

said Deceased, bearing date the twenty ninth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three; that such subscription of the said last will was made in the presence of these deponents.

That the said Testator, at the same time declared the instrument, so subscribed by him, to be his last will and testament. Whereupon these deponents each signed his name as a witness at the end thereof, in the presence of and at the request of the said testator; and that the said testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind & memory, and not under any restraint; and was, in all respects, competent to devise and bequeath real and personal estate. And each of these deponents, for himself further saith that he saw the other, together with Surman Parmelee, the other subscribing witnesses to said will, sign said will as witnesses, in the presence and at the request of said testator. Henry B. Metcalf, Robert M. Brantingham. Sworn this thirtieth day of March A.D. 1843. before me Lewis R. Marsh, Esq. Surrogate.

State of New York

Richmond County. Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's Court held at his office in Southfield in and for said County, the thirteenth day of March A.D. 1843. Present Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, the foregoing proofs and examinations were taken by one the said Surrogate; that the depositions of Henry B. Metcalf and Robert M. Brantingham, were by them respectively subscribed, after having been carefully read to them. And I the said Surrogate being satisfied from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said Richard Silva de? was duly executed & published, as required by law. - That the testator, at the time of executing & publishing the said will, was fully competent in all respects to devise and bequeath real and personal estate, and not under any restraint. Do therefore

allow

allow said will, proofs and examinations to be recorded: which said will, proofs and examinations are herein before recorded and contained: and do order that said will be admitted to probate, and ^{let} letters testamentary thereon, granted to John H. Silva and Jacob Ganetson Junr, two of the Executors in said will named, on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, on the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Be it also remembered that on the said thirteenth day of March A.D. 1843, personally appeared before me John H. Silva and Jacob Ganetson Junr, two of the Executors named in the will of Richard Silva de? and were duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law.

Whereupon probate of the said will and letters testamentary thereon were duly issued. The said Executors; and said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose in the office of the said Surrogate. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid the day & year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

I Jeph. Morgan, of the town of Westfield, in the County of Richmond & State of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life; and being of sound mind and memory. Blessed be God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say:

First, after my decease, I wish all my funeral expenses & just debts to be paid out of my estate by my Executors.

Secondly, that all my property, both real & personal remaining be placed in the hands of my Executors for the support of my wife and the furnishing

of every thing necessary for her comfort during her life. And that after her death all her funeral expenses be paid out of the same.

Thirdly, all my property, both real and personal remaining to be paid over the hands after the above expenses are paid, be divided among my children in the following manner. First to my son Jesse two hundred dollars, my eight day clock and all my wearing apparel. Second and to my son John, I will one fifth part of that which then remains.

And fourthly and lastly, all that remains after the above expenses, sums and parts are paid, shall be equally divided between my son Jesse and my daughter Mary. And I wish my property to be divided within one year after my death, or within one year after the death of my wife, if she outlives me.

The property left to my daughter Mary I wish to be at her disposal alone, so that if her husband should die, he can have no use or power over it whatever. And should she die before she receives her share or the property is divided, she shall have the power before her death of willing her share to whom she pleases.

Fifthly and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jesse and my friend Walter Betts Executors and my daughter Mary Special Agent of this my last will and testament, truly all these and former wishes by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of December, in the year of our Lord eight hundred and forty two.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said testator, as & for his last will & testament, in our presence who, at his request, & in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Jacob Simonson
George Van Wagner
John McBurn

Jesse Morgan

State of New York

Richmond County } p: Be it remembered, that at a surrogate court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in Southfield in & for said County, on the ninth day of February, A.D. 1843, before Richard Crofton Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will and testament of Jesse Morgan Deceased.

on reading and filing the petition of Jesse Morgan Junr. propounding the will of the said dec. an order was made that a citation issue to the widow, heirs and next of kin of the said deceased in pursuance of said petition, returnable the third day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Richard Crofton

Surrogate

Be it also remembered, that at a Surrogate court held at the office of said Surrogate the third day of April 1843, before the said Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Jesse Morgan Deceased

Jesse Morgan Junr. the propounder of said will, and one of the Executors therein named; and Mary Keyser and Walter Betts, also Executors, appeared with two of the subscribing witnesses to said will. The said Jesse Morgan Junr. did the citation to the widow, heirs and next of kin of the said Deceased, to attend the probate of said will this day, with the proof of its due service and publication according to law. On filing said citation and proofs of service & publication leave was given to prove the same.

Lewis K. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Jesse Morgan dec.

Richmond County p: Jacob Simonson & George Wagner, both of the town of Westfield in said County, being duly sworn upon and say and examined before Lewis K. Marsh Surrogate of said County, upon and say, and each for himself

said, that he was well acquainted with Jesse Morgan now deceased; that he was present, as a witness, and did see the said Jesse sign and execute the instrument now produced and shown to him, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, bearing date the first day of December A.D. 1842, that such subscription of the said testator was made in his presence; that the said testator at the same time declared the instrument so subscribed by him, to be his last will and testament, whereupon these deponents each signed his name as a witness, at the end thereof, in the presence of and at the request of the said testator. - And that the said testator at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind and not under any restraint, and was in all respects competent to devise and bequeath real and personal estate.

And each of these deponents, for himself, further saith, that he saw the other, together with John McLaughlin, the other subscribing witnesses to said will, sign said will as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testator. Jacob Simonson George Wagner. Sworn this third day of April A.D. 1843. before me Lewis R. Marsh

Sinogate.

State of New York

Richmond County ss. Be it remembered that at a Surrogate's Court held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield, in & for said county, the third day of April, A.D. 1843 Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate the foregoing proofs and examinations were taken by me the said Surrogate. That the depositions of Jacob Simonson and George Wagner were by them respectively subscribed after having been carefully read to them; - and that the said Surrogate, being satisfied from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said Jesse Morgan was duly

executed and published, as required by law: - That the said testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent in all respects, to devise and bequeath real and personal estate, & not under any restraint, do thou for allow said will, proofs and examinations to be read; which said will, proofs and examinations are herein before recited and contained: - And do order that said will be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Jesse Morgan Junr. Mary Royce and Walter Betts, the Executors therein named; and on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid; on the day & year first aforesaid. Lewis R. Marsh Sinogate.

Be it also remembered, that, on the said third day of April, A.D. 1843, personally appeared before me Jesse Morgan Junr. Mary Royce & Walter Betts, the Executors named in the will of the said Jesse Morgan decd. and were duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law - Whereupon probate of the said will and letters testamentary thereon were duly issued to the said Executors, and said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose. In the office of the said Surrogate. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, the day & year first aforesaid. Lewis R. Marsh Sinogate.

In the name of God. Amen.

I Benjamin Price, of the town of Northfield, Staten Island and State of New York, being of sound mind & memory; and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will & testament; that is to say, First, after all my lawful debts be paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to my loving wife, during her natural life, the use and occupation of my house and lot, where I now reside, with all ^{my} clothing, furniture and effects; and all my real and personal estate, of what kind and nature soever she thinks right and proper for her own benefit, support and maintenance, and whatever of my said estate Real and Personal, may remain after her decease, I give and bequeath unto Eliza Daily No. 85 Grandbury Street Brooklyn.

Secondly, I make, constitute and appoint my said beloved wife Elizabeth Price to be executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord our thousand eight hundred & forty two.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Benjamin Price, as & for his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Warren Alston, Northfield Staten Island.
Henry Blofield, Northfield Staten Island.

State of New York

Richmond County } ss. Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond on the twenty second day of April A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. March in the matter of proving the last will and testament of Benjamin Price deceased. } on reading & filing the petition of Elizabeth Price, propounding the will of said deceased, an order was made, that a citation issue to the heirs and next of kin of the said Deceased in pursuance of said petition returnable on the second day of May next, at three o'clock, in the afternoon.

Lewis R. March Surrogate

Richmond County ss. Be it also remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of said Surrogate the second day of May 1842, before the said Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Benjamin Price deceased.

Elizabeth Price the propounder of said will and the Executrix therein named, appeared with the subscribing witnesses to said will.

Said Executrix returned the citation issued to the heirs and next of kin of said Deceased to attend the probate of said will this day, with the proof of its due service according to law.

On filing said citation and proofs of service, leave was given to prove the same.

Lewis R. March Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Benjamin Price Deceased.

Richmond County ss. Warren Alston & Henry Blofield, both of the town of Northfield, in said County being duly sworn and examined before Lewis R. March, Surrogate of said County, depose and say,

and each for himself, saith, that he was acquainted with Benjamin Pice and that he was present as a witness and did see the said Benjamin sign & execute the instrument now produced & shown to him, purporting to be the last will & testament of said Deceased, bearing date the twenty second day of October A.D. 1842; That such Subscription of the said Testator was made in his presence; that the said Testator, at the same ^{time}, declared the instrument so subscribed by him, to be his last will & testament. Whereupon these deponents, each signed his name as a witness, at the end thereof, in the presence of and at the request of the said Testator: And that the said Testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind and not under any restraint, and was in all respects competent to devise & bequeath real and personal estate.

And each of these deponents, for himself, further saith, that he said the other subscribing witness to said will, sign his name thereto as a witness, in the presence of & at the request of said Testator. Wm. Alston Benjamin Honig Blofield. Sworn this 2^d day of May A.D. 1843. Before me. Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

State of New York.

Richmond County. It is remembered, that, at a Surrogate's Court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield in & for said County, on the second day of May A.D. 1843. Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, the foregoing proofs & examinations were taken by me the said Surrogate; that the depositions of Wm. Alston and Henry Blofield were by them respectively, subscribed, after having been carefully read to them. And I the said Surrogate, being satisfied from the proofs & examinations so taken, that the will of the said Benjamin Pice was duly executed

and published, as required by law; that the said Testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent, in all respects, to devise and bequeath real and personal estate; and not under any restraint; do therefore allow said will, proofs and examinations to be recorded; which said will, proofs and examinations are here in before recorded and contained; and do order, that the said will be admitted to probate; and that letters testamentary thereon, be granted to Elizabeth Pice, the executrix therein named, on her taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law. Witnesses Lewis R. Marsh - The Surrogate aforesaid, on the day & year first aforesaid. Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Richmond County. It is also remembered, that on the said second day of May A.D. 1843, personally appeared before me, Elizabeth Pice, the Executrix named in the will of the said Benjamin Pice and, and was duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law. Whereupon probate of the said will and letters testamentary thereon, were duly issued to the said Executrix; and the said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose, in the office of the said Surrogate.

Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate.

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Cole, of the town of Westfield County of Richmond & State of New York, Preacher being in health of body, and a sound mind & memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life Do make this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give & commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it me; and my body I commend to be buried by my Executors in a decent Christian manner, and as touching my worldly estate with it hath pleased God to endue me with, I give, bequeath and dispose of, in the following manner, I, order that my funeral expenses & just debt be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned; and that a headstone, decent, and commendable, be put up at my grave, and the grave of my wife, Betsey Cole, after her decease, before the division of my property among my heirs.

2^d I will and bequeath the use of all my property, real and personal, as it now stands, to my beloved wife Betsey Cole (both on Staten Island and New York) during her natural life or widowhood, and as touching the property in New York on the corner of Henry and Birmingham Sts. may be sold by my Executors, at any time when Isaac DeJasways heirs shall agree to sell; and the money to put to use under good security; but in case it is not sold, before the decease of my widow Betsey Cole, then, after her decease, all my property real and personal, shall be sold either on Staten Island or New York, by my Executors; and divided as follows, among my five children, William J. Cole, Gilbert A. Cole, Isaac D. Cole, Mary Ann Cole, and Abigail Jane Cole.

1. Gilbert A. Cole shall have two hundred dollars, then all the remainder, or residue of my property shall be divided among my five children ^{supra} mentioned

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my books they may not sell, with such articles of household furniture as they may see proper to divide among themselves (namely my five children before mentioned) I also direct, that if my two daughters should marry, either one or both, that my widow Betsey Cole may give them out of my property, one hundred dollars each, if she can spare it or is convenient, which shall be, in the division of the property, so much of their share or legacy.

Lastly I do constitute, make and ordain my three sons, William J. Cole, Gilbert A. Cole & Isaac D. Cole to be the Executors of this my last will and testament; and I do hereby utterly revoke, disannul all and every other former testament or will, ratifying and confirming no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal, this ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Witness my hand and seal, this ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Wm. Cole L.S.

State of New York }
Richmond County } ss. Be it remembered, that at a
Sesquicentennial Court held at the office of the Surrogate
of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield,
in and for said County, on the twenty ninth
day of April, A.D. 1840. Before Lewis H. Marsh
In the presence of proving the last } Surrogate
will & testament of William Cole dec'd. }
the petition of Gilbert A. Cole & Isaac D. Cole, pro-
pounding the will of the said deceased, an order, ^{was}
made, that a citation issue to the widow, heirs
and next of kin of the said deceased, in pursuance of
the said petition, Returnable the first day of June
next, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Lewis H. Marsh
Surrogate.

Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the surrogate of the County of Richmond, on the first day of June A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of William Cole dec'd.

Gilbert A. Cole and Israel D. Cole the executors of said will, and two of the Executors therein named, appeared, with the subscribing witnesses to said will, and returned the citation issued to the widow, heirs and next of kin of the said dec'd to attend the probate of said will this day, with the proofs of its due service, according to law.

On filing said citation & proofs of service, leave was given to prove the same.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of William Cole dec'd.

Richmond County ss: John W. Wood and Ann Wood, both of the town of Westfield, in the County of Richmond being duly sworn and examined before Lewis R. Marsh, Surrogate of said County, depose & say, and each for himself saith, that he was acquainted with the said William Cole dec'd: that he was present & saw him as a witness & aid see him sign & execute the instrument now produced & shown to him, purporting to be the last will and testament of said Decedent, bearing date the ninth day of October A.D. 1833: - that such subscription of said testator was made in his presence: - that the said testator, at the same time, declared the instrument, so subscribed by him, to be his last will & testament: - whereupon these deponents each signed his name as a witness, at the end thereof, in the presence of and at the request of the said testator: and that the said testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind and not under any restraint: - and was, in all respects, competent to devise and bequeath

his real and personal estate: and each of them subscribing witness, for himself further saith, that he saw the other subscribing witness to said will, - sign his name thereto as a witness, in the presence of and at the request of the said testator. John W. Wood, Ann Wood, Sworn this first day of June A.D. 1843. Before me Lewis R. Marsh

Surrogate

Richmond County ss: Be it remembered that at a Surrogate's court held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield, in and for the said County, on the first day of June A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, the foregoing proofs and examinations were taken by me, the said Surrogate, that the depositions of the said William W. Wood and Ann Wood, were by them respectively subscribed, after having been carefully read to them, and I, the said Surrogate, being satisfied, from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said William Cole was duly executed & published according to law: that the said testator at the time of executing & publishing said will, was fully competent, in all respects, to devise & bequeath real and personal estate, and not under any restraint, do therefore allow said will, proofs and examinations to be recorded: which said will, proofs, and examinations are heretofore recorded & contained: and do order, that said will be admitted to probate and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Gilbert A. Cole, Israel D. Cole & William J. Cole, the Executors therein named, on their taking and subscribing the oath ^{of office} prescribed by law. Witness Lewis R. Marsh, the Surrogate aforesaid, on the day & year first aforesaid. Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered, that on the said first day of June A.D. 1843, personally appeared before me Gilbert A. Cole and Israel D. Cole, - two of the Executors in said will named, and were

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duly sworn to the execution thereof by taking the oath required by law. Whereupon probate of said will and letters testamentary thereon were duly given to the said Executors, and the said letters were in the book kept for that purpose in the office of the said Surrogate. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, the day and year first above said.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

I, Helen M. Catlin, of the City of New York, widow of Lynde Catlin, late of the said City, deceased, do make this my last and testament, as follows, to wit: First, I appoint my son George Catlin of said City, Attorney at Law, and Elias Hasket Derby, of the City of Boston Esquire, to be the Executors of this my will. Secondly, I empower and direct my said Executors, as soon after my decease as it discreetly can be done, to sell & convey, by suitable deeds of conveyance and assignment, all the estate whether real, personal or mixed, which I shall leave at my decease, whether the same be now owned by me or shall be hereafter purchased or acquired by me in any way and which at the time of my decease, shall not be found incumbered or good securities and easily divisible and applicable to the purposes hereinafter expressed. Thirdly, I direct my Executors to apply sufficient of the proceeds thus realized to the liquidation of my just debts, if any, my funeral expenses, and of all expenses incident to the settlement of my estate, and in case my son John Mortimer Catlin shall be indebted to me, at the time of my decease, or the monies or securities by me lent & advanced to and paid for him, or which I shall or may lend & advance to and pay for him, or the value thereof shall not from the proceeds of securities,

if, given to me therefor, or otherwise, be fully paid, and discharged with interest, I direct my Executors to estimate the sum or sums of money so remaining unpaid with interest thereon to me at the time of my decease, as part of my estate and property, and of the proceeds thereof after paying my debts, if any, and funeral & other expenses as aforesaid, including in such ascertainment such sum or sums of money, if any, so lent & advanced to & paid for my said son John Mortimer Catlin and remaining unpaid with interest, into three equal parts or shares into one of which parts or shares they shall put the whole of the said sum or sums of money, if any, remaining unpaid by the said John Mortimer Catlin after the application to the payment thereof of the securities if any therefor as aforesaid. Fourthly, the share or part of the residue of my estate, which shall contain the monies so due for advancements to my said son John Mortimer with interest, or if there shall be nothing remaining unpaid to me therefor, then one equal third part of the residue of my estate, I give, devise and bequeath unto William H. Holmison, of the said City of New York, Counsellor at Law, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, in trust over the said and to and for the purposes following: that is to say, first, out of such third part thereof as shall not consist of monies due to me from my said son John Mortimer, if any there shall be, to pay and satisfy, refund & make good to my said son George Catlin, his Executors, administrators or assigns whatever sum or sums of money the said John Mortimer Catlin shall or may be indebted to him, or which the said George shall or may have lent to or paid for, or may be liable to pay for the said John Mortimer Catlin, with interest, and all costs, expenses and losses, which the said George Catlin hath

been or shall or may be put to by reason of any responsibility of himself or of any of his property for the said John or for any of his debts. Same. In case my said son John Mortimer shall be then alive, in trust to put out the said equal third part or share of my estate, or such part thereof as shall not consist of monies due to one as aforesaid from my said son John and as shall remain thereof, after fully indemnifying the said George (latter) his executors, administrators or assigns as aforesaid, at interest, in the name of the said William H. Harrison as trustee under this my will, upon good real security, or to invest the same in productive real estate, and to employ the net income and profits of such investments, towards the maintenance & education of all or any of his children, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as the said trustee shall deem most beneficial & free from the intervention of any present or future creditor of the said John Mortimer (latter) and without regard to any transfer of the said income or profits, or of any part thereof by him to be made. And lastly upon the decease of my said son John Mortimer (latter), or, in case of his death before the division of my estate, then immediately thereafter, or after indemnifying my said son George or his representatives or assigns as aforesaid, upon the further trust to pay assign, divide and apply his said trust fund & property or what shall remain thereof, to and among the children of my said son John Mortimer (latter) then living, and the issue of any child or children who shall have died before him, leaving issue, in equal shares, that is to say, one equal share to each one of his children, and one other equal share to the issue of each child so dying: And in default of issue of the said John Mortimer (latter) then surviving, then to pay assign

assign, apply and divide the said remaining trust fund & property, as follows, viz. one half thereof to my said son George, his executors, administrators and assigns, to his and their own proper use, and the other half thereof to the executors of this my will or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators as trustees or trustee of the third part of the or share of my estate hereinafter given, devised and bequeathed to them upon certain trusts hereinafter mentioned to be had and holden by them and the survivor of them, and the heirs executors and administrators of such survivor and their or his, successors or successor in such trust, upon the like trusts in every respect as I have hereinafter directed and set forth in respect to the third part or share of my estate given, devised and bequeathed to my said executors. Fifth. I give devise and bequeath one other equal third part or share of all my estate not required for the payment of my debts and funeral expenses as aforesaid, unto my said son George (latter) and the said Elias Hasket Derby, and the survivor of them, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, in trust nevertheless, to and for the purposes following, that is to say, first, to pay, assign, indemnify, make good and refund unto my said son George all and every sums and sum of money, and all costs expenses and losses which shall have paid, or shall or may be obliged to pay, incur or suffer, for his brother Charles J. (latter), by reason of his suretyship for him, or otherwise in any way, and particularly, by reason of a certain bond or obligation, bearing date on or about the twenty third day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty four; and given and filed in a suit then depending or about to be commenced in the Court of Chancery of the State of New York; in which the said Charles J. (latter) was complainant, and Sea French and others were defendants; and which names

costs and expenses and leges shall not be provided for by or paid out of the security taken & held by the said George, as an indemnity for the same.

Secondly, after fully indemnifying, if necessary, my said son George as last aforesaid, in case whether my son the said Charles T. Batten or his wife Lucy Ann shall be then living, to put out and invest the remainder of the last mentioned greater third part or share of my estate upon good use or other security, at interest in the names or name of the said George Batten and Elias Hackett Derby, or of the survivor of them as trustees or trustee under this my will, or to invest the same in production real estate, in their or his names or name as such trustees or trustee and upon the further trust during the life time of my said son Charles, if he shall survive me to apply the income arising from such investments towards the maintenance of him and his wife, or towards the maintenance and education of such child or children of them born, or to be born, and in such manner and proportion, and at such times as the ^{said} trustees of the said last mentioned third of my estate, or the survivor of them shall deem most beneficial, free from the intervention of any present or future creditor of the said Charles, and without regard to any transfer thereof or of any part thereof by him, and upon the decease of the said Charles, then in case ~~the wife~~ Lucy Ann his wife shall survive him, or immediately after my decease, in case the said Charles shall die before me, and the said Lucy Ann shall survive me, to pay over the said income as the same shall thereafter accrue to the said Lucy Ann during her natural life upon her separate receipt; and upon further trust, upon the decease of both the said Charles & Lucy Ann or immediately after my decease, if I shall survive them both, to pay and deliver the capital

of three said trust funds, in equal shares to and among the children of the said Charles and Lucy Ann; and the issue of such child or children dying before them leaving issue: such issue of any such child or children so dying to be entitled, to his, her and and their parents share or shares respectively and no further gone, done or bequeathed the reversion of such trust fund to such child or children of the said Charles and Lucy Ann and to the issue of any such child or children so deceased. The title to such reversion to vest in them immediately upon my decease, if then born, or at their births, if born thereafter, so as to be capable of sale or assignment by them respectively but the possession of the trust estate and funds is always to remain with said trustees, or the survivor of them, or their or his successor or successors in said trust, during the life times of the said Charles and Lucy Ann, and during the life time of the survivor of them, in case they or either of them shall survive me, so that such trustee or trustee shall and may apply the income as herein before directed. And my will further is, that in case the said Charles T. Batten shall die without issue him surviving, then upon the decease of the survivor of the said Charles and Lucy Ann, if they or either of them shall survive me, or immediately upon my decease, if I shall survive them both, my said trustees of the said last mentioned third part or share of my estate, or the survivor of them, or their or his successor or successor in the said trust shall pay, assign and deliver the capital of said trust fund or so much thereof as shall remain and shall not have been sold and assigned by any child or children or issue of any child or children of the said Charles T. & Lucy Ann Batten, in equal shares to the said William H. Harrison, or his successors or successor in the trust of the share

share of my estate herein before given to him as aforesaid; and to the said George Catten, to be had and held, one half thereof to the said William H. Harrison, or his successors or assigns in such trust, upon the like trusts in every respect as are herein before particularly mentioned and set forth in regard to the share of my estate given devised and bequeathed to him; and the other half thereof to the said George Catten, to his own proper use forever.

Sixth. I give, devise and bequeath the remaining equal third part, or share of the residue of my estate after the payment of the debts and expenses as herein before directed, to my said son George Catten and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, to be paid to him, from the proceeds of the property, by my Executors convicted, or from the securities which shall remain unconverted as above set forth. Lastly, I give the trustees under this my will, respectively, power to change and alter the securities in which their respective trust funds and property shall be invested or loaned upon; and to call in any loan or loans thereof; and to make new ones from time to time at pleasure - and it is my will that no one trustee shall be answerable for another or others, or for the acts and doings, or omissions of any other trustee; or for any loss which may occur to the trust funds and property, except such loss shall be caused by his gross negligence, default or misconduct; and I direct that the trustees under this my will shall have and be paid all their necessary expenses and disbursements in and about the execution of their trusts respectively, and also a just and reasonable compensation for their services, which shall be estimated not according to the rates of compensation to Executors and Trustees directed by the Statute; but according to the usual compensation allowances to agents

in similar cases, at the times the services shall be performed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this second day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testatrix, as & for her last will & testament in our presence, who at her request, in her presence & in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, said testatrix having also put her name upon each one of the trusts separately.

Helen M. Catten Esq.

D. Hobart by Prince Street City of New York
J. B. Foley South Street, near E. Avenue City of New York

A Codicil to be added and taken and made a part of my last will and testament, as follows. Having paid and advanced large sums of money for & to the use of my son Charles; and also some monies for my son George. It is my will that in case my sons Charles and George, or either of them shall be indebted to me, at the time of my decease, for monies so advanced and paid, or hereafter paid, lent or advanced to or for them or either of them, or otherwise, the amount or amounts of such indebtedness, with interest thereon, shall be taken and computed as part or parts of my estate and property; and in the division and apportionment of my estate, which in my will I have directed to be made, the sum or amount, if any, which shall then be found, to be due to me from my son Charles, shall be paid, and go into and as part of the third or share of my estate I have given and bequeathed to my Executors, in trust for my said son Charles.

and his wife and children, as is particularly mentioned and set forth in my said will, and the sum or amount of any which shall then be found to be due from my said son George shall be put and shall go into and as part of the portion or share of my estate which I have given and bequeathed to my son George. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the testatrix as & for a codicil to her last will & testament on the day of its date, in our presence, who at her request, in her presence & in the presence of each other have signed our names as witnesses.

Helen M. Catten Esq.

Wm H. Harrison No 48 Beach St New York
J. E. Foley South St. near 2nd Avenue

A further Codicil to be added to and taken & made a part of my last will and testament as follows. First I hereby appoint my sons John M. Catten, Charles T. Catten and George Catten to be the Executors of my last will and testament. Second That portion or share of my estate which above in my last will and testament is given, devised and bequeathed unto William H. Harrison of the City of New York Counselor at law, in trust for my sons John Mortimer Catten and his family. I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto Cornelius W. S. Kane of the City of New York Counselor at law upon the trusts and for the uses and purposes in my said last will and testament heretofore mentioned and expressed in relation to the said share or portion of my said estate. Third That

share or portion of my estate which above in my last will and testament is given, devised and bequeathed to my son George Catten and Elias Hasket Derby, of the City of Boston Esquire, in trust for my son Charles T. Catten and his family. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the said Elias Hasket Derby upon the trusts nevertheless, and for the uses and purposes in my last will and testament above mentioned and expressed in relation to the said share or portion of my said estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the testatrix as & for a codicil to her last will & testament, on the day of its date, in our presence, who, at her request, in her presence & in the presence of each other, have signed our names as witnesses.

Helen M. Catten Esq.

Saml R. Smith Esq. Richmond Co. N. Y.
Beach Hill No 10 Grand St New York

State of New York }
Richmond County } We it remembered that at a Surrogate's Court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in Southfield, in & for said County, on the twenty third day of May, 1840. Before Lewis R. Marshall, Surrogate,

In the matter of Henry }
The last will and testa- }
ment of Helen M. Catten and } on reading & filing
the petition of George Catten, proposing the will of the said deceased an order was made & entered that a citation ^{be} made and entered to the next of kin and heirs at law of the said deceased in pursuance

pursuance of said petition, Relinquished at Nautilus hall, in the town of Eastleton in & for said County, on the thirtieth day of May inst. at four o'clock, in the afternoon.
Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's Court held at Nautilus hall, in the town of Eastleton in and for the County of Richmond, on the thirtieth day of May A.D. 1843, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will &c of Helen George Gallin, the pro. m. Gallin deceased, produced of one of the Executors named in said will appeared. The sworn of the said citation on all the heirs and next of kin of said dec^d. was duly proved. On filing said citation & papers, leave was given to the said George Gallin to prove said will.
Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will &c of Helen M. Gallin dec^d. Dayton Hobart & John E. Foley, both of the City of New York, being duly sworn & examined, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate of the said County depose and say, and each for himself saith, that he was well acquainted with Helen M. Gallin now dec^d. that he was present as a witness and did see the said Helen M. Gallin now dec^d. sign and execute the instrument now produced and shewn to him, purporting to be the last will & testament of the said deceased, bearing date the second day of April, in the year 1831, that such subscription of the said testatrix was made in the presence of these deponents, that the said testatrix, at the same time, declared the instrument so subscribed by her, to be her last will.

last will and testament, whereupon these deponents each signed his name, at the end thereof, as a witness at the request of and in the presence of the said testatrix; and that the said testatrix, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind and memory & not under any restraint, and was, in all respects, competent to devise real and personal estate, and each of these deponents, for himself further saith, that he saw the other sign said will as a witness, in the presence of and at the request of the said testatrix. - Dayton Hobart, John E. Foley, Sworn the 30th day of May. A.D. 1843. - Before me.
Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will &c of Helen M. Gallin dec^d. Samuel S. Smith, of the County of Richmond & Sarah Hill, of the City of New York, being duly sworn & examined before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate of the County of Richmond, depose & say each for himself & herself saith, that he the said Samuel & she the said Sarah, were well acquainted with Helen M. Gallin now deceased, that they were present as witnesses and did see the said Helen M. Gallin now dec^d. sign and execute the instrument now produced and shewn to them, purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of the said deceased, bearing date the seven tenth day of March. A.D. 1843. - That such subscription of the said testatrix was made in the presence of these deponents, that the said testatrix, at the same time, declared the instrument so subscribed by her, to be ^{apparently} her last will and testament. - whereupon these deponents each signed his and her name, as witnesses, at the end thereof, in the presence of & at the request of the said testatrix; and that the said testatrix, at the time of executing & publishing said

said codicil, was of full age, of sound mind & memory not under any restraint, and was in all respects, competent to devise real and personal estate, and each of these deponents for himself and hereby further saith, that he take each saw the other sign said codicil as a witness in the presence of and at the request of the said testatrix, Samuel R. Smith, Sarah Hill, Sworn this 30th day of May, A.D. 1843, before me, Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Helen M. Cullen and of William H. Harrison and John E. Foley, both of the City of New York, being duly sworn & examined before Lewis R. Marsh, Surrogate of the County of Richmond upon I say, and each for himself saith, that he was well acquainted with Helen M. Cullen now deceased, that he was present as a witness and did see the said Helen M. Cullen, now deceased, sign and execute the instrument now produced and shewn to him, purporting to be a codicil to the last will & testament of the said Helen M. Cullen bearing date the nineteenth day of February in the year 1840; that such subscription of the said testatrix was made in the presence of these deponents; and that the said testatrix, at the same time, declared the instrument so subscribed by her to be a codicil to her last will & testament, whereupon these deponents each signed his name as a witness, at the request of and in the presence of the said testatrix; and that the said testatrix, at the time of executing and publishing said codicil, was of full age, of sound mind and memory & not under any restraint, and was, in all respects, competent to devise real and personal estate, and each of these deponents for himself further saith, that he saw the other sign said codicil

as a witness, in the presence of & at the request of and in the presence of the said testatrix.

William H. Harrison, John E. Foley,
Sworn this 3^d day of June A.D. 1843, before me Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

State of New York }
Richmond County } P. Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court held at Maudslayi Hall, in the town of Easttown, in and for said County, the second day of June A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, the foregoing proofs & examinations were taken by me the said Surrogate; that the depositions of the said Dayton Robert and John E. Foley; of the said Samuel R. Smith and Sarah Hill; and of the said William H. Harrison and John E. Foley, were by them respectively subscribed, after having been carefully read to them; and I the said Surrogate being satisfied, from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said Helen M. Cullen, including said codicil(s) was duly executed and published, as required by law; that the said testatrix, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent in all respects, to devise and bequeath real & personal estate, and not under any restraint, do therefore allow said will, including said codicils, proofs and examinations to be recorded, which will, proofs and examinations are herin contained; And do order that said will, be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to George Cullen, John M. Cullen and Charles J. Cullen, the executors therein named, on their taking & subscribing the oaths of office prescribed by law. Witness Lewis R. Marsh, the Surrogate aforesaid, on the day & year first aforesaid, Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

It is also remembered, that on the said second day of June A.D. 1843, personally appeared before me, George Tallin & John M. Tallin two of the Executors named in the will of the said Helen M. Tallin ad. and were duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law, whereupon probate of said will and letters testamentary thereon were duly issued to the said Executors and said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose, in the office of the said surrogate, Wistniff Lewis N. Marsh the surrogate aforesaid, the day & year first aforesaid.

Lewis N. Marsh Surrogate

In the name of God's Amen.
I Richard S. Merrill of the town of Northfield, in Richmond County & State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, & considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will testament, that is to say, that after all my lawful debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give, devise and bequeath to my loving wife, one hundred dollars to be paid to her sixty days after my decease & further be and be doing for said be, and also out of my household furniture that my wife may select for to furnish one room and the said one hundred dollars, the be & be doing furniture before mentioned is in addition to the interest of one thousand dollars to be paid her yearly out of my estate according to agreement that was made between us, before we was married during her natural life and also the privilege of living in my house, within room that

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she may choose so long she may feel disposed to live in said room herself; and if my wife should quit said room it will come void & the right will cease as respects said room.
I give and devise and bequeath to my son Abraham N. Merrill all my real and personal estate as it now stands, with one exception, that is the house that my son Abraham N. now lives in and three acres of ground on land I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah during her natural life then after her death to her children, the house and three acres of land to be measured off that part that the house stands on, the southeasterly bound to commence at a bigest white oak tree, then running by the publick road to lands belong to Henry Miller which is the width of said three acres in front and to extend back for said three acres.

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Sabothay six hundred dollars to be paid her two years after my decease. I give, devise & bequeath to my son Richard that he bin gone for twenty years or more and if he be present within six years, I give as before mentioned twelve hundred dollars. I give devise and bequeath to my son Jonathan wife, and children that she had by my said son in his life time the interest of two hundred dollars, payable yearly til the youngest comes with age and then said sum of two hundred dollars to be paid and each grand child is to share equal and alike in said sum of money. I give and bequeath to my said son Richard, my daughter Sarah and my daughter Sabothay the one thousand dollars, that which was the first, the interest, during the life of my wife, and after her death, to be equally divided and to have alike in the said one thousand dollars

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The several bequests above made if not paid out of my personal property to be a lien on my real estate.

I make constitute and appoint my son Abraham R. Merrill and Reuben P. Wells Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name this the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Richard L. Merrill Es.

The above written instrument subscribed by the said Richard L. Merrill was acknowledged by him to be so subscribed by him, to each of us; and he at the same time, declared the instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament; and we at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Daniel W. Decker of the town of Northfield.
Gabriel Martino of the town of Northfield.

State of New York.

5 Richmond County ss: Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court held in and for the County of Richmond, at the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, on the fifth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, before Lewis R. Marsh, Surrogate of the said County, the last will and testament of Richard L. Merrill, late of the said County dec. (of which the foregoing is a copy) was admitted to probate, after a citation to the heirs and next of kin of the said deceased, issued, served, returned & filed, according to law. Whereupon, on the day aforesaid Daniel M. Decker and Gabriel Martino, two of the subscribing witnesses to said will were duly sworn by the said Surrogate, and testified, that they did see the said Richard L. Merrill sign

and execute the said instrument; that they heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that, at the time thereof, the said deceased was of sound and disposing mind and memory; and not under any restraint, to their knowledge or belief; and that they subscribed the same as witnesses, at the request of the said testator whereupon I the Surrogate aforesaid, upon the proof aforesaid being satisfied of the genuineness and validity of said will, Order, that the said will be admitted to probate; and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Abraham R. Merrill and Reuben P. Wells herein named as Executors, on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Lewis R. Marsh

Surrogate.

State of New York.

1. Richmond County ss: Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, on the fifth day of June, A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate in the matter of proving the last will & testament of Richard L. Merrill dec. On reading & filing the petition of Abraham L. Merrill & Reuben P. Wells, propounding the will of Richard L. Merrill dec. an order was made that a citation issue to the heirs and next of kin of said deceased, in pursuance of said petition, returnable on fifth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Lewis R. Marsh

Surrogate.

2. Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of said Surrogate on the fifth day of June A.D. 1843, at before the said Surrogate.

In

In the matter of proving
the last will and testa-
ment of Richard L. Merrill dec'd.

Richmond County ss: Daniel M. Decker & Gabriel ^{Martino}
both of the town of Northfield in said County
being duly sworn and examined before Lewis
R. Marsh, Surrogate of said County, depose
and say, and each for himself & the other, that
he was present as a witness and did see
acquainted with Richard L. Merrill dec'd.
that he was present as a witness & did
see the said Richard sign and execute
the instrument now produced & shown to
him purporting to be the last will & testa-
ment of Richard L. Merrill dec'd, bearing date
the first day of March A.D. 1843; That such
subscription of said Testator was made in
his presence: that the said testator, at the
same time declared the instrument so-
subscribed by him to be his last will &
testament. Whereupon these deponents
each signed his name as a witness at
the end thereof, in the presence of & at the
request of the said testator: and that the
testator, at the time of executing & sub-
scribing said will, was of full age, of sound
mind and not under any restraint, & was
in all respects competent to devise & be-
queath real and personal estate.

And each of these deponents for himself
further saith, that he saw the other sub-
scribing witness to said will sign his
name thereto as a witness, at the request
and in the presence of the said testator.

Daniel M. Decker. Gabriel Martino.

Sworn this fifth day of June, in the
year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and forty three, before me
Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered that
at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Sur-
rogate of the County of Richmond, on the fifth-
day of June, A.D. 1843, Before
in the matter of proving the last will & testament
of Richard L. Merrill dec'd. L. R. Marsh Surrogate
& Abraham R. Merrill &
Ruben P. Wells the proponents of said will
appeared with the subscribing witnesses to
said will & returned the citation to the above
himself & next of kin of said Dec'd. to attend the pro-
bate of said will this day, with the proof of
its due service, according to law; on filing said
citation & proofs, bail was given to prove
the same. L. R. Marsh Surrogate

Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered
that on the fifth day of June A.D. 1843, personally
appeared before me, Abraham R. Merrill, Ruben
P. Wells, the Executors in the said will named
and were duly sworn to the execution thereof
by taking the oath required by law. Whereupon
on probate of the said will and letters testamentary
and thereon were duly issued to the said Execu-
tors; and the said letters recorded in a book kept
for that purpose. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the
Surrogate aforesaid, the day & year first aforesaid.
Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate

I John De Groot, of the town of Castle-
ton in the County of Richmond & State of New
York, being of sound mind & suitably improv-
ed with the uncertainty of this life, do make
& publish this as my last will & testament
in manner and form following to wit:
1st. I do hereby appoint my brother Jacob
De Groot as my sole Executor and Guardian
for

for my two youngest children, to do such acts and things as herein after mentioned and as by law required of Executors and Guardians.

2^d. It is my will and desire, that as soon after my decease as practicable, all such real property as I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, shall be sold by my said Executor, within at public or private sale as he shall deem most advantageous, & he is hereby empowered to give an Executor as for.

3^d. It is further my will & desire, that after the sale of my real property as well as personal, all my honest debts & funeral expensed shall first be paid, and after that the balance of money belonging to my estate shall be disposed of in the following manner to-wit:

I. To my son William, who has so forgotten his duty to me as a father as to cause from my heart almost every trace of paternal affection which I once had for him. I bequeath the sum of one dollar.

II. To my daughter Jane & Angelina, I bequeath the sum of one hundred dollars each.

III. Of the balance of money belonging to my estate, I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza the one third part and to my son John the remaining two thirds thereof.

In witness whereof I have John De Groot S.S.
hereunto set my hand & seal

The thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred & forty two. Signed sealed published and declared by, the above named John De Groot to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the testator.

Jpp. J. H. H. of Castleton
William De Groot of Do
John W. H. of Do.

State of New York }
Richmond County } ss. Be it Remembered, that
at a Surrogate's court, held at the
office of the Surrogate of the County
of Richmond, in the town of South-
field, in & for said County, on the
23^d day of May, A.D. 1843. Before

In the matter of proving } L. R. Marsh Surrogate
the last will and testa- }
ment of John De Groot dec'd. }
On reading & filing the
petition of Jacob De Groot propounding the will
of the said dec'd, an order was made & entered
that a citation issue to the next of kin and
heirs of the said Dec'd in pursuance of
said petition, returnable at the house of the
said Jacob De Groot, in the town of Castleton
in said County, on the fifth day of June next,
at four o'clock in the afternoon. It appearing
in and by the said Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate
petition, that the said John De Groot & Eliza
De Groot, two of the heirs of the said Dec'd
are minors and have general guardians. It
was ordered that William De Groot of the town
of Castleton appointed, be appointed guardian
for the said minors, to appear & take care of
the interests of said minors, in the proceedings
to be had on the said petition.

Be it also remembered, that at a
Surrogate's court held in & for said County,
at the place aforesaid, on the fifth day of
June, A.D. 1843. Before the said Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will
and testament of John De Groot dec'd,
Jacob De Groot the applicant for the probate
of the said will appeared & made a return
of the citation to the heirs & next of kin
of said Dec'd, by which it appeared the same
had been duly served on all the heirs &
next of kin of the said Dec'd, (except one
William

William De Groot, one of the said heirs and next of kin) to appear & attend the probate of said will; and made affidavit of the due service of the said citation. He also returned the appointment of Guardian with the assent to become guardian and so on. Whereupon it was ordered that the hearing of this matter be adjourned to the sixteenth day of June inst. at the same hour and place; and that an alias citation issue directed to the said William De Groot, pursuant to said petition. Return also at the time & place last aforesaid.
L. R. Marsh Surrogate

Return? (County of): Be it also remembered that, at a surrogate's court held at the house of Jacob De Groot, in the town of Castleton in said County, on the sixteenth day of June, A.D. 1843. Before the said Surrogate. In the matter of proving the last will and testament of John De Groot deceased. The matter of proving said will having been adjourned to this day: Jacob De Groot, the proponent of said will and the Executor therein named appeared and returned the citation issued to William De Groot, one of the heirs & next of kin of said deceased, and made proof the due service of said citation as required by law: Whereupon the said surrogate being satisfied, that all the heirs & next of kin of said deceased have been duly cited to appear and attend the probate of said will & on filing said papers, leave was given to the said proponent to prove said will.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate.

In the matter of proving
the last will & testament
of John De Groot dec'd. } John J. Blute and
John Barker, both of the town of Castleton
in the County of Richmond, two of the sub-
scribing witnesses to said will, being duly
sworn and examined, before Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate of said County, depone and say, one each
for himself, saith, that he did see John De-
Groot now deceased, sign & execute the instru-
ment now produced and shown to him pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of
of the said John De Groot dec'd, bearing date
the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight
hundred and forty two: that such subscrip-
tion of the testator was made in the pre-
sence of these deponents: that the said
testator, at the same time, declared the
instrument so subscribed by him to be
his last will and testament: whereupon
these deponents each signed his name at
the end thereof, as a witness, at the request
of and in the presence of the said testator.
And that the said testator was, at the time
of executing and publishing said will, of
full age, of sound mind and memory, and
not under any restraint; and was, in all
respects, competent to devise real & personal
estate; and each of these deponents, for
himself further saith, that he saw the
other sign his name as a witness in
the presence of and at the request of the
said testator. John J. Blute. John Bar-
ker. Sworn the sixteenth day of June
A.D. 1843, before me.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving
the last will & testament
of John De Groot dec'd. } Be it remembered
that

William De Groot, one of the said heirs and next of kin) to appear & attend the probate of said will; and made affidavit of the due service of the said citation. He also returned the appointment of Guardian with the assent to become guardian and so on. Whereupon it was ordered that the hearing of this matter be adjourned to the sixteenth day of June inst. at the same hour and place; and that an alias citation issue directed to the said William De Groot, pursuant to said petition, returnable at the time & place last aforesaid.

L. R. Marsh Surrogate

Return. (County of): Be it also remembered that, at a Surrogate's Court held at the house of Jacob De Groot in the town of Castleton in said County, on the sixteenth day of June, A. D. 1843. Before the said Surrogate. In the matter of proving the last will and testament of John De Groot deceased. The matter of proving said will having been adjourned to this day: Jacob De Groot, the proponent of said will and the Executor therein named appeared and returned the citation issued to William De Groot, one of the heirs & next of kin of said deceased and made proof the due service of said citation as required by law. Whereupon the said Surrogate being satisfied, that all the heirs & next of kin of said deceased have been duly cited to appear and attend the probate of said will. On filing said papers, leave was given to the said proponent to prove said will.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of John De Groot dec'd. } John J. Clute and John Barker, both of the town of Castleton in the County of Richmond, two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, being duly sworn and examined, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate of said County, upon our say, and each for himself, saith, that he did see John De Groot now deceased, sign & execute the instrument now produced and shown to him purporting to be the last will and testament of the said John De Groot dec'd, bearing date the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty two: that such subscription of the testator was made in the presence of these deponents: that the said testator, at the same time, declared the instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will and testament. Whereupon these deponents each signed his name at the end thereof, as a witness, at the request of and in the presence of the said testator and that this said testator was, at the time of executing and publishing said will, of full age, of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint; and was, in all respects, competent to devise real & personal estate; and each of these deponents, for himself further saith, that he saw the other sign his name as a witness in the presence of and at the request of the said testator. John J. Clute. John Barker. Sworn the sixteenth day of June A. D. 1843, before me.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of John De Groot dec'd. } Be it remembered that

that, at a Surrogate's court, held at the office house of Jacob De Groot, in the town of Castleon in said County, on the sixteenth day of June A.D. 1843, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate the foregoing proofs and examinations were taken before me the said Surrogate; that the depositions of John J. Hite and John Barker were by them respectively subscribed, after having been carefully read to them, and I the said Surrogate being satisfied from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said John De Groot was duly executed and published, as required by law, that the said testator at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent in all respects, to devise & bequeath real and personal estate, and not under any restraint, do therefore allow said will, proofs and examinations to be recorded which will, proofs and examinations are herein before contained, and do order that said will be admitted to probate and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Jacob De Groot the executor therein named, on his taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, the sixteenth day of June, in the year 1843.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

Be it remembered, that on the said sixteenth day of June A.D. 1840, personally appeared before me Jacob De Groot, the executor named in the will of John De Groot deceased, and was duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law

law; whereupon probate of said will, & letters testamentary thereon were duly issued to the said Executor, and said letters duly recorded in the book kept for that purpose in the office of the said Surrogate.

Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid the sixteenth day of June, in the year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

I know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Lake, of the town of Northfield in the County of Richmond & State of New York Farmer, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, but conscious of the uncertainty of this mortal life, and desirous of making a suitable disposal of my worldly estate, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner as follows, to wit:

1. Impiornis. It is my will, and I do hereby direct that all my just debts, both pecuniary and testamentary, be first paid, as soon as practicable after my decease and interment.

2. Item. It is my will, that my wife Mary Lake shall take the one third of all the real estate of which I shall die seized of in fee simple, and also the use and interest of all my personal property, of what ever name or kind I may die possessed of during her natural life. (Excepting) after the decease of my wife Mary Lake, I give and bequeath such of my personal property as shall then remain to my daughter Mary Ainsley, her heirs and assigns.

3. Item. I do hereby give and devise unto my grandsons William Lake, that portion of my farm, called the Mess house lot, extending from the Hill Van Rull road to a row of Cedar trees that

that crops said lot, by a ditch lying in a westerly direction from the house lately owned by Mrs. Wandle.

Item. I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Ansley, that portion of my real estate called the Wess house lot. Beginning at the row of cedar trees before mentioned, and extending of equal width to the old place road, as at the beginning.

Item. I give and devise unto my son Joseph Lake the farm whereon I now reside to have & to hold during his natural life, and after his decease to be equally divided among his lawful heirs (excepting his son William before mentioned) their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I do also will and direct, that that portion of my real estate, situate & lying to the south of the highway, known as the old place road be hereby given to the lawful heirs of my son Daniel Lake, their heirs and assigns forever, equally share and share alike of by the decease of their father, hereby directing, that be the said Daniel Lake my son shall have the use and benefit of such farms during his natural life. I have thought proper to make some mention of the cause of not at present giving my son Daniel equal with my other children at present, is as follows. - I have let my son Daniel have the place he has lived on for upwards of twenty years, and has had his fire wood upwards of thirty years, without his paying any thing for said land or wood, and also I have paid a hundred dollars for & on his account, and consider what he has had would have been equal with what my other children will get.

Likewise, I make constitute and appoint my son Joseph Lake Junr Benjamin D. Baker

and my grandson William Lake, to be the Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Joseph Lake S.S.

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph Lake in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and at the same time declared the above instrument to be his last will and testament and we at his request have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

Richard Bonner, of the town of Goshen farmer
Edward P. Barnes the of Northfield

Peter M. East of the town of Northfield.

State of New York }
Richmond County } ss Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, at the town of Southfield, in and for said County, on the twelfth day June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, before Lewis R. Marsh, Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Joseph Lake dec'd. on reading and filing the petition of Joseph Lake and Benjamin Decker, propounding the will of the said deceased an order was made that a citation issue to the widow heirs and next of kin of the said deceased in presence of the said petition, Returnable at the office of the Surrogate the twelfth day of June then instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate

Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield, in and for the County of said, on the twentieth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Joseph Lake and Benjamin Decker, the proponent and two of the Executors named in said will, appeared. The service of the said citation on the widow, heirs and next of kin of said Deceased was duly proved. On filing said citation and papers, leave was given to the said proponents to prove said will, but on the application of the said Executors on account of the non attendance of their own set, the hearing of this matter was adjourned until the first day of July then next ensuing at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield in and for said County, on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Joseph Lake and Benjamin Decker the above named Executors appeared and proceeded to prove the will of said dec'd, agreeably to leave given for that purpose, on the 20th of June last whereupon Richard Conners, Edward P. Barnes and Peter M. Post, the subscribing witnesses to said will, being duly sworn and examined, before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate of said County, depose and say, each for himself

himself, saith, that he was present as a witness and did see ^{the said} Joseph Lake now dec'd, sign and execute the instrument now produced and shown to him purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Joseph Lake and bearing date the eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one; that such subscription of the said testator was made in the presence of these deponents; that the said testator, at the same time read and the instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will & testament and upon these deponents each subscribed his name as a witness at the end thereof, at the request and in the presence of the said testator and that the said testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint and was, in all respects competent to devise real and personal estate. And each of these deponents, for himself further said, that he saw each of the others sign said will as a witness, in the presence of and at the request of the said testator.

Richard Conner, Edward P. Barnes, Peter M. Post Sworn this first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Before me Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

State of New York,

Richmond County ss: Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in Southfield, in and for said County, on the first day of July, A.D. 1843, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, the foregoing proofs and examinations were taken before me the said Surrogate, that the depositions of the said witnesses were by them duly subscribed, after having been carefully read to them: And I the said Surrogate

Surrogate, being satisfied, from the proofs and examinations so taken; that the will of the said Joseph Lake was duly executed and published as required by law; that the said testator at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent to devise and bequeath real and personal estate, and not under any restraint, do therefore allow said will, proofs and examinations to be recorded; which said will, proofs and examinations are herein before contained: and do order that said will be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Joseph Lake, Benjamin Lake, and William Lake, the Executors therein named, on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law. Witness Lewis R. Marsh, the Surrogate, at Richmond, on the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

Richmond County ss: Be it also remembered that on the said first day of July 1813 personally appeared before me Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, Joseph Lake, Benjamin Lake and William Lake, the Executors named in the will of the said Joseph Lake as above, and were duly sworn to the due execution of said will, by taking the oath required by law: whereupon probate of said will & letters testamentary thereon were duly issued to the said Executors; and said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose in the office of said Surrogate. Witness Lewis R. Marsh the Surrogate aforesaid, the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate

In the name of God, Amen. I Mary of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Richmond and State of New York, being in a sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will & testament: that is to say first, after all my lawful debts are paid, and funeral expenses discharged, I give, devise and bequeath to my loving wife the use of all my real and personal property during her natural life, and then after her death, to my three children in the following manner, after the decease of my wife, providing that my son Charles is twenty one year old, as I so hereby direct it, for all my real and personal estate to be sold for a division: but if my wife should die before said named son is twenty one, my executor hereafter named is to take prudent care of the property, namely for the provision and interest for my children, till my son come with age, and then it to be sold, and from the monies, in the first place, I give and devise and bequeath to my son Charles, my daughter Mary Ann, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid to each of them, and the remainder I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Abigail, my daughter Mary, John and my son Charles to be divided each to have equal and to share and share alike in the said remaining monies, and if my daughter Abigail should die before my wife, her right and interest in my before mentioned property is to be then divided betwixt my daughter Mary Ann and my son Charles, equal and share alike in said right and

and interest that would come to my daughter
the Abigail, if she survive her mother.

I commit to my wife the guardianship
of my son Charles, while he is un-
der age. Likewise I make, constitute &
appoint Isaac Dick Winant and my wife
to be executors of this my last will &
testament, hereby revoking all other
wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
scribed my name this the fifth day of
September one thousand eight hundred
and forty three.

I do hereby authorize my wife
to sell or let some of my real
estate if she can get along
without it, or as well to make
her comfortable through life

Moses G. Turner

The above written instrument subscribed
by the said Moses G. Turner was acknow-
ledged by him to be so subscribed by him
to each of us and he at the same time
declared the instrument so subscribed
to be his last will and testament, and
at his request have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto.

Abraham T. Merrill, of the town of Northfield
Thomas Christopher of the town of Northfield

State of New York

Richmond County } Do it remember
that at the Surrogate's court, held at the office
of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond
in the town of Southfield, on and for
said County, on the twenty ninth day
of September, in the year one thousand
eight hundred and forty three before

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving
the last will & testament of
Moses G. Turner dec'd the petition of Jere-
diah Winant and Anna Turner, proposing
the will of the said deceased, an affidavit
made and entered, that a citation ^{in the} issue
next if his and heirs of the said deceased,
in pursuance of said petition, returnable
at the office of the said Surrogate, in the
town of Southfield in said County, on the
ninth day of October A.D. 1843, at 5 o'clock in
in the afternoon. It appearing in and by the
said petition, that Mary Ann Turner and
Charles Turner, heirs at law and next of
kin of the said dec'd, are infants, under
the age of twenty one years and have no
general guardian, it was ordered that
William Goodheart, of the town of North-
field in said County, be appointed gene-
ral guardian of the said minors, to appear and take
care of the interest of said minors, in the
proceedings to be had on the said petition.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

Be it also remembered, that at a Surro-
gate's court, held at the office of the Surro-
gate of said County, in the town of South-
field in and for said County, on the 9th
day of October A.D. 1843. Before

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving
the last will & testament of
Moses G. Turner dec'd } Jacob and Thomas
Christopher, both of the town of Northfield
in the County of Richmond, being duly
sworn and examined before Lewis R.
Marsh, Surrogate of said County, depose
and say, and each, for himself depose
and say, that he was present as a
witness

witness and did see the said Moses G. Turner sign and execute the instrument now produced and shown to him, purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Decedent, bearing date the fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, that such subscription of said testator was made in his presence; that the said testator at the same time declared the instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will and testament, whereupon the co-defendants each subscribed his name as a witness at the end thereof, in the presence and at the request of the said testator, and that the said testator at the time of executing and publishing said will, was of full age, of sound mind & memory and not under any restraint, and was in all respects competent to devise and bequeath real and personal estate; and each of these subscribing witnesses for him self further saith, that he saw the other subscribing witnesses to said will sign his name thereto as a witness, in the presence and at the request of the said testator. Abraham R. Merrill, Thomas Christopher, sworn the ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate,

Richmond County, N.Y. Be it Remembered that at a Surrogate's court, held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond at Southfield, in and for said County, on the ninth day of October, A.D. 1843 before

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

The foregoing proofs and examinations were taken before me the said Surrogate, that the depositions of the said Abraham R. Merrill and Thomas Christopher were by them

them respectively subscribed, after having been carefully read to them, and if the said Surrogate being satisfied, from the proofs and examinations so taken, that the will of the said Moses G. Turner was duly executed and published according to law, that the said testator, at the time of executing and publishing said will, was fully competent in all respects, to devise and bequeath real and personal estate, and not under any restraint, do therefore allow said will, proofs & examinations to be recorded; which said will, proofs and examinations are herein before recorded and confirmed. - And do order that said will be admitted to probate, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted to Jedediah Winant and Anna Turner, the Executors therein named, on their taking and subscribing the oath of office prescribed by law.

Witness Lewis R. Marsh, the Surrogate afore said, on the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate.

Richmond County, N.Y. Be it also remembered, that on the said ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, personally appeared before me, Jedediah Winant and Anna Turner, the Executors in said will named, and were duly sworn to the execution thereof, by taking the oath required by law. Whereupon probate of said will & letters testamentary thereon were duly issued to the said Executors; and the said letters recorded in the book kept for that purpose, in the office of the said Surrogate.

Witness Lewis R. Marsh, the Surrogate, the day and year first aforesaid.

Lewis R. Marsh
Surrogate.

I James Johnson, of the town of Northfield, in the County of Richmond & State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, do make this my last will & testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Ann Johnson all my property, both personal or real, that I may die possessed of, whether furniture, railway stocks or whatever else it may be - except however the portrait of my mother, which portrait I bequeath to that brother that will pay my wife Ann the greatest amount of money for it, which money so arising from the disposal of said portrait I bequeath to my wife aforesaid. I do hereby appoint James Sharp & Paul Muscareau Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said testator as his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request & in his presence then the presence of each other, have subscribed our names hereto the day and year aforesaid.

Cornelius Coyle, of Northfield
John W. Barnes of Northfield
John J. Clute of Castleton.

State of New York
Richmond County } p. Be it Remembered
that at a Surrogate's Court, held at the Surrogate's office of the Surrogate of the County of

of Richmond, in the town of Southfield, in and for said County, on the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, In the matter of proving the last will and testament of James Johnson dec'd. ^{on reading of the petition of} Paul Muscareau and James Sharp, propounding the will of said deceased, an order was made, that a citation issue to the widow, heirs and next of kin of said Deceased, in pursuance of said petition. Returnable on the thirty first day of October three next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Be it remembered, that at a Surrogate's Court held at the office of the Surrogate of the County of Richmond, in the town of Southfield, in and for said County, on the thirty first day of October, In the year, one thousand eight hundred & forty three, Before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate, In the matter of proving the last will & testament of James Johnson dec'd. Paul Muscareau and James Sharp, the propounders of said will & the Executors there in named, appeared. The service of the said citation on the widow heirs and next of kin, was duly proved. On filing said citation and papers, leave was given to the said propounders to prove said will. Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of James Johnson dec'd. Cornelius Coyle, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, being duly sworn and examined before Lewis R. Marsh Surrogate of said County, depose and say under oath for himself, depose and say, that he was well acquainted with James Johnson dec'd. & was present as a witness & did see him sign