheron, Surrogate of said County.

In the matter of the Will of David Tyson, late of Bastleton, County of Richmond & State of New York, ad^d
On reading and filing the Application of Jacob Tyson Esq^r of the Town and County aforesaid, setting forth, that David Tyson now deceased, lately departed this life at his residence in said County, first having made and published his last Will and Testament, that in and by the said Will, the said applicant is appointed one of the executors thereof, that the said deceased at the time of his death was seized and possessed of certain Real and personal estate, that the said deceased left a widow, to wit, Maria Tyson (and who is appointed executrix to the said Will) and next of kin another his children viz. Aaron and Baldwin Tyson, who are minors, that he the said applicant is desirous the said Will be admitted to probate and Probate, and requested the aid of the Surrogate in the premises.—Whereupon an order was made and entered that Richard Tyson of the said Town of Bastleton, be appointed Guardian of the said minors, for the sole purpose of appearing for

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and taking care of their interests, in the proceedings to be had on the said Will; — And that the twenty eighth day of September instant be assigned for the proof of the said Will, and that due notice thereof be given to those interested, as required by law.

Appointment of Guardian Specia, as follows:

The People of the State of New York,
To. Richard Tyson of the Town of Castleton in the County of Richmond, Goman. — Greeting.

Whereas Jacob Tyson Esq^r, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of David Tyson, late of the Town of Castleton and County aforesaid, deceased, as is alleged, intimated to make application to Richard Brockman, Surrogate of our County of Richmond, to have the said Will proved, before the said Surrogate, and record it, pursuant to the revised Statutes of the State of New York, Chapter 14th, title first, article first, part second. — And whereas it has been made satisfactorily to appear that David Tyson and Edwin Tyson heirs of the said David Tyson are minors. — Therefore the Surrogate aforesaid, pursuant to the power in me vested by the said revised Statute, in pursuance of the order of my court, before made and entered, do hereby appoint you the said Richard Tyson, Guardian for the said minors, to take care of their interests in the premises.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the said Surrogate, the Surrogate office in said County, the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty five. — Richard Brockman, Surrogate.

Be it also remembred, that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond the twenty eighth day of September, A.D. 1835. — Present — Richd^r Brockman, Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the Will of David Tyson, late of Castleton, County of Richmond, deceased. This being the day assigned for the proof of the said Will, per Jacob Tyson Esq^r, the acting executor Appointed, and produced a notice to the heirs of the deceased of his intention of offering the said Will for proof this day, and made oath of its due service on the said heirs. — Which notice & oath of service, is as follows:

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of David Tyson, deceased.

To Maria Tyson, Widow of the said deceased, & John and Edwin Tyson, heirs of the said deceased, minor, through Richard Tyson their Guardian. Please to take notice

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that I intend to apply to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond at his office in the Village of Richmond on the twenty eighth day of September instant at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having the last Will and Testament of David Tyson, late of Castleton, County of Richmond, acknowledged. — Jacob Tyson, Executor.

Whereupon the said Court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice to heirs has been given according to law, of the intention of having the said Will of the said deceased proved according to the revised Statutes of the State of New York, concerning Wills of Real and personal property and the proof of them. — It was therefore ordered on reading and filing the said notice to heirs, and the oath of service of said notice. (Which oath was as follows. — Richmond County, — Jacob Tyson being sworn deposes, that he served the within notice personally on Aaron Tyson and Edwin Tyson, minor through their guardian Richard Tyson fifteen days or more previous to this date, and further deposes, that there are no other heirs of the said deceased than the above named, minors, — Jacob Tyson. — Sworn the 28th of Sept 1835 before me, Richard Brockman, Surrogate) that Jacob Tyson the executor aforesaid have leave to proceed in the proof of the said Will. — And thereupon the said Will being produced and shown to the said Court, by the said executor. — That is to say Sir, I, Richard Brockman, do witness, In the matter of proving the Will of David Tyson, late of Castleton in the County of Richmond deceased,

George Washington Blake and William Blake, of the same and County aforesaid, being sworn, do attest and declare, that they did see the said deceased sign and seal the instrument now shown them, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date, the first day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, 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 mind and not under any restraint to the best of their knowledge and belief. — And that they the said deponents, each and severally subscribe their names to the said Will as witnesses at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other. — George W. Blake, William Blake. — Sworn the twenty eighth day of September 1835, before me. — Richard Brockman, Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said David Tyson, deceased, was duly executed according to law, and that the said testator who executed

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the same, was at the time of making such execution of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint. It is therefore Ordered by the said Court on due deliberation, that the said Will of the said deceased together with the proof thereof be recorded, - which said preception in before recorded and contained. - And that the said Will so ordered to be recorded, is as follows, to wit.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, David Tyson
of the Town of Bartletown, in the County of Richmond and
State of New York, Begun. 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. - I do make
and publish this to be my last Will and Testament.

And first of all, I recommend my soul into the hand
of God that have it, and my body to the earth, to be bur-
ied in a Christian and decent manner. - And as to leaving
such worldly estate as it has pleased Almighty God
to bless me with in this life, - I therefore give and direct
of it in the following manner, that is to say. - My will and
desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first
paid and satisfied. - In the first place, I give and direct
unto my two sons, namely, Aaron Tyson and Edwin Tyson,
to them their heirs and assigns forever, all my Real and Person-
al estate, to be divided equally between them, then another
alike. - But my will is, that my beloved wife Maria, shall
use and keep in her possession all my Real and Personal estate
as long as she remains my widow, (and no longer) for the
support of herself and children, and after her decease,
after she should cease to be my widow, then my will is
that my estate shall go to my children as above mentioned.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and ap-
point my beloved wife executrix, and Jacob Tyson and
Abraham Britton Executors to my last Will and Testament
and I do hereby revoke, disannul and disallow all former
Wills by me heretofore made; - ratifying and con-
firming this and no other, to be my last Will & Testament.

Post script. - My will is that the use and possession of
my Real and personal estate, by my beloved wife as

mentioned in, and will be in lieu of her devise right. - In witness
whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of August
A.D. 1855. -

David Tyson.

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the above named David
Tyson, 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.
George Washington Blake, of Bartletown in the County of Richmond.
William Blake, of the same place aforesaid.

State of New York. Richmond County, Jr.
Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate
Office in the Village of Richmond in said County, on the twenty-
eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and thirty five. - before Richard Brothoron, Surrogate of
the said County, the last Will and Testament of David Tyson, late
of the said County deceased, (of which the foregoing is a copy) was ad-
mitted to probate, after due notice to the widow and next of kin
of the said deceased, served, returned and filed according to law. -
Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid, George Washington
Blake and William Blake, the subscribing witnesses to the said
Will, after having been duly sworn on the said Surrogate, tes-
tified that they did see the said deceased sign and seal the said
Instrument, and heard him publish and declare the same
as, and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof
the said deceased was of sound mind and not under restraint,
to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they each
and severally subscribed their names to the said Will as
witnesses at the request of the Testator and in his presence.

Whereupon I the Surrogate upon the proof aforesaid, being
satisfied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will. -
Order that the said Will be admitted to probate, and that
letters testamentary thereon be granted to Maria Tyson, widow
of the said deceased, Jacob Tyson and Abraham Britton, the
executors in the said Will named, after the expiration of thir-
ty days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid, on their taking
and subscribing the oaths of office prescribed by law.

Dated the 9th day of Oct. A.D. 1855. Richd. Brothoron, Surrogate
Be it also remembered that on the fourteenth day of November in the
same year, eight hundred and thirty five, personally appeared before me Maria Tyson
Jacob Tyson, two of the executors in the said Will named, and were duly sworn
to the faithful performance and execution of the said Will. - Richd. Brothoron, Surrogate

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Record, Will of Abramah Martin, Minister
of the Gospel, late of the County of Richmond, deceased,
State of New York, Richmond County, Esq.
Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court, held at the
Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in the County
of Richmond, on the fourth day of November, in the year of
our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & thirty five.

Present. Richd^r Brothoron, Surrogate.

In the Matter of the last Will and Testament of Rev^r A. R. Martin late of Bartletton, County of Richmond, deceased.

Whereas, P. W. Martin and Wm^r A. Burtis of the City
of New York, appeared, before the said Court, and present-
ed their petition, wherein they set forth, That on or about
the day of October last past, the Rev^r A. R. Martin
of said County departed this life at his residence in bar-
tletton, having previous thereto made and published his
last Will and Testament, that the said deceased died by
act of certain Real estate and possessed of certain Personal
estate, that the said deceased left a widow him surviving
viz. Jane Ann Martin, and thet of two children, to wit, Lucia
Martin & Jane Martin, minors; and further set forth, that they the
petitioners, in and by the said Will, are duly constituted and
appointed executors thereto, and are desirous the said
Will be admitted to probate record and probate, and require
the aid of the Surrogate in the premises. — Whereupon an
Order was made and entered, that Samuel Barton of the town
of Southfield in said County, be appointed Guardian for the
minors, for the sole purpose of appearing for and taking
care of their interests in the proceedings to be had on the
said Will. — And the eighteenth day of November, instant, he
signed for the proof of said Will. — Also that citation given
to the widow and next of kin of the said deceased, requiring
them if they see fit, to attend the probate of the said Will
on the said day. — Certificate of appointment of Guardian, given
as follows: — The People of the State of New York.

By Samuel Barton of the Town of Southfield in the
County of Richmond. — Greeting.

Whereas, P. W. Martin and Wm^r A. Burtis, of the City and
County of New York, executors named in the last Will & Testament
of the Reverend A. R. Martin, late of Bartletton in the County of Rich-
mond, deceased, as is alleged intends to make application to

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Richard Brookhorne, Surrogate of our County of Richmond, to have the said
Will proved before our said Surrogate, and recorded, pursuant to the revid-
ed Statutes of the State of New York, Chapter Sixth, title first, article first, part
secon, — And whereas it has been made satisfactorily to appear
that Lucia A. Martin & Margaret H. Martin, heirs of the said A. R. Martin,
deceased, are minors, — Therefore the Surrogate aforesaid, pursuant to
the power invested by the said revised Statutes, in pursuance of the Or-
der of my Court before made and entered, do hereby appoint you the
said Samuel Barton, guardian for the said minors, to take care of their
interests in the premises. — Given under the hand and seal of
Office of the said Surrogate, at the Surrogate office in the Village of
Richmond, in said County the fourth day of November, in the year
of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & thirty five. Richd^r Brookhorne, surrogate.

Be it also remembered, that a Surrogate court held at the
place aforesaid the eighteenth day of November, one thousand
eight hundred & thirty five. — Present. Richd^r Brothoron, Surrogate

In the Matter of proving the Will of Rev^r A. R. Martin, late
of Bartletton, County of Richmond, deceased,

This being the day assigned for the proof of the Will of the said
deceased, P. W. Martin & Wm^r A. Burtis, the executors named in the
said Will appeared. Jane Ann Martin widow of the said said
also appeared; — the said P. W. Martin returned the citation
to the widow and next of kin of the said deceased, requiring them
to attend the probate of said Will this day. — Wherefore issued by
the said Surrogate, and made oath of to due service. — also
produced a notice to the heirs of the said deceased, of the in-
tention of the said executors of offering the said Will for probate
and recited this day; — And the consent of said Barton to
become Guardian of the above named minor heirs, and his
acknowledgment of due service of notice for the proof of the said
Will this day, — Which notice, consent & acknowledgment of ser-
vice is as follows.

In the Matter of proving the last Will and Testament of
Rev^r A. R. Martin, deceased. — To Lucia A. Martin & Margaret
H. Martin, minors, through their Guardian, Samuel Barton, Esq^r.

Please to take notice. — That I intend to apply to the Surrogate
of the County of Richmond, at his office the Village of Richmond
on the eighteenth day of November instant at twelve O'clock
at noon, for the purpose of having the last Will & Testament of
P. W. Martin, late of Bartletton, County of Richmond, ad^r proved
dated the 4th day of Nov^r 1835. Wm^r A. Burtis, P. W. Martin, executor.

In the matter of proving the will of S. R. Martin, deceased,
I do hereby consent to become Guardian of Lucia R. Martin,
and Margaret R. Martin, minors, heirs of S. R. Martin, deceased,
for the purpose of taking care of their interests, in the proceedings
to be had on the will of the said deceased. — And do
hereby acknowledge due service of the within notice for
the above named minors, for the proof of the will of the said
S. R. Martin, deceased. Dated Nov 5th 1835. Same & barton.

Citation to widow & next of kin, proof of service as follows.
Richmond County, p. — R. W. Martin, being sworn, deposes,
that he personally served the within citation, by showing the
original and leaving a copy, on Jane R. Martin, the wife
of S. R. Martin the within named deceased, the fourth day of
November, instant, — R. W. Martin. — Sworn the 18th day of
November, 1835, before me. — Richard Brockerton, Surrogate.

Whereupon the said court being satisfied with the prop-
osition made in the premises, that due notice has been given according to law, of the intention of having the said will of the said deceased proved, according to the revised statutes of the State of New York, concerning Wills of Real and personal property and the proof of them. — It was therefore ordered: — reading and filing the said notice to heirs, consent to become guardian and acknowledgement of service of said notice and the proof of service, of the citation to the widow and next of kin, that R. W. Martin and H. M. Burtis the aforesaid executors have leave to proceed in the proof of the said will.

The said will being produced to the said Surrogate the 5th of Nov^r instant, and by him then delivered to R. W. Martin the sole named executor, — And by him now produced & shown to the court. — State of New York. Richmond County, p.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament
of S. R. Martin, late of Bartletton, County of Richmond
Alfred A. Smith of the City and County of New York, Frederick
and Nathaniel Britton of the County of Richmond, being duly
sworn, deposes and saith, that they did see the said deceased
sign and seal the instrument now shown them, purporting
to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, bearing
date the twenty second day of October, in the year of our Lord
thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and heard him the
said deceased publish and declare the same, as and
his last will and testament, that at the time thereof the

deceased was of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint
to the best of their knowledge and belief; and that they the said depon-
ents each and severally, subscribe their names to the said will as
witnesses, at the request of the Testator and in his presence, and in the
presence of each other. — Alfred A. Smith, Nathaniel Britton, Fred. & Dickin-
son. Sworn the 18. day of November 1835, before me. — Richd. Brockerton, Surrogate
State of New York. Richmond County, p. — Proof of deposition as follows

On the eighteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hun-
dred and thirty five, before me personally appeared, William Burtis
of the City of New York, who made Oath and said, that immediately
upon the execution of the last Will and Testament of S. R. Martin
late of Bartletton, Richmond County, bearing date the twenty second
day of October, A. D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty five,
the said will was sealed up in an envelope and handed to de-
ponent, who kept the same in his possession until the fourth
day of November instant, when it was opened in the office of
the Surrogate of Richmond County, after which it was deliv-
ered over to the possession of R. W. Martin of the City of New York, and
that the said will was not altered, while in deponents pos-
session, — And on the said eighteenth day of November, 1835, al-
so came R. W. Martin of the said City of New York, who being be-
fore me duly sworn doth depose and say, that he received the said
will from the Surrogate as aforesaid, and kept the same in
deponents possession until this day (18th November 1835) when he
delivered the same to the said Surrogate, and that while in de-
ponents possession the said will was not in any manner altered.
Wm. Burtis. R. W. Martin. — Sworn the 18th day of November 1835,
before me. — Richard Brockerton, Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said court that the
said Will of the said S. R. Martin, minister of the gospel de-
ceased, was duly executed according to law, and that the
said Testator who executed the same, was at the time of ma-
king such execution of sound mind and memory, and
not under any restraint; — And it also appeared to the
said court, by the proof made in the premises, that since
the execution of said Will, no alterations have been made
to the same. — It is therefore ordered by the said Court on
our deliberation, that the said Will of the said deceased, together
with the proof thereof be recorded, — which said proof is herein
before recorded and contained, — and that the said Will so
ordered to be recorded, is as follows, to wit.

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In the Name of God, Amen, I, Brauned Martin, of the Town of Babbetton, County of Richmond and State of New York, Minister of the Gospel, - Being sick and feeble in Body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, do make, publish and declare this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills, by me at any time heretofore made.

I hereby give and bequeath unto my good friends, Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis of the City of New York, or the survivor of them, all my estate both Real and personal wherof may die seized or entituled to, to have and to hold the same unto them the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis, or the survivor of them forever, - In trust nevertheless for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned. - That is to say.

First. - I hereby will and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them as soon after my decease as they or the survivor of them shall deem best, to sell, dispose of, convey and convert into money, either at public or private sale, all my said estate, both Real and personal, excepting such articles of personal property as are herein after otherwise directed to be disposed of, and the sale of my Real estate, to give the prescriptive of the ground on which the parsonage Barn now stands, to the Trustees of First Baptist Church in Richmond County, - And I hereby further will and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis out of the proceeds of the sale of my said estate to pay all my just debts, funeral charges, and all other reasonable dues or demands justly chargeable against my estate, - And to invest the fund remaining from such sale, disposition, conveyance and conversion into money on Bond and Mortgage upon Real estate in the City of New York, or deposit the same in the New York life insurance and trust company. - And the better to carry the purpose of this trust into complete execution, I hereby authorise and empower the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them to make execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers of my said Real estate, good and sufficient Deeds of Conveyance thereof, in fee simple absolute.

Second. - I further will and direct the said Runyon W.

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Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them, from time to time, as the same may accrue after deducting therefrom such expenses as shall be necessary and incidental to the collection of the same, to pay or cause to be paid to my dearly beloved wife Jane Ann Martin, for and during the time of her natural life, one third part, of revenue and income accruing from said principal fund, so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid, - And in case my dear children, herein after named, shall both die without lawful issue, before the twelfth day of January, which will be in the year, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, - And in the life time of my said dearly beloved wife, Jane Ann, then and in such case, I hereby further Will and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them, from time to time as the same may accrue, after deducting therefrom such expenses as shall be necessary and incidental to the collection of the same, to pay or cause to be paid to my dearly beloved wife the said Jane Ann, for and during the term of her natural life, the whole of the revenue and income accruing from said principal, so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid.

Third. - I hereby further order and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them from time to time, as the same may accrue, after deducting all incidental and necessary expenses as aforesaid, to pay or cause to be paid, for the maintenance, education and support, of my dear daughters Lucia A. Martin and Margaret H. Martin in equal portions (and the survivor of them if either die without lawful issue) for and during the term of years, ending the said twelfth day of January, which will be in the year, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, two thirds of the said revenue and income, accruing from the said principal fund, so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid, - And in case my dearly beloved wife Jane Ann shall die, during and before the expiration of the said term of years, then and in such case, I hereby order and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis or the survivor of them, from time to time as the same may accrue, after deducting all incidental and necessary expenses as aforesaid, to pay or cause to be paid, for the maintenance, education and support of my said dear daughters Lucia and Margaret, in equal portions (and

the survivor of them if either die without lawful issue) for and during the said term of years, ending the said twelfth day of January, which will be in the year, One thousand eight hundred and forty six, the whole of the revenue and income accruing from the said principal fund, so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth. — I further order and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis, or the survivor of them, on the last twelfth day of January, which will be in the year, on otherwise eight hundred and forty six, to pay, transfer, assign and set over unto my said daughters Lucia and Margaret in equal portions, or unto the survivor of them, if either shall have died without lawful issue, two thirds of the said principal fund, so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid, to have and to hold the same, unto them, or the survivor of them, if either shall have died without lawful issue, forever. — And if my said wife Jane Ann shall on the day and year last mentioned be deceased, or, as soon thereafter as she shall die, — then I further order and direct in like manner, the transfer and assignment of the remaining third of the said principal fund so directed to be invested or deposited as aforesaid, to my said daughters, or the survivor of them, if either shall then have died without lawful issue, to be made by the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis for the survivor of them.

Fifth. — I hereby further order and direct the said Runyon W. Martin and William A. Burtis, or the survivor of them, to deliver the following gifts, to the following dear friends and relatives, as tokens of my affections towards them. — To my dearly beloved wife the said Jane Ann my silver Watch. — To my dear daughter Lucia, my silver tea-spoon. — To my dear daughter Margaret, my silver sugar tongs. — To my brother, Runyon W. Martin, a small Trunk which belonged to my grand Father. — To my nephew William R. Martin, a copy of Bradens Concordance. — To my nephew John L. Martin, a copy of Mason's Spiritual Guide. — To my nephew, Runyon W. Martin, Junr., a copy of Page's Standard. — To my brother in law, William A. Burtis, a copy of Gilly's history. — To my nephew Samuel R. Burtis, a copy of Paley's works. — To my nephew William A. Burtis Junr., a copy of Walker's Sermons. — To my friend Garret Sourtain

A copy of Faber on the Prophecies. — To my friend Simon J. Drake all my skeleton sermons. — To my friend Charles Ford, my walking stick. — To my friend Colonel Benton, my razors.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty second day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Testator, Braunc R. Martin, esq; and for his last Will & Testament, in the presence of A. P. Martin Esq; who at the request of the said Testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Alfred A. Smith, 100 Monroe - New York City

Fred L. Quin. Staten Island

Nathaniel Britton - Staten Island

Note of New York } As it is remembered that the Surrogate Court
Richmond County } held at the Surrogate office in the village of
Richmond, in the said County, on the eighteenth day of November, in the
year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty five, — before
Richard Brothman, Surrogate of the said County the last Will & Testament
of Braunc Martin, minister of the gospel, late of the said County, deceased,
(of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate, after citation to
the widow and next of kin to the said deceased, duly served, re-
sumed and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and
on the time aforesaid, Alfred A. Smith, Fred L. Quin and Nathaniel Brit-
ton the subscribing witnesses to the said Will, after having been duly
sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did see the said deceas-
ed sign and seal the said instrument, and hecause him publish and
duly the same as and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time
of the said deceased was of sound mind and not under restraint
to the best of the knowledge and belief of these deponents, and that
they each and severally subscribed their names to the said will
as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of the said Testator.
Whereupon I the Surrogate upon the proof aforesaid, being satis-
fied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will, ordered that
the said Will be admitted to probate and that letter Testamentary
thereon be granted to Runyon W. Martin and William A. Bur-
tis the executors in the said Will named, after the expiration of
thirty days, from the time of taking the proof aforesaid on this

(175) taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated December 14. 1835.

Rich^d Crocker, Surrogate

Be it also remembered, that on the twenty eighth day of December in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five personally appeared before me, Ruyon H. Martin & Mr. D. Foster - the Executor named in the Will of the said, Reverend J. B. Martin, deceased, and who is duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual Oath which was required.

Richard Crocker, Surrogate

Record Will of Mary Brigs v. B. H. Miller, deceased
State of New York, Richmond County, A.D.

Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court, held at the Summ^r Office in the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond - the twenty sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. - Present. Rich^d Crocker, Judge

In the matter of the Will of Mary Brigs, late of the Town

of Southfield, County of Richmond & State of New York, deceased.

Whereas, John C. Thompson, son of the said Mary Brigs, appeared, and set forth, that the said Mary Brigs departed this life, at the house and residence of Lawrence Brigs in the said Town of Southfield, the nineteenth day of November instant having previously made and published her last Will and Testament, that in and by the said Will he the said John C. Thompson is appointed the sole Executor; that the said deceased left, also, her surviving, to wit, the above named Lawrence Brigs, and her next of kin, the said John C. Thompson, That the said deceased at the time of, and previous to her death, was qualified to make and bequeath certain personal estate, which fully appears by a written instrument, duly executed by the said Lawrence Brigs and the said deceased, and annexed to the said Will now here produced; - That he the said John C. Thompson is desirous the said Will be admitted to prob^r, record and probate and requests the aid of the Surrogate in the premises. - When an Order has made and entered, that Citation issue to the said Lawrence Brigs, requiring him to appear at the said Surrogate's office, the seventh day of December next, two o'clock in the afternoon, to attend the probate of the said Will.

Be it also remembered that a Surrogate Court held at the sum-
mers office in the Village of Richmond, the seventh day of

(176) December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, before - Richard Crocker, Surrogate of the said County.

In the matter of proving the Will of Mary Brigs, late

of Southfield, County of Richmond, deceased.

Whereas, Citation was heretofore issued by the said Surrogate to Lawrence Brigs husband of the said deceased to attend the proof of the said Will this day. - John C. Thompson, the sole Executor named in the said Will, appeared and returned the said citation, and duly affirmed, that he personally served the same on the said Lawrence Brigs the twenty ninth day of December last past. — Whereupon the said Court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that no notice had been given according to law, of the intention of having the said will of the said deceased proved according to the revised Statute of the State of New York, concerning Wills of Real and personal property and the proof of them. — It was therefore upon motion of filing the said citation and affirmation of service, that the said John C. Thompson have leave to proceed in the proof of the said Will of the said Mary Brigs, deceased. — Proof as follows.

State of New York, Richmond County, A.D.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Mary Brigs, late of the Town of Southfield, County of Richmond, deceased.

Richard Corner and Jane Corner, of Battleton in the said County, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that they did see Lawrence Brigs and Mary Brigs, sign and seal the instrument now shown them, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of the said Mary Brigs, making date the twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and heard the said Mary Brigs, publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said Mary Brigs, was of sound mind and not under any restraint to the best of the knowledge and belief of these deponents, — and that they, the said deponents, together with Sophia Corner the other Subscribing witness to the said Will, subscribed their names to the said Will as witnesses, at the request of the said Lawrence Brigs and Mary Brigs, in their presence and in the presence of each other. — Richard Corner, Jane Corner. — Sworn the 7th day of December 1835, before me, Richard Crocker, Surrogate.

And whereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said Mary Brigs, deceased, was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testatrix who executed the same was at the time of making such execution of sound mind

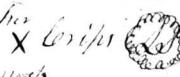
(177) and memory and not under any restraint, and it also appears that Lawrence Crisp the Husband of the said deceased also signed and sealed the said Will. — It is therefore known by this Court on due deliberation, that the said will of the said deceased together with the proofs thereof be & recorded which said proof is herein before recorded and contained in that the said will is deemed to be recorded, as follows, to wit.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. Amen. I, Mary Crisp of the Town of Southfield, in the County of Richmonde and State of New York, at present wife of Lawrence Crisp of said Town, — the, — enjoying the perfect use and exercise of my natural faculties, as a sound mind, memory and understanding; but being moreover deeply impressed with the necessity and importance of the present time, to set our house in order before we die; — being authorized by the said Lawrence Crisp to make this my last Will and Testament, in due and certain Recitation of agreement hereunto annexed, bearing date the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, and recorded in the County Clerk's records the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, by Nathaniel Lewis, Esq., Notary publick, difference being thereunto ~~six~~ May more fully and at large appear'd in the most voluminous manner, and in strict conformity with my present desire, direct and order that the subsequent Clauses beon stacred, regarded and observed as my last Will and Testament. — Previous to the disposal of my worldly property, it behoves me to invoke the divine Benediction and to turne my trust to the hands of Almighty God, my immortal Spirit, whenever in the course of his all wise and unerring Providence, he shall be pleased to summon me hence; beseeching his gracious acceptance thereof, only for the righteousness sake of the blessed Redeemer. — My body I request may be committed to the Earth in a decent and Christian like manner as my Executor shall be pleased to direct.

INPRIMIS. — It is my will and I do hereby ordain and direct that my Executor shall immediately after my decease, proceed to call in and collect from

(178) the monies that shall then be found due to me, so much as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts and funeral and testamentary charges, and that he pay the same without delay.

ITEM. — As to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever. I give and bequeath the same to my Beloved Son, John C. Thompson. — And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute, authorize and appoint my said Son John C. Thompson sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking, disannulling and disallowing all Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made; Ratifying, allowing and Confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament. — In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced
and declared by the said Mary Crisp, and
for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of
John Lawrence Crisp  of us, who have signed our names as witness
to the same at the request, and in the presence of Mary X Crisp  of the said Testatrix, and also in the presence of each other.

Sophia Bonner. — Jane Bonner. — Richard Cosman.

State of New York 3d. Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court held in the village of Richmonde, in the County of Richmonde on the seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, before Richard Cosman, Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and Testament of Mary Crisp, late of the said County deceased, (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate after citation to the next of kin of the said deceased, duly issued, served, returned and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid, Sophia Bonner and Jane Bonner, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, after having been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did see Lawrence Crisp and the said Mary Crisp, sign and seal the said Instrument, and hear the said Mary Crisp publish and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said Mary

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Orpits Was of sound mind and not under any restraint,
the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they submit
~~the~~ the said Will as Writings at the request of the said
Lawrence Orpits and Mary Orpits and in their presence
Whereupon, the said Surrogate upon the proof above
said, being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of
the said Will, order that the said Will be admitted to
probate, and that the said instrument therefore be granted
to John C Thompson, the Executor of the said Estate
named, after the expiration of thirty days from the time
of taking the proof aforesaid, for his taking and fulmi-
ning an oath or affirmation as hereinafter required.

Dated December 28, 1835.

R. C. 2. Esq. Clerk of the Summons

Be it also remembered that on the first day of January
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
thirty five, personally appeared before me, Ruth B. Thompson,
one of the Executors named in the said Will of the said Lawrence
Orpits, deceased, and were duly affirmed to the faithful
performance and execution thereof, by taking the usual
oath or affirmation in such cases prescribed.

R. C. 2. Esq. Clerk of the Summons

Record Will of Susanna Mandell of Richmond, et al.
State of New York. Richmond County, Jr.
Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court held at the
Court House in the Village of Richmond, in the said County
Richmond, the seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord
thousand eight hundred and eighteen thirty five.

Present, Richard Bracheron, Surrogate.

In the matter of the Will of Susanna Mandell, late of Northfield,
Richmond County and State of New York, deceased.

Whereas, Isaac Schrader of the Town and County of Richmond
appeared in the said Court and presented an instrument
in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
Susanna Mandell; and set forth that the said Susanna
Mandell, departed this life at her residence in the said Town
on or about the twentieth day of November last past, having
previously made and published her last Will & Testament
that in and by the said will, Paul Lataudette and his wife

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said Isaac Schrader are appointed her Executors; that the said de-
ceased died possessed of Certain Real and Personal Estate in the County of
Richmond; that she left heirs and next of kin, to wit, Jane Rose wife of
Luther Rose, George Mandell and Jeremich Taylor, the latter a minor of
whom he the said Schrader is Guardian, duly appointed by the Surro-
gate of the said County, and that he the said Schrader is desirous the
said Will be admitted to probate, record and probate, and request
the said Surrogate in the premises. — Whereupon an Order
was made and entered, that the fourth day of January next, be
and signified for the proof of the said Will, of which the executors a-
forenamed, will give due notice to the heirs of the said deceased as
required by law.

Be it also remembered that at a Surrogate Court, held at
Spuyten Duyvil, the second day of December, eight hundred and
thirty six, present, Richard Bracheron, Surrogate.

In the Matter of proving the Will of Susanna Mandell
late of Northfield, County of Richmond, deceased.
This being the day hereof signified for the proof of the said
Will, Isaac Schrader the Executor named in the said Will
appeared, and produced a Notice to the heirs of the said deceased
of his intention of offering the said Will for proof this day,
and made oath of its due service in the said heirs. — Which
Notice and Oath is as follows. — In the Matter of proving
the last Will and Testament of Susanna Mandell, deceased.

Luther Rose & Jane his Wife, George Mandell, and Jeremich
Taylor abiding by his Guardian, Isaac Schrader.

Please to take notice, — That I intend to apply to the Surro-
gate of the County of Richmond, at his office in the Village
of Richmond on the fourth day of January next at two o'clock
in the afternoon, for the purpose of having the last Will and
Testament of Susanna Mandell late of Northfield, County of
Richmond, deceased, proved. — Dated the seventh day of
December 1835. — Isaac Schrader. Executor.

Richmond County, Jr. Isaac Schrader, being sworn de-
posed, that he served the within Notice the twenty sixth day of
December last past on Luther Rose and Jane his wife, George
Mandell and Jeremich Taylor & minor by his Guardian, —
and further, deposes they are all the heirs at law of the said
deceased to the best of his knowledge. — Isaac Schrader. —
Sworn the fourth day of January, 1836. Before me —
R. C. 2. Esq. Clerk of the Summons. Surrogate

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Whereupon the said Court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice to the heirs had been given according to law of the intention of having the said Will of the said deceased proved, according to the revised Statute of the State of New York, concerning Will of Real and personal property and the proof of them. — It was therefore ordered, on reading and filing the said notice to heirs, and the Oath of the due service thereof, that the said Clerks, Justice have leave to proceed in the proof of the said Will.

Luther Rose & Jane his wife and George Wandal, heir at law of the said deceased, having appeared and being present at the said Court, said Luther declare his intention of opposing the proof of the said Will, that the deceased at the time of the execution of the said Will, was not of sound mind nor competent to make and execute a will. — Whereupon the said Clerks requested an adjournment, to enable him to prosecute his plea in the matter; the proof of the said Will was therefore adjourned to the nineteenth instant, ten o'clock A.M.

See it also further remembered that a Surrogate Court held its session the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, Present Richd. Lockman, Sheriff

In the matter of proving the will of Susanna Wandal late of the County of Richmond, deceased.

The matter being adjourned to this day, said Luther the forename executor appeared with his Atty. R. H. Phelps Esq^r. Luther Rose & Jane his wife, heirs of the said deceased appeared with their Atty. L. R. Martin Esq^r. When the matter of proof was taken

John Becker being duly sworn by the said Surrogate deposes that the instrument now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Susanna Wandal deceased, bearing date the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, that he saw her execute the same, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind and not under any restraint, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with Gervet B. Becker and Susanna Setten there subscribing witnesses to the said will, subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and deponent further saith the oration of Susanna Wandal to said Will was written by the Rev^d J. R. Martin, that it was written before she made her mark, before the execution of said Will Mr. Martin read the said Will to Mr. Wandal, when done

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wether if she heard it, she nodded her head assenting that she did, and made her mark, thinks she had little or no power, she appeared perfectly rational at the time

Gervet Becker, being duly sworn by the said Procurator, deposes that the instrument now shown him, purporting to be the will of Susanna Wandal, deceased, he see her make her Crost to the same, her name being written by the Rev^d J. R. Martin, that at the time thereof the said Susanna was of sound mind and not under any restraint to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he together with Aaron Becker & Susanna Setten subscribed the said will as witnesses in the presence of the said deceased and further deposes that the said Martin read the said will to the said deceased, and asked her if she heard it, she bowed her head — thinks she was perfectly rational at the time and knew what she was about, and that she appeared to have little or no power.

Josephine Kirrant, being sworn as witness, he was requested to go to Mr. Wandal to write her will, thinks it was last Spring a year, he went to the house, Avent in Vivian Rose's Room it was some time in the evening, he and said Rose went in to Mr. Wandal's room, said Rose observed to Mr. Wandal, Grammy Mr. Kirrant has come to write your will, the said has he, Mr. Wandal appeared from her manner and situation not competent to make a will, her mind seemed confused and to fly from one thing to another — thinks it was in the living as fire was on the hearth, — Mr. Lockman wanted him to write the will of Mr. Wandal, but from her situation he considered her incapable of making a will.

Jane M Rose, being sworn as witness, recollects the time John Becker came to the house of Mr. Wandal for the purpose of writing her will, thinks it was two years next April — Recollects the time Mr. Martin wrote a will for Mr. Wandal, thinks the time J. Kirrant was there, was a short time previous to the time Mr. Martin wrote his will at the time J. Kirrant lies there Mr. Wandal being ^{now} ~~then~~ ^{now} ~~dead~~ ^{dead} and unable to speak from one object to another, was very sick at the time and continued so at the time Mr. Martin wrote said will and sometime after, — She tended and waited on Mr. Wandal, had conversations with her at times she appeared rational, — witness further deposes, on Luther Rose asking Mr. Wandal sometime last Spring about her will, she said she had made no will, alluding to a will said to have been made by her, she said it was Maria Lockman's will, — She said why should I make a will, for when I am gone there will be nothing left, at the time of said conversation Mr. Wandal was of sound mind, and further deposes that the as-

of the execution of said will, Mr. Haniel was very sick, she was not clear of fever at any time, she could not get in and out of bed had to be lifted in and out.

Hiram Rose was offered as a witness by defendant, and rejected by applicant, on the ground of her disbelief of the existence of a Supreme Being, which disbelief said applicant proved by the testimony of Paul Lourette a competent witness, he being duly sworn by the state attorney. — Said Rose therefore rejected as witness.

Maria Lockman, on the part of applicant, being sworn, deposed, — that she was intimately acquainted with M^r Haniel, she recollects the time the will in question was executed, that she saw her the day before and the day after the execution of his will, she was sick and very much debilitated, that when her fever was high her mind appeared wandering and unconnected when her fever went off she appeared quite rational, that her disease was remittent fever, which she had fever every day does not know how long it lasted, saw her almost daily for weeks previous and after the execution of said will, when M^r Vincent came to M^r Haniel's, Vincent staid in H^r Rose's room, thence and talked there sometime, said Maria and Rose came in M^r Haniel's room — said Rose told M^r Haniel that M^r Vincent had come to do her writing, she answered he, I want my business done, — witness was with M^r Haniel sometime before they came in the room and remained there sometime after they left, had conversation with her, she spoke about Vincent writing her will, said she would proportion brother Martin to write her will, not knowing he would be there to do it, she would let M^r Vincent write her will, if she could not die satisfied without making her will. — M^r Vincent objected to draw a will, said he was not acquainted with drawing wills he did not know the form, although he concluded he would with Rose's assistance — when told to M^r Haniel, she said she was so much overcome that she could give directions then. — Vincent said he would attend the next day, and with the assistance of Mr. Crocker it could be done — that M^r Haniel had always declared her intention to give her property to the two children named in the said will Emily Haniel & Jeremiah Taylor — that the day after the will was executed, M^r Haniel said she could now die in peace as her business was settled, she alluding to making her will in the opinion of witness.

Sarah Pearson, soon deposed, was acquainted with M^r Haniel who was her aunt, that she was there almost daily sometimes several times a day, was not there the day the will in question was made, but there the next day in the morning. witness enquired how she felt, she said better and better improved in her mind, that M^r Haniel had been to see her, had wrote her will, that now she could die satisfied, that the two orphan children had been very much on her mind, that she appeared to be perfectly rational — The day previous to the execution of said will, she would when doing be slightly under her usual wandering, when entirely she was more composed and rational, — witness heard M^r Martin in the month of July last, ask M^r Haniel about her will, and if she wanted to make any alterations in her will, that she answered no.

Susan Van Pelt, sworn, deposed, has always been acquainted with M^r Haniel, who was her mother's sister, saw her almost everyday, some days several times, does not think she saw her the day the will in question was executed, the day after the will was made, she saw her and she appeared perfectly rational, that she expressed great satisfaction at having made her will, as now that was other mind — that at the said time and since she has expressed her satisfaction in having her will made — That she has been since the orphan child she would have been brought up after her death. — All the foregoing witness sworn the 13th day of Jan 1836 before me Rich^r Crocker, Esq^r — And thereupon it appearing to the said court from the aforesaid testimony in the premises, that the said will of the said Anna Haniel 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 therefore ordered by the said court on due deliberation, that the said will of the said deceased, together with the proof thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that the said will so recorded to be recorded is as follows.

In the Name of God, Amen, I Susanna Haniel of the Town of Northfield, County of Rutland, State of New York, widow, — being of sound mind and memory, concerning the shortness and uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do make and Ordain this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills or Testaments by me made whatsoever. — I will and Ordain my body to the ground, to be buried in a decent manner, and my soul to God that gave it.

I ordain that after all my just debts are paid, all my property both Real and Personal of whatsoever kind there may be, shall be disposed of to the best advantage, at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and the money thence arising to be equally divided between my two grand children, Emily Mandel and Jeremiah Taylor, then children of my late daughter Susan Taylor deceased, until money to be put at interest, and the interest applied to their support, till they arrive at age, when the principal shall be paid to each of them, according to their share alike. And in case of the death of either, or both, then the share or shares of such, namely Emily Mandel or Jeremiah Taylor dying before coming of age, to be paid to the Trustees of the Baptist Church on Staten Island, and by them to be put to interest and the interest so accruing for ever to be applied to the payment of the Pastor's salary for the time being: — I further will and ordain that my Executor be empowered and are hereby required to purchase on the first tenement from Mrs. M. H. Ellington, her life right in the property where I now live in the Town of Northfield, County and State aforesaid. — I further will and ordain my trusty friends Isaac Hinsler and Paul Lacombe of Town, County and State aforesaid as Executors of this my last Will and Testament. — I further ordain that my Executor shall procure so soon as convenient a good white marble or Head Stone to my grave.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Aron Decker, Black Smith

Susanna Mandel
mark

Genet B. Decker, Waterman

Susanna Lattin, widow of Bergen County, State of New Jersey

State of New York 3rd f. Do it remembered that a Surrogate's Court held at the Surrogate office in

The Village of Richmond, in said County, on the thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty six, before Richard Crocheron Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and Testament of Susanna Mandel late of the said County, deceased (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate after due notice

next of kin of the said deceased, served, returned and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid Aron Decker and Genet B. Decker two of the subscribing witnesses to the said Will after having been sworn by the said Surrogate testified that the said Will was read to the said deceased in their presence, that she signed the same, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind and not under any restraint to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they subscribed their names to the said Will as witnesses in the presence of the said testatrix. — Job Winant, Jane M. Rose, Maria Lockman, Sarah Peiron and Susan Van Delt, witnesses, were sworn and testified in the matter; from the weight of which testimony it appeared the said testatrix made the said Will understandingly, and devised her estate, agreeable to her desire.

Whereupon I the said Surrogate upon the proof aforesaid being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will Order that the said Will be allowed to Probate and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Isaac Hinsler and Paul Lacombe the executors in the said Will named after the expiration of thirty days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid on their taking and subscribing the oaths of office prescribed by law.

Dated January 18th 1836

Rich^d Crocheron. Surrogate

Be it remembered, that on the twenty third day of February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, personally appeared before me Isaac Hinsler and Paul Lacombe the executors named in the last Will and Testament of Susanna Mandel late of the said County deceased, — And were duly sworn to the faithful performance and execution thereof by taking the usual Oath in such cases prescribed.

Whereupon letters testamentary, on the estate of the said deceased, were issued in due form of law to the said executors,

Rich^d Crocheron. Surrogate.

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Record of the Will of Hellen Barret, deceased
State of New York. Richmond County, s.s.

Be it remembered that a Surrogate Court held at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in the County of Richmond the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Present, Richard Brocheron, Surrogate

In the matter of the Will of Hellen Barret, deceased,
of Northfield, County of Richmond, deceased.

Whereas, F.W. Geisselheimer, pastor of the United German Lutheran Church in the City of New York, appeared in said Court and presented an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Hellen Barret; — Also presented his petition, setting forth, that Hellen Barret was formerly of the City of New York, but some time previous and at the time of her death, a resident of the said County of Richmond; Departed this life, at the house of Joseph D'Leonard in the Town of Northfield, in the said County, on the twenty-eighth day of December last past; that said deceased previous to her death made and published the instrument hereinafter and for her last will and testament, that in and by the said will he the said petitioner is appointed the sole executor, that the said deceased died possessed of certain personal estate, amounting to \$100 set forth in the said will to thirteen hundred dollars, that the said deceased left no next of kin to the best knowledge of said petitioner, and that he the said petitioner is desirous the said will should be admitted to probate and requested the aid of the Surrogate in the premises. — Whereupon an order was made and entered, that citation be issued, directed to all persons whom it may concern, and especially to the next of kin of the said deceased, requiring them to be and appear before the said Surrogate, at his office in the Village of Richmond on the twenty-fifth day of January instant, two o'clock in the afternoon to appear or defend as they may see fit the probate of the said will.

Be it also remembered, that a Surrogate Court held in the County the twenty ninth day of January instant before Richard Brocheron, Surrogate of the County of Richmond

In the matter of the last will & testament,

Hellen Barret late of the said County and

Whereas citation was heretofore issued by the said sur-

rogate to the next of kin and all persons concerned, to attend the probate of the will of the said Hellen Barret on the twenty fifth of January then instant, when the matter was adjourned to this day, ten o'clock A.M. — The citation heretofore issued by the said Surrogate was retained by the said Geisselheimer the executor, with a certificate under oath of its non publication, which citation and oath is as follows:

In the Matter of proving the last Will and
Testament of Hellen Barret, deceased. —

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 the next of kin of the said deceased. — Seal Greeting.

You are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear before the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, at his office in the Village of Richmond, in said County, on the twenty fifth day of January instant, two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to shew or defend as you may see fit the probate of a certain instrument in writing, which has been left with the said Surrogate, purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Hellen Barret, deceased. — In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be affixed thereto.

Witness, Richard Brocheron, Surrogate of the said County of Richmond at his office in the Village of Richmond, in the said County, the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight hundred and thirty six. — Richd. Brocheron. Surrogate

State of New York, City of New York, s.s.

George B. Brinckerhoff, Clerk in the office of the New York Times of the city of New York, being duly sworn, says that the notice of which the annexed is a copy, has been regularly published in the New York Times, once in each week, for two weeks successively commencing on the ninth day of January instant G.B. Brinckerhoff. — Sworn before me, this 22nd day of January 1886. Ebenezer Palmer, Commissioner of Deeds.

Whereupon the said Court being satisfied with the proof made in the premises, that due notice to the next of kin and all concerned, according to law, of the intention of having the said Will of the said Hellen Barret admitted to probate and offered for Probate, according to the revised Statutes of the State of New York, concerning Wills of Real & Personal property and the proof of them, — It was therefore ordered on reading and filing the said citation and oath of

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publication thereof that the said Applicant have leave to prove the said Will, — Proof as follows.

State of New York, Richmond County, ss.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Hellen Barret, late of Northfield, County of Richmond, deceased.

J. S. Merrell and M. G. Turner of the Town of Northfield in the County of Richmond aforesaid, being duly sworn deponeth and saith, that they did see the said Hellen Barret sign the instrument now shown to them, purporting to be the ~~book~~ of the last Will and Testament of the said Hellen Barret, bearing date the fourteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and having heard her publish and declare the said instrument as and for her last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said Hellen Barret was of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint to the best of their knowledge and belief. — And that they the said deponents, subscribe their names to the said will as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. — J. S. Merrell. M. G. Turner
Sworn the 29th day of January 1856, before me, Richd. Brothman and thereupon it appearing to the said Court that the said Will of the said Hellen Barret, deceased was duly executed according to law, and that the said Testatrix who executed the same was at the time of making such execution of sound mind and memory and not under restraint. It is then and there ordered by the said Court on due deliberation, that the said Will of the said deceased, together with the proof thereof be recorded, — which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that the said Will so ordered to be record, is as follows:

I Hellen Barret, widow, late of the City of New York and now residing in the Town of Northfield, Richmond County and State of New York; Considering the uncertainty of human life, and being of sound mind & memory, (for which God be praised) do regard it my indispensable duty, while I have strength and capacity so to do, to order a regular disposal of the worldly property I enjoy, and hereby order and direct that the subsequent clauses shall be considered, respected and

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observed as constituting my last Will and Testament.

Imprimis. Whenever it shall please Almighty God the Supreme Master and Governor of the Universe to summon my immortal spirit from this transitory to enter on a more permanent and as I trust a more blissful state of existence. — It is my will, and as hereby I order and direct that my inanimate remains shall be decently interred.

Item. I give and bequeath to Mrs Elizabeth Merrell my kind hostess, to evidence to her my esteem and gratitude, all my household furniture and effects which I brought to the house of her husband Mr Joseph S. Merrell, and as hereby I order and direct after my death, the be left in the undisturbed possession thereof forever.

Item. The monies due to me, consisting of deposits in the Savings Bank in the City of New York, amounting to five hundred dollars, due of a Bond of George Jacob Kettler, Taylor of the City of New York, being yet eight hundred dollars due on said Bond. — I give and bequeath, to the poor of the United German Lutheran Church in the City of New York, and request and authorize the Rev^d F. W. Guisenheimer, and such agents as he shall appoint to distribute among the said poor.

Finally, I do hereby nominate, constitute, authorize and appoint the Rev^d F. W. Guisenheimer Junr, of the City of New York the Executor of this my last Will and Testament, to take charge, receive and distribute the said monies as aforesaid directed; hereby revoking, disannulling and disallowing all Wills and Testaments by me hitherto made confirming and allowing this only to be my last Will and Testament. — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Witness present

Joseph S. Merrell

M. G. Turner

Hellen Barret

State of New York } ss. We it yea remembere that a Sur-
Richmond County } rogates Court, held at the Surrogates
Office in the said County of Richmond on the twenty ninth
day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and thirty six, before Richard Bracheron, Surrogate of the
said County, the last Will and Testament of Hellen Barret,

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Late of the said County deceased, (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate, after citation to the next of kin of the said deceased duly served, returnable, and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid J. S. Marcell and M. G. Turner the subscribing witnesses to the said Will after having been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did see the said testator sign the said instrument, that they heard her publish and declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind and not under any restraint, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they subscribed their names to the said Will as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. — Whereupon the said surrogate upon the proof aforesaid being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will, ordered that the said Will be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to the Rev^d P. W. Geissinger trustee executor in the said Will named, after the expiration of thirty days from the time of taking the proof aforesaid, after taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated February 8th 1886

P. W. Geissinger. Surrogate

Be it also remembered that on the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, personally appeared before me Geo. Geissinger jun^r, the sole executor named in the said Will of the said Helen Barot deceased, and who duly swore to the faithful performance and execution thereof, by taking the usual Oath in such cases prescribed.

P. W. Geissinger. Surrogate

Record of Will of Peter Hoglam, deceased
State of New York, Richmond County, Jr.
Be it remembored that a Surrogates Court held in and for the County of Richmond at the Surrogate office in the said County, the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. — Present Richard Brockman, witness

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In the matter of the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglam late of Westfield, County of Richmond, deceased; Whereas, Israel Oakley of the Town and County aforesaid, appeared in said Court and produced an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglam for proof and Record, as set forth; that the said Peter Hoglam had lately departed this life first having made and published the said instrument as and for his last Will and Testament, that in and by the said Will he appointed one of the executors, that the heirs at law of the said deceased were all adults, that they all reside in the County of Richmond except Henry, wife of Peter Devine and Catherine Manee, who are in parts to your applicant unknown, and that heir desires the said Will be admitted to probate, record and probate and requests the aid of the Surrogate in the premises. — It was therefore ordered that the said Will be admitted to probate the eleventh day of August next, and that notice thereof, be personally served on the heirs residing in the said County, at least fifteen days previous to the said day, and that a copy of said notice be published in the Albany Argus, six weeks successively, once in each week, previous to said day.

And whereas, at a Surrogate Court held on the eleventh day of August 1884, notice to the heirs of Peter Hoglam deceased together with an Oath of publication in the Albany Argus for six weeks successively, once in each week, was pronounced, no heirs appeared in the matter, the Aplicastor for the prob^d (Israel Oakley) over the subscribing witness not appearing, the matter of prob^d was necessarily postponed. Notice to heirs & date of publication as follows:—

State of New York, Richmond County Jr.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglam, deceased. — To Peter Devine and Mary his wife and Christiana Manee. — 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 eleventh day of August next, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of having the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglam, late of Westfield in the said County of Richmond, deceased proved, Dated 16 day of June 1884

State of New York, 3rd Israel Oakley. Executor
City & County of Albany 3rd Philo Cole of the City and County of Albany being duly sworn, says, that he is foreman in the office of the Albany Argus, and that the notice, of which the annexed is a copy printed copy, has been regularly

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Published in said Albany Argus, once in each week for six weeks successively, commencing on the twenty seventh day of June last past.— Philo R. Cole.— Sworn before me this day of August 1834. T. H. Scott, Commissioner of Deeds.

And whereas, at a Surrogate Court held at the County Office in the County of Richmond on the nineteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six before Richard Crockeron Surrogate of the said County Israel Oakley the Executor aforesaid, and in question leave to proceed in the proof of the said Will, the said Peter Hoglan deceased.— The said being satisfied that due notice of offering the said Will for proof had been heretofore given to the heirs as required by law and that no one had then appeared to oppose such proof leave was given the said Oakley to prove the said will Proofs as follows.— State of New York, Richmond County,

In the Matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglan late of Westfield, Richmond County, and Mark Hinant, Hinant Hinant and Israel Oakley of the Town and County of Averaside, being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that they did see the said deceased, sign and seal the said instrument now shown to them, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, bearing date the twentieth day of July, 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 these deponents; that they the said deponents each and severally subscribe in manner to the said Will as witnesses, at the request and presence of the said Testator, Israel Oakley, Mark Hinant Hinant Hinant.— Given in the 19th day of January 1836.
Before me. Richard Crockeron, Surrogate.

And thereupon it appearing to the said Court, that the said Will of the said Peter Hoglan 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 under any restraint.— It is therefore ordered by the said Court in due deliberation that the said Will of

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said deceased together with the proofs thereof be recorded, which said proof is herein before recorded and contained, and that the said Will so ordered to be recorded is as follows.

In the Name of God, Amen
I Peter Hoglan of the Town of Westfield and County of Richmond in the State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz.— First I will my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian like manner by my Executors.— Then I will my executors to pay my just debts and funeral charges out of my estate.— Then will and bequeath all my real estate to my brother John Hoglan, during his natural life and after his decease to belong to his two sons George and Peter Hoglan.— I next wish my brother John to use all the indulgence that he may think proper towards my brother Joshua and sister Catherine.— Next will and bequeath all my wearing apparel to be divided between my nephews George and my brother Joshua.— Lastly, I will the balance of my personal estate to my brother Joshua.— I further nominate and constitute my brother John Hoglan and Israel Oakley my executors, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.— In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Signed, sealed and pronounced to be my last Will and Testament by Peter Hoglan before us witnesses—

Mark Hinant, Hinant Hinant, Israel Oakley

State of New York, the 19th day of January 1836.— Be it remembered that a Surrogate of Richmond County, held at the Surrogate's office in the said County of Richmond, on the nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, before Richard Crockeron Surrogate of the said County the last Will and Testament of Peter Hoglan, late of the said County deceased, (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate after notice to the rest of him of the said deceased, duly served, returned and filed according to law.— Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid, Mark Hinant, Hinant Hinant and Israel Oakley the subscribing witnesses to the

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Said Will, after having been duly sworn by the said attorney,
testified that they did see the said Peter Hoglan,
sign and seal the said instrument, that they heard him
publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and
Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased
was of sound mind and not under any restraint to
the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they each
and severally subscribed their names to the said will as
Witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator.
Whereupon the said surrogate upon the prop-
osition being satisfied of the genuineness and validity
of the said Will, Order that the said Will be admitted
to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted
to John Hoglan and Israel Oakley the executors in the
said will named, after the expiration of thirty days from the
time of taking the proof aforesaid, on their taking and subscribing
the oath of office prescribed by law.

Dated the 8th day of Feb 2/836. Ruth Crocker, Surrogate

Be it also remembere that on the sixth day of sum-
mer in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
thirty six, personally appeared before me Israel Oak-
ley one of the executors named in the Will of the said
Peter Hoglan deceased, and were duly sworn to the
faithful performance and execution thereof by taking
the usual oath in such cases prescribed.

Ruth Crocker, Surrogate

Record, Will of James Patten, of Guilderland
State of New York, Rensselaer County, Jr.
Be it remembere that a Synogate Court held at the
Synogate Office in the village of Rensselaer in the said County
the twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Present. Ruth Crocker, Surrogate.

In the matter of the Will of James Patten late of Gull-
eton, County of Rensselaer & State of New York, deceased.

Whereas on reading and filing the Petition of George
Coyne and William Ebbitt, setting forth, that the said
James Patten had lately departed this life at his residence
in Guilderon in the said County of Rensselaer, having pro-

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perty duly made and published his last Will and Testament, that he did
therein and thereby appoint the said Petitioners his executors, that the
said James Patten at the time of his death, was possessed of certain per-
sonal estate and Seizure of certain Real estate, situate and being in the
said County of Rensselaer.—That the said deceased left him surviving
Elizabeth Patten his widow, and next of kin, George Coyne, one of your De-
fectors, Anna George Patten, Anne Patten, Rosina Patten, James Patten, Rob-
ert Patten, Alvord Patten & John Patten, all of which except two reside in
the City of New York, which two, reside in the state of Pennsylvania, also
Martha Coyne, Elizabeth Moore, Jane Parley, Sarah Patten and
Jane Hart, residing in Guilderon, Kingdom of Great Britain.—and
that they the said petitioners are desirous the said Will be admit-
ted to Probate and letters Testamentary thereon be issued to them,
praying & desiring, that under the seal of this court, re-
quiring the said widow and next of kin, personally to be and ap-
pear, when and where this court may direct, to appear in Superior
as the may see fit the Probate of the said Will.—An Order was
made and entered by the said court, that citation issue to the
widow and next of kin of the said James Patten, requiring them
to appear and attend the probate of the said Will, if they doff on
the twenty eighth day of November instant, at the hour of eleven
o'clock in the forenoon, at the Surrogate Office in the village of Rens-
selaer, and that the said citation be duly served on the said Mr
Patten and published for two weeks successively, previous to the
said day, in the New York Times, a publick newspaper printed in
the city of New York.

And the said Petitioners at the said court made applica-
tion that the said Will of the said James Patten be ad-
mitted to Probate and Record, and set forth, that the persons
named in their petition as next of kin to the said James Patten
are his heirs at law, of which, Robert Patten, Alvord Patten &
John Patten are minors.—Whereupon an order was made and
entered, that John Patten of the city of New York, be Appoint-
ed Guardian of the said minors, for the sole purpose of appear-
ing for and taking care of the interests of the said minors, in the
proceedings to be had on the said Will, and that the twentieth day
of January be signed for the Probate of the said Will for Record, and
that notice to the heirs of the said deceased be duly served, also pub-
lished for six weeks successively in the Albany Argus.
Certificate of Appointment of Guardian, and Consent to
become Guardian, as follows.

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The People of the State of New York.

To John Patten of the City and County of New York, Greeting: Whereas, George Coyné and William Ebbitt the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of James Patten, late of Castleton in the County of Richmond, deceased, as Alleged, intenew to make Application to Richard Brockerson, Surrogate of our said County of Richmond, to have the said Will probated, before our said Surrogate, and recouree pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, chapter sixth, title first, article first, part second. — And Whereas it has been made satisfactory to appear, that Robert Patten, Arnold Patten and John Patten, heirs of the said James Patten are minor. — Therefore the Surrogate aforesaid, pursuant to the power in me vested by the said revised statutes, in pursuance to an Order of my Court, before made and entona do hereby appoint you the said John Patten, Guardian for the said minors, to take care of their interests in the premises.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the said Surrogate, at his office in the Village of Richmond in said County, the twenty eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

In the matter of proving the last Will of James Patten deceased.

I John Patten of the City of New York, do hereby consent to become Guardian of Robert Patten, Arnold Patten and John Patten, minor heirs of the said James Patten deceased, for the sole purpose of appearing for and taking care of their interests in the proceedings to be had on the said Will.

Dated November 28. 1835.

John Patten

Be it also remembred, that a Surrogate Court held at the Surrogate Office in the County of Richmond the twenty eighth day of November 1835. Present, Richard Brockson, Esq.

Whereas George Coyné and William Ebbitt the executors named in the Will of James Patten late of the said County deceased, appeared, and returned the citation heretofore issued by the said Court, to the widow and next of kin of the deceased, requiring them to appear and attend the probate of the said Will this day, with the oath of service of the citation on Elizabeth Patten the widow, and the publication thereof in the New York Times, once in each week for two weeks successively; Agreeably to an Order made and

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entered by the said Surrogate. — Whereupon the said Court being satisfied with the proof in the premises, that citation to the widow and next of kin required them to attend the Probate of the said Will this day, has been duly served according to the statute concerning Wills of Real and personal estate and the proof of them, leave was given the said executors to proceed in the proof thereof. — In regard to the probate of the Will, George Coyné one of the aforesaid executors being sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that he was present at the execution of the said Will by the said James Patten, that the said Will was taken and kept by him until the eleventh day of November instant, when he delivered the said Will to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, and that after the execution of the said Will and while in his possession, no alterations or additions were made in the same. — respecting the execution of the said Will, John Patten, John Castle and Peter S. Hanwell, the subscribing witnesses to the said Will were duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified to the due execution of the said Will. — Proof as follows:

State of New York }
Richmond County }
S. Be it remembred that a Surrogate Court, held at the Surrogate office in the Village of Richmond in said County, on the twenty eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, before Richard Brockson, Surrogate of the said County, the last Will and Testament of James Patten late of the said County deceased, was admitted to Probate after Citation to the widow and next of kin of the said deceased, duly sworn, returned and filed according to law. — Whereupon at the place and on the day aforesaid, John Patten, John Castle and Peter S. Hanwell the Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, after having been duly sworn by the said Surrogate, testified that they did see the said deceased sign and seal the said instrument and hear him publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament, that at the time thereof the said deceased was of sound mind, and not under any restraint to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they each and severally subscribed their names to the said Will as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. — Whereupon the said Surrogate upon the proof aforesaid being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of the said Will ordered that the said Will be admitted to probate, and that letters

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Testamentary thereon be granted to George Coynne and William Ebbitt the Executors in the said Will or same, after the expiration of thirty days from the time of taking the Oath aforesaid, on their taking and subscribing the Oath of Office prescribed by law.

Dated December 1, 1836.

Richard Brothman Esq.

Be it further remembered, that a Surrogate Court held at the Surrogate's Office, in the County of Richmond on the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. - Present, Richd. Brothman, Surveyor.

In the matter of Proving the Will of James Patten
late of the said County deceased, for Probate.

Whereas the matter pro, being resuscitated from the two
years of pecuniary to this day; George Coynne and William Eb-
bitt the executors with their counsel Mr. H. Kelly esquire
appeared, Said Kelly produced notices to the heirs of
the said James Patten of the intention of offering the said
Will for Proof, and the Oath of publication & Oaths of
the Albany Argus, also Oath of service of such notice
on some heirs residing in the City of New York, which
notice and oath is as follows:

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament
of James Patten, deceased.

To the heirs at law of James Patten late of Castleton
in the County of Richmond, deceased. — Notice is
hereby given that the undersigned executor, named and
appointed under and by virtue of the last Will and Testa-
ment of the said James Patten deceased, intend to apply
to the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, at his office in the Village
of Richmond on the twentieth day of January next, at eleven o'clock
in the forenoon of that day, to have the said last Will and Testa-
ment of the said deceased duly proved before said Surrogate
as a Will of Real estate, according to the Statute in such case
and provided. Dated this third day of December 1835. — William
Ebbitt, George Coynne Executor.

State of New York. City and County of Albany, Ad.
Philip E. Cole, of the City of Albany, being duly sworn,
that he is foreman in the office of the Albany Argus, and that
the notice of which the undersigned is a copy, has been re-
peatedly published in said Albany Argus, once in each
week for six weeks successively, commencing on the

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eighth day of December last past. — Philip E. Cole. Sworn before
me, this 15th day of January 1836. — J. M. Hunt, Commissioner of Deeds.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of James Patten, deceased
To the heirs at law of James Patten late of Castleton in the County of Richmond, ad-

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Executor named and
appointed under and by virtue of the last Will and Testament of the
said James Patten deceased, intend to apply to the Surrogate of the
County of Richmond, at his office in the Village of Richmond on the
thirteenth day of February, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that
day to have the said Will and Testament of the said James Patten duly
proved before the said Surrogate, as a will of Real estate according
to the Statute in such case made & provided.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1835. — Wm E. Ebbitt, Esq. Coyne.
City and County of New York, Esq. — Edward Kelly, of the said City
Attorney at law being duly sworn cloth depose and say that he
did on the twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, serve the within
notice of proving the last Will and Testament of James Patten deceased,
on David Patten, Ann Morrison, Robert Patten and James Patten
by delivering personally to each of them respectively a true and
correct copy of the said Notice at the office of this deponent
on that day in the said City — And further this deponent saith not,
Edward Kelly. — Sworn before me this eleventh day of January
1836. — Blairmore Tamm, Commissioner of Deeds.

Whereupon the said deponent being satisfied with the
proof made in the premises, that due notice had been given
according to law of the intention of having the said Will
of the said deceased proved, according to the revised Statute
of the State of New York, concerning Wills of Real and per-
sonal estate and the Proof of them. — It was therefore or-
dered on reading and filing the said Notice to heirs, and
the Oath of publication and of service on the heirs of said notice
that the said George Coynne and William Ebbitt the executors
aforesaid have leave to proceed in the proof of the said Will
State of New York. Richmond County, Esq.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of
James Patten, late of Castleton, County of Richmond, State of New York, ad.
John Patten, John Eastle and Peter J. Wandel being duly
sworn deponents and saith, that they did see the said James
Patten, Piger and Seal the instrument now shown them
pertaining to be the last Will and Testament of the said James