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Page 185.—In the name of God, Amen. The 14th day of December, 1773. I, JOSEPH FOWLER, of the West Patent of North Castle, Westchester County, farmer, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Hannah, £50 and her choice of the rooms of my house with a privilege in my "seller" and milk house, one bed and its furniture and that her choice of all the beds, and the above, except the £50, she is not to hold any longer than she remains my widow. To my daughter, Anne Merett, £8. To my son, Joseph Fowler, £5. To my son, Ammon Fowler, £5. To my daughter, Susannah Hunt, five shillings. To my daughter, Charity Carpenter, five shillings. To my son Isaac, £5. To my daughter Jean, £50, five shillings paid at the time of her marriage. To my son Henry, £105. To my son James, £105. I appoint my three sons, Joseph, Stephen and Ammon Fowler, executors, whom I empower when my son James arrives at the age of twenty-three to sell all my estate, real and personal, and from the monies first to pay the above legacies, and the remainder to be divided among my sons and daughter as follows: first my two youngest sons, Henry and James's legacies to be paid from the sale of the land, and the rest from the sale of the moveable estate, and the remainder from the sale of the lands

to all my sons above named equally, and the remainder for the sale of the moveables to all my daughters above said.

Witnesses, Benjamin Smith, Thomas Wright, of North Castle, yeoman; Daniel Forman. Proved, Westchester County, September 3, 1784. Administration granted to Joseph and Ammon Fowler, September 13, 1784.

Page 187.—In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd day of August, 1776. I, ARNOUT WEBBERS, of the outward of the City of New York, farmer, being weak of body. All my debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executor and he is to dispose of so much of my estate as will discharge the same. To my loving wife Sarah all the profits of my estate during her widowhood. To my oldest son Oliver £5 for his birth right. The rest of my estate to my seven children, to wit: Hilah, Sarah, Lette, Hannah, Oliver, Philip, John, and my granddaughter, Grace Stilwell, equally divided. If any of my children die under age without issue the share of such to the survivors. The share devised to my daughter Sarah shall remain in the hands of my executor for her use to support her with, and if any part thereof remain after her decease the same I give to her children, Abraham, John and Sarah. My estate to be finally divided within six months of the decease or intermarriage of my wife. I make my son Philip, executor.

Witnesses, Oliver Webbers, Oliver Webbes, G. Furman. Proved, New York, September 13, 1784, when Oliver Webbers, of New York City, mason, swore that he saw Arnout Webbers sign the above will, and saw Oliver Webbers, one of the other witnesses sign, and that George Furman wrote the will and was present at the execution, but that he did not perfectly recollect seeing him subscribe the same as a witness. Administration granted to Philip Webbers the same day.



Page 189.—In the name of God, Amen. This 4th day of September, 1769. I, CALEB FOWLER, of the West Patent of North Castle, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Anne three of my milk cows, her choice of all the cows, and my "ball mair" and side saddle and "brydle," two of my best "fether beds well fixt with cloaths," ten sheep, and the small brass kittle, two puter plates, six plates, a case of "knifes" and "ffaurks," and over and above what is above given to my wife I give her for five years, for her use and to bring up my children on, all my land on the west side of the road and on the east side from the land of Henry Fowlers southward to the road that goes to Caleb Haight, with my house, and after that I order all those lands to be sold, and the remainder of my land on the south side of the road to Caleb Haight to be sold; also my moveable estate, both chattels, utensils for farming, etc., except that given to my wife, and my "silver helt soard" and my cane which I give to my son William; also my farm where my son William now lives to be sold. Out of the monies arising from the sales my executors are to pay my daughter, Mary Sutton, £10, and £10 to my daughter, Hannah Fowler, and all the rest be equally divided among my children, that is to say, one tenth each to my sons, William, Jonathan, Caleb, Moses, Stephen, Gilbert, James and to my daughters Anne, Rebeckah, Elezebeth; and if any die before twenty-one without issue the share of such to be divided between the others. I appoint my two sons, William and Jonathan Fowler, and my friend, Benjamin Smith, of the above Patent, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Kipp, Samuel Haight, of Phillips Manor, Westchester County, yeoman; of the People called quakers, Henry Ludlow, Jr. Proved, Westchester County, September 8, 1784. Administration granted to Benjamin Smith, September 14, 1784.

Page 191.—In the name of God, Amen. This “Thirtieth” day of March, 1776. I, GILBERT BLOOMER, of Rye, Westchester County, yeoman, being weake in body. I make my loving wife Hannah sole executrix. I leave to the eldest son of my son Gilbert, deceased £3 at his arriving at twenty-one years of age, which shall exclude him from claiming as heir-at-law any part in my estate. All the residue of my estate, real and personal, both in houses, lands, mills, meadows and moveable estate, after my wife has paid my debts, I give to my wife, Hannah Bloomer, her heirs and assigns forever absolutely.

Witnesses, John Guion (of Rye, yeoman); Thomas Roberson, Gilbert Robinson. Proved, Westchester County, September 10, 1784. Administration granted to Hannah Bloomer, New York, September 14, 1784.

Page 192.—I, ABRAHAM CARPENTER, of North Castle, Westchester County, this 18th of the 2nd month, 1780, do make my last will. I give to my wife Lidia the best room in the house, one third of the use of my lands as long as she remains my widow, also the best bed, one horse and saddle, two cows, five sheep, and household goods so as to keep house, and I give to my two daughters each £60, Freelove and Elizabeth, when they come of age or marry. To my sons all the remainder of my estate, real and personal, equally divided, and the use of the “hole” to be applied to bring up the children till the youngest comes to be fourteen years of age, then the legacies of those under age to be put out to use for them till they are of age. I appoint David Marshel, Sr., Gilbert Carpenter and Lydia Carpenter, executors.

Witnesses, James Weeks, of North Castle, yeoman; David Marshall, Rebecah Marshall. Proved, Westchester County September 10, 1784.

Page 193.—The People of the State of New York to all to whom these Presents shall come greeting.

Whereas, Anthony A. Rutgers, late of Newark, New Jersey, formerly of the City of New York, deceased, did make his will bearing date the 5th of October, 1775, and appointed Gertruyda Rutgers, Nicholas Gouverneur, Leonard Lispenard, Isaac Ogden and Lewis Ogden, executors, and whereas on the 17th of April last at New York City the said will was proved and administration granted to Nicholas Gouverneur and Leonard Lispenard, two of the executors, and whereas Lewis Ogden, one other executor, has since signified that he is willing to be joined as executor, now know ye that the administration is hereby granted to the said Nicholas Gouverneur, Leonard Lispenard and Lewis Ogden, New York, August 12, 1784.

N. B. The will of Anthony A. Rutgers, above referred to is recorded in Book of Wills 1783 to 1784, page 388.

Page 194.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DERRICK AMBERMAN, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being in good health at present. I leave to my beloved son John £5, and my great Dutch Bible. To Margaret, my dearly beloved wife, the best bed and its furniture, all her wearing clothes, my cupboard and all the linens that shall be therein and £30 a year during her widowhood or for life. The whole of my estate, real or personal, in Jamaica or elsewhere I empower my executors to make sale of and turn into money at the best advantage within a reasonable time after my decease, and the monies therefrom to be applied as follows: I give for the maintenance of my son Daniel £300, he to be maintained amongst my three children, and after his death what may be left thereof to be divided amongst my said children, namely, John, Derrick's heirs and Sarah. The rest of my estate I order to be divided into three parts, half one part to my son John, or if dead to his children, one part to the children of my son Derrick, deceased, one to my daughter Sarah, or if dead to her children, and one half part

to my son Cornelius if at that time he be within the Kings lines, if not to his children when at lawful age. I appoint my trusty and loving brother, Peter Amberman, of Kings County, my loving cousin, Peter Wickhoff, of Flat Lands, Kings County, and my friend and cousin, Peter Amberman, at Staten Island, executors, allowing them reasonable satisfaction for their trouble.

Dated March 19, 1781. Witnesses, Simon Lamber-son, Nathaniel Box, of Jamaica, yeoman; Bernardus Lamberson. Proved, New York, April 12, 1784.

Page 196.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREAS WIDDERWAX, Farmer in Tamhanick, Albany County, being weak in body. I leave to my first born, Bastian Widderwax, 8 shillings for his birth right. To my son Hannes, 231 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land, whereon he now lives in Tamhanick joining the farm on which I now live with this condition that he pays £80 for the remaining debt on the said land, he having a deed for the land from me already.

To Martin Widderwax the farm whereon I now dwell in Tamhanick, at the extent of a farm surveyed for Alexander Widderwax, containing 235 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, also our new waggon, a plow, harrow, our "pleasure slay," and an "iron shot wood slay," of which land and farm he the said Martin is to have a sufficient deed, but he is to give me yearly as long as God shall spare my life for the maintenance of me and my beloved wife Anna twenty-four bushels of wheat, ten bushels of Indian corn, six bushels of rye, and to keep two cows for our use, and after my death he shall be obliged to give my wife half of the above-mentioned maintenance as long as she lives. To my wife Anna a certain bond given me by Carl Traber of £95 10 shillings lest in case she should not be in need of the money it shall be used for the payment of the debt on the land. To my son Alexander 200 acres on the river joining Van Antwerp's line and the lot of my son Martin; but then he is to move from the place he occupies now as it belongs

to Martin when he, Martin, wants the use thereof, and I order Alexander that he shall then quit said place without disturbance or any molestation, and he to pay £30 for the remaining debt yet on the land. Next I give to my son David 280 acres of land whereon he lives at present in Tamhanick joining Peter Dody's farm at Northeast, he to pay £120 for the debt on the land. To my son Peter 269 acres of land in Tamhanick joining the line of Michel Cooock at the east, he to pay £110 for the debt which is on the land as yet. To my son Jacob 220 acres of land whereon he now lives and whereof he has a deed but he must pay £20 yet to settle the debt on the land, which lies in Tamhanick joining the farm of Carl Traver. To my two daughters, Barbara and Elisabeth, 104 acres in Tamhanick, joining the land of my son Hannes. To my daughter, Barbara Tingle, 20 acres in Tamhanick between the farms of my sons, Hannes and Peter, to her and her heirs but after their death to my son Hannes. I leave 800 acres in Tamhanick joining Ranslearswyke on Hoosick road where Nicholas Monray lives, which land shall be sold and the money be for the payment of the remaining debt on the whole Patent, and if it should not be enough then each of my sons herein mentioned shall pay an equal share till the whole is paid, but if there should be any over and above this it shall be equally divided between the children of my former wife, Barbara, "namently": Bastian, Henry, Andreas, Anna, Margreth, Anna Maria, Dorothea, Elisabeth and Catharina. I appoint my trusty friends, Henry Grauberger and George Wetzel, executors.

Dated January 18, 1780. Witnesses, Wendel Overacker, Hannes Kebler, farmer; John Clints, schoolmaster. Proved, May 10, 1784, Albany County, confirmed New York, September 16, 1784.

Page 199.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHAN HERRICK, of Southampton, Suffolk County, hattmaker. I leave to my son Nathaniel my now dwelling house,

barn and outhouses at second Neck, with all that tract of land on which the said buildings stand, and all my other lands and meadows in Southampton westward of the Cannoe place except what is hereunder given to my son Henry. To my son Henry my now dwelling house, barn and shop, with all that house lot on which they stand adjoining the town street with all my lands and meadows to the eastward of Cannoe place, also one fifty right of land in Paugonquoge, and one half fifty right in the lot No. 9 in the Cannoe place division in Quoge purchase, also one half fifty right in a small cedar swamp near red Creek, and a piece of meadow off of my lot of meadow lying against Quantuck Bay, beginning at the west end extending eastward. To my two daughters, namely, Eunice White and Mehetable Sayre, twenty shillings in cash each. To my daughter, Martha Woolly, forty shillings in cash, but if she shall survive the first day of January, 1778, then I give her the sum of £4. The remainder of my estate shall be divided between my two sons above named. I make my sons, Nathaniel and Henry Herrick, Executors, December 27, 1773.

Witnesses, Edward Howell, Paul Halsey, Jr., hatter and Stephen Rogers. Memorandum before signing that the lands, etc., given to my son Nathaniel are to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Proved, Suffolk County, July 8, 1784. Administration granted to Henry Herrick, New York, September 16, 1784.

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen. The 29th day of November, 1776. I, ABRAHAM COOPER, late of Southampton, Long Island, now resident at Saybrook, Connecticut, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to Hannah, my dearly beloved wife, £10 and all my plate. To my son John my house, and lot and all my lands within Southampton. To my son Abraham £600 and my silver hilted sword. To my son Gilbert £500. To my two daughters, Hannah and Mehetabell, £200 each. To my son Foster £400. The

residue of my estate to be divided as the law directs. I make my son, John Cooper, sole executor.

Witnesses, Temperance Foster, Ruth Foster, spinster, but "now Ruth Sayre" at the proof of will, and Obadiah Johnes. Proved, Suffolk County, August 21, 1784. Administration granted to John Cooper, New York, September 16, 1784.

Page 201.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS OAKES, of the City of New York, Gentleman, being in good health. I leave to my beloved wife Elshe, in case she survives me, a suit of mourning of the value of £15, my negro boy, named Ben, and the negro slave girl, named Bett, and all the household furniture which she brought me. Fifteen months after my decease I devise to my wife £100, over and above the £100 secured to her by contract before my marriage with her. To my eldest son Thomas, twenty shillings (in compliance with custom as my heir at law). To my son Garret my gun or musquet now in my house. Whereas I have heretofore advanced to my son Thomas £60 and to my daughter, Mary Brass, £60 for an outset, therefore I give to each of my other children, to wit: Garret, Elizabeth Oakes and Martha Oakes, the like sum of £60 each before any distribution of my whole estate. The residue of my estate to my five children above named equally divided. I empower my executors to sell my real estate as they think best at any time within fifteen months of my decease. I make my wife Elshe, my friends Andrew Gautier, of New York City, Esquire, and John McKesson of the said city, attorney at law, executors.

Dated New York City, December 20, 1771. Witnesses, Abrm. H. Van Vleck, Peter H. Kip, Wm. Wentworth, John J. Meyers (the two last of New York City, "scriveners"). Proved, New York, February 3, 1784. Administration granted to Elshe Oakes and John McKayson, New York, September 20, 1784.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNA CLOWES, of Jamaica, Queens County, single woman, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to my brother-in-law, Joseph Sacket (if living) £70. To my sister, Mary Thane, £50 and half of my wearing apparel, the other half to my sister Alletta Willett. To my niece, Mary Thane, daughter of my sister Mary, my silver tea tongs. To Millicent Sackett, daughter of my nephew, Joseph Sackett, my half dozen silver tea spoons. As to the rest of my estate, real and personal, I dispose thereof in the following manner, to wit: two seventh thereof to my sister, Mary Thane, one seventh to my brother, Peter Clowes, one seventh to my nephew, John Clowes (son of my brother John), one seventh to my sister, Alletta Willett, one seventh to James, Peter and Millicent Sackett, children of my said nephew, Joseph Sackett, and to such other child or children which my said nephew now hath (who's names are unknown to me), the other seventh thereof to Peter, Nathaniel and Caleb Mills, children of my sister, Catharine Mills, deceased. Lastly I appoint my said brother, Peter Clowes, and my brother-in-law, Edward Willett, executors.

Dated August 2, 1780. Witnesses, William Bogle, Hope Mills, Mary Mills. Proved, New York, September 20, 1784, when Margaret Willett, of New York City, spinster, swore to the will.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL BELL, of the City of New York, blacksmith, the 4th of December, 1767. I leave to my eldest son Andrew, one shilling for his birthright. My will is that my beloved wife Jane shall have the full management of my whole estate, real and personal, while my widow. After her decease my estate to be equally divided among my children, namely: my sons Andrew, Robert and Samuel, my daughter Mary, wife of Robert Leonard, and Jane, and if any die before twenty-one, his or her share to be divided among my children living.



If my wife die before all my children be of age then his or their share shall be put at interest for the use of such till twenty-one. My executors shall take an inventory of my estate after my wife's decease and sell the same at Publick Vendue or otherwise for to give every child his equal share. I appoint my beloved wife Jane, my son Andrew and my son-in-law, Robert Leonard, executors.

Dated December 4, 1767. Witnesses, Jacobus Stoutenburgh, George Walgrove, of New York City, cooper; Samuel Johnson. Proved, New York, September 21, 1784. Administration granted to Mary Leonard and Jane Hilyard, both widows, of New York City, daughters, and two of the residuary legatees of Samuel Bell late of the same place, blacksmith, deceased, the executors, Jane Bell, Andrew Bell and Robert Leonard being deceased before the probate, New York, September 21, 1784.

Page 207.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARENT MYER, of the out ward of the City of New York, farmer. I leave to my beloved wife Susannah for life all my estate, real and personal, and after her death one moiety or half part thereof to my granddaughter, Susannah Waldron, the child of my daughter Angeltie, who intermarried with Peter Waldron; the other half to my grandchildren, Arent Bushing and Susannah Bushing, the children of my daughter Margaret, who intermarried with Abraham Bushing. In case of the death of the said Susannah Waldron under age without issue, her share to my said grandchildren, Arent and Susannah Bushing, and in case of the death of Arent or Susannah Bushing under age, the share of such to the survivor, and in case of the death of both their shares to the said Susannah Waldron, it being my intention that the said grandchildren should enjoy such estates as their parents would have had had they been living at the time of the death of my said wife; and lest any controversies should arise concerning the

partition of my estate, my executors are required to divide the real estate by meets and bounds if they shall think it best for the amicable settlement of the said estate, but if they think it more suitable that it be turned into money then they are directed to sell the same. I appoint my wife Susannah, my sons-in-law, the said Peter Waldron and Abraham Bushing, executors.

Dated November 23, 1773. Witnesses, Eve Myer, Richard Morris, of New York City, Esquire, Lewis Morris 3d. Proved, New York, September 21, 1784. Administration granted to Susannah Myer the same date.

Page 209.—In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons but one God. I, ABIJAH PERKINS, Surgeon, residing in the Precinct of New Marlborough, in perfect mind and memory, in the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when I shall be called out of this troublesome and deceitful world. As for such worldly good as it has pleased my all gracious and provident God to intrust me with, I dispose of them in the following manner for His glory, viz.: to my loving wife Lucy, I leave one horse, one cow and half my household furniture (my books and medicines excepted). The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my children, Hannah Perkins and George Whitefield Perkins, except as hereafter excepted, the use of my estate to remain in the sole hands of my wife till my son George arrive at the age of twenty-one if he lives so long, if not then till my said daughter is eighteen, and one third of my whole estate to remain to my wife during her life. Also in testimony of the truth of the sacred Scriptures and the Christian Religion, as also the love I bear to my dear brethren and sisters, I pray them to accept of a Bible "in 24," viz.: to John, Isaac and Seth Perkins, Lucy Elisabeth Sterlin, Margaret Belden, Sarah Marvin, Hannah and Lydia Perkins, one to each ear-

nestly desiring them carefully, godly and diligently to read the same. Also my will is that my children be carefully and most religiously edecated both by example and precept, but before all that they be taught the knowledge of the only living and true God and our Lord Jesus Christ, that their tender years might much be spent in reading the holy Scriptures and Godly writers, especially I recommend holy Mr. Williston, Rutherford, Welch, and the pious and accurate Mr. Harvey, Dr. Dodridge, Mr. Baxter, Dr. Tillotson, among the moderns; as also the searching and true divines, Mr. Shepperd and Mr. Edwards, and the ancient fathers of the church such as, Austin, Chrysostem, Augustin; Also Calvin, Luther, Melancton, the three last being the Apostles of the Reformation; and if my daughter should be more backward or not capable pronouncing articulate sounds that no pains or cost be spared to teach her at least the meaning and excellency of God's word, and all learning necessary for instructing her mind in the way to salvation through Jesus Christ, so far as her ability will admit; Also that my son George be carefully "edecated" and graduated through some Protestant Collegiate School, and if God please to touch his heart with his saving Grace my desire is that he should be a dispenser of the Gospel like unto that learned and indefatigable preacher, the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield, that faithful and painful servant of Jesus Christ, who now sleeps with his Lord. I give to my sister, Hannah Perkins, Mr. Erskine's Gospel sonnets now at my honored father's in Lynne, with all that belongs to me at my father's house. I ordain my wife Lucy, William Ely her brother, George Whitefield Perkins my son, Samuel Startin my sister Elizabeth's husband, executors, and my friends, Stephen Case and Lewis Dubois, overseers of this my will.

Dated August 20, 1776. Witnesses, Stephen Case, of New Marlborough, Captain; Luff Smith and Deborah Smith.

*Codicil.* If my wife Lucy should be pregnant at my decease and afterwards be delivered of a child or children, such shall come in for an equal share in my estate with my children mentioned above.

Witnesses to codicil. The same as to will. Proved, New York, September 21, 1784. Administration granted to William Ely and Lucy Cook, late Lucy Perkins, two of the executors, the same day.

Page 211.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN McQUEEN, of the City of New York, stay maker. I leave to my loving wife Mary and my son John, all my estate, real and personal, equally divided, and if my son John should remain unmarried or without lawful issue, the share of the one who may first happen to die to the other surviving, and if both die then the estate remaining to my brother, Alexander McQueen's two daughters (not named), provided my son has left no widow or children. I make my son, John McQueen, executor.

Dated June 14, 1775. Witnesses, James Hounam, of Horse Neck, Conn., gentleman, John Chub and Joseph Hunter. Proved, New York, September 22, 1784. Administration granted to Mary McQueen, of the City of New York, widow of John McQueen, late of the same place, as John McQueen, the executor is absent beyond the seas, September 22, 1784.

Page 213.—In the name of God, Amen. The 17th day of February, 1777. I, THOMAS LANGDON, of Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Femitje, the choice of one horse or mare with a good side saddle and bridle, also one bedstead, feather bed, with curtains, sheets, pillows and all other appurtenances. To my eldest son, Thomas, £10, for his birthright. To my wife and to all my children which are now born, viz.: Thomas, Abraham, Eleoner, and to such as may be born after my decease, all my estate equally

divided, at such time as hereunder mentioned, my wife to remain on my farm whereon I now live during the time she remains my widow, and if at any time during her widowhood she thought she could not make out well enough to her mind to stay on my place, then all my estate as aforesaid to be divided. My will is that all my children have as good a learning as my estate possibly can afford, and that such of them as my executors think proper shall be put out to learn trades. I appoint my loving brother, Johannis Langdon, my brother-in-law, Rem Adriance, and my friend and neighbor, John Wilkeson, executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Adriance, Rem Adriance, Jr., Jacob Horton, of New York City, grocer. Proved, September 23, 1784. Administration granted to Rem Adriance, the same day.

Page 215.—I, JOHN STORM, of Phillipsburgh in the County of Westchester. I leave to my beloved wife Patience, £70, with the full rights and privileges of my farm, and all things belonging thereto, without the molestation of any person whatsoever till my eldest son comes to the age of sixteen years, and then to be possessed of the one quarter part of the above rights till my second son comes to the same age, then for them two to possess half the rights, and my wife the other half as long as she remains my widow, but if she marries she is to quit all rights with the above £70. To my eldest son, Jacob, my old homestead and £50. To my two younger sons, Thomas and Andrew, the remainder of my lease hold estate of personal goods and chattels. To my daughter Cate, £150, or her choice of a negro wench in lieu of £50; Also my "bilsted case of drawes" my large looking glass and two beds, paid her at the age of sixteen or sooner if she requires out of the portion of Thomas and Andrew, to be raised by my beloved wife whom I appoint executrix, and Abraham Storm and Thomas Vice, executors.

Dated February 27, 1773. Witnesses, Abraham Storm, Benjamin Ely. Proved, New York, September 9, 1784, when Thomas Storm of said City, Esquire, swore that he had often transacted business with Abraham Storm, one of the subscribing witnesses, and believed his signature correct. Administration granted to Thomas Bice and Patience Drake, two of the executors, September 24, 1784.

Page 216.—In the name of God, Amen. I, VINER LEAYCRAFT, late of the City of New York, but at present of Tappan in Orange County, marriner, being weak in body. I leave to my son William all my wearing apparel. To my wife Elizabeth, the use and income of all my estate while she remains my widow, and in case she remarries or dies I direct my executors to sell my estate and out of the monies arising I give to my grandson, Willet Leaycraft, £50; the rest to my children in manner following, that is to say, to my son Christopher, £50, the remainder to my daughter Mary and my sons John, George and William equally divided, provided that if my son William marries Elizabeth Devoe, that he have no share in my estate, but that his part be divided between my daughter Mary and my sons, John and George: What I have given to my wife shall be in full bar of her dower. What my daughter Mary has had for her outset shall be deducted out of her share. I appoint my daughter Mary, and sons, George, John and William, executors.

Dated September 22, 1779. Witnesses, Garrat Paulding, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Goldstrap, of Haverstraw, Orange County, yeoman. Proved, New York, August 20, 1784. Administration granted to Mary Riker, William, John and George Leaycraft, executors, September 24, 1784.

Page 217.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MAGDALEN BEEKMAN, late of New York but now of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris, New Jersey, gentle-

woman. I leave all my real and personal estate to my two sisters, Cathrine Beekman and Mary Beekman, each one half. I make my said two sisters executrices.

Dated April 16, 1781. Witnesses, Cornelia Walton, John H. Kip and Abr<sup>m</sup> K. Beekman, both of New York City, merchants. Proved, New York, September 24, 1784, administration being granted the same day to Mary Beekman.

Page 219.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEW HOPPER, being weak in body. I leave to my daughter Letty, wife of John Antonides, half of my house and land in Flat Bush; the other half to my said son-in-law, John Antonides, provided he pay into the hands of my executors £500, or give his Bond with a Mortgage on the said house and land for £500, with interest for the same at six per cent computed from the time of my decease. To my daughter Mary £25 above the equal share of any personal estate hereafter to her devised; Also my house and lot (No. 6) in Fair street, New York City, as specified in a certain deed in my possession. To my two grandchildren, viz., Samuel and Matthew Carter, my house and lot in Dey street, lot No. 38, in the westward of New York City, bounded southerly in front by Dey street, westerly by lot No. 39, northerly in rear by lot No. 67, and easterly by lot No. 37. As to the residue of my personal estate, after my debts are paid, it is my will the whole be divided into three equal shares, one given to my daughter Mary, one to my daughter Letty, and the other to my said grandsons, Samuel and Matthew Carter. I appoint my good and worthy friends, Isaac Mead and Peter Hegeman of the City of New York, executors.

Dated August 2, 1784. Witnesses, Gabriel Ellison, of Flat Bush, schoolmaster; Henry Van Beuren.

*Codicil* (no date). In that I have ordered my personal estate divided among my children and grandchildren it is not to be understood that my household

furniture is included, this to be divided between my two said daughters.

Witnesses same as to will. Proved, New York, September 25, 1784, the same day administration granted to Mary Hopper, of Flatbush, spinster; John Antonides of the same place, shopkeeper, and Robert Carter, of New York City, cabinet maker; the first being a daughter and the two last sons-in-law of Matthew Hopper, late of Flatbush, yeoman, deceased, as the executors of the above will relinquished the executorship.

Page 221.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY WHITE, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being weak in body. I leave to my brother, John White, half the farm I now live on, with half the land not yet deeded, when a deed shall be obtained. To my wife Sarah, the third of my personal estate after my debts and funeral expenses are paid and the use of the lands or money arising from the sale, for the bringing up of my children, as long as she remains my widow. To my five children all the rest of my estate equally, viz.: Hamilton, Samuel, Anna, Sarah and Susannah, or the survivors as they arrive at lawful age. I appoint my father, Ebenezer White, my loving wife Sarah and Capt. Abner Wells, executors.

Dated August 8, 1784. Witnesses, Jonathan Swezy, of Goshen, physician; Mary Marshall, Rhoda Cossman. Proved, Orange County, September 3, 1784. Confirmed, New York, September 28, 1784.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. The 9th day of August, 1773. I, CORNELIUS VANDERHOOF, of the outward of the City of New York, farmer, being weak in body. My executors are empowered to sell my estate and the monies arising are to be put at interest for the use of the legatees hereafter named. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth, all the profits of my estate during her widowhood in bar of her right of dower.



To my eight children, to wit: John, Abraham, Matthew, Leah, Cornelius, Henry, Catharine and Isaac all the remainder of my estate equally divided, except the sum of ten shillings which I do give to my eldest son, John, to be paid him before the division. If any die before twenty-one without lawful issue the share of such shall go to the survivors. I order that my estate be divided within six months of the death or marriage of my wife, and if any of my children then are in their nonage, the share of such to be put out at interest. All my children shall be maintained out of the mean profits of my estate during their minority or till they marry, but if the mean profits are insufficient my executors may take so much from the principal as will support them in a common ordinary way. I make Elizabeth, my wife, and my brother-in-law, Henry Brevoort, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Brevoort, John Brevoort, both of New York City, wheelrights; G. Furman. Proved, New York, September 28, 1784. The same day administration granted to Lewis Andrew Gautier, innholder, and Henry Brevoort, wheelright, both of the City of New York, executors of the will of Elizabeth Vanderhoof, the widow and surviving executrix of the will of Cornelius Vanderhoof, deceased. Whereas the said Elizabeth Vanderhoof deceased before the Probate of the said will.

Page 224.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT WILLIAMS, of the Borough and town of Westchester, Westchester County, yeoman. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Euphemia, my black mare, my riding chair, a chest of drawers, and all my table and other linen; Also the three cherry tree tables, the six red chairs, the large looking glass, the tongs, shovel and andirons, the brass kettle, tea kettle and the tramel, which were her property when I married her. I direct all my personal estate to be sold for the best price that can be gotten as soon after my death as may be, and

my real estate to be sold within three years of my decease. Of the monies so arising after my debts are paid, two thirds thereof to my son states Morris Williams and to such other child or children as I may hereafter have, divided between them as they come of age in such proportion, that each girl's (if any there be) share be a third less than a boy's, all boys to share equally. My executors to place at interest the money so given to my children, to be careful in collecting it yearly and thereout to maintain and educate them, and if they chuse to put them to trades, and if the interest be more than sufficient to add the overplus to the principal; my executors to place the remaining third of the money on landed security, to collect it annually and pay it to my wife till her death or marriage and no longer, after this the money I give to my son states Morris Williams and such child or children as I may hereafter have divided as I have herein before directed; if my son and such other children as I may have all die in the lifetime of my mother and wife then the interest of the said money I leave to them and the survivor of them for life, and after their deaths £200 of the said money to Isreal Hunt, the son of Elven Hunt, deceased, or if he be dead to his children if any then be alive; Also £50 thereof to Daniel Williams, son of my uncle, Daniel Williams, if alive and to his children if he shall leave any then alive; Also £100 of said money to Gilbert Vincent, son of Lewis Vincent, if alive and to his children if he leave any then alive; Also £50 thereof to John Williams, son of my said uncle Daniel, if alive and to his children if then alive; Also £50 thereof to Elizabeth Williams, daughter of my neighbor and cousin, John Williams; Also £50 thereof to Isreal Honeywell, Jr., and his executors; Also £25 thereof to John Oakley; Also £25 to Stephen Oakley; all the residue of the said money and of my estate I give, on the contingency aforesaid, in manner following, viz.: one sixth to William Honeywell, one sixth to Philip Honeywell, one sixth to Thadeus

Avery, one sixth to Alpheus Avery, one sixth to all such children of my uncle, John Vincent, deceased, as shall then be alive, and the remaining sixth to Vincent Fowler. I nominate Israel Honeywell, Jr., John Oakley and Lewis Vincent, executors.

Dated 1774 (month and day blank). Witnesses, Morgan Lewis, of New York City, attorney at law; William S. Smith, Alsop Hunt. Proved, New York, September 27, 1784. Administration granted to Isreal Honeywell, Jr., September 28, 1784.

Page 227.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AARON STEVENS, of Albany County. I leave to my son, Jonathan Stevens, £8, as heir at law. To my three sons, Jonathan, Thomas and Hendericus, all my fast estate equally divided. To my daughters, Margaret and Mary, each £15, to be paid by my sons six years after they attain to age. To my said three sons all my farming utensils equally divided; and my household stuff I give to my two daughters after my wife's decease or remarriage. To my son Jonathan, my small gun and to Thomas, my large gun; to Hendericus, my weaving loom and "takling." I appoint my trusty friends, William Stevens, Gerret Spitzer and my wife (not named), executors.

Dated October 28, 1783. Witnesses, William Stevens, of Schenectady, farmer; Gerret Spitzer, of Schenectady, weaver; Colin McLeland. Proved, Albany County, June 6, 1784.

Page 228.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT DUNKLEY, at present of the City of New York, in North America and formerly of the City of Dublin in his Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland, Hatter, being in perfect health. I desire to be decently but privately buried in the Parish Church where I shall die with as little expence as may be. I leave all my real and personal estate in North America and Ireland to my dear beloved wife Celia, and my dear beloved daughter,

Elizabeth Dunkley, otherwise Brooks, wife of Philip Brooks, of Norwich Connecticut, Bookbinder, immediately after my decease, one half to my wife during her life, and after her death the whole to my said daughter. Executors, my said wife and daughter.

Dated August 12, 1778. Witnesses, Charles White, Robert Johnston, of New York City, shopkeeper; Paul Hich. Proved, New York, September 30, 1784. Administration granted to Celia Dunkley and Elizabeth Jacobs, executrices, October 1, 1784.

Page 230.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY LAWRENCE, of Flushing, widow of Samuel Lawrence late of Flushing, being in good health, this 9th day of October, 1775. I leave to my son, Samuel Lawrence, the interest of £300 during his life for which £300 of my Bonds or cash shall be put out at interest. To my said son my "Cott beds" and the bedding belonging to them, £200 of the said £300 after the death of my son Samuel to my grandson, William Lawrence, son of Augustin Lawrence, but in case my said grandson die before my son Samuel, then the same to my son Augustin; the remaining £100 after the death of Samuel to be equally divided between all my children. To my son Augustin £100. To my granddaughters, Mary and Margaret, daughters of my son, Thomas Lawrence, each £50 to be put out at interest, and paid them with the interest when respectively of full age. To my daughter, Deborah Doughty, my large silver mug for life and then to my granddaughter, Margaret Lawrence. To my daughter, Mary Warters, my silver "soop spoon." To my granddaughter, Sarah James, my silver "Tea pott." To my granddaughter, Hannah James, my "silver mugg" and one silver "salt dish." To my granddaughter, Mary James, my small silver mug and one silver salt dish. To my great granddaughter, Mary Colden, my silver sugar dish. To my grandson, Samuel Willett, six silver table spoons. To my grandson, Augustine Willett, my

silver cream pot and pepper box. To my granddaughter, Mary Warters, half a dozen silver tea spoons and a silver tea tongs. To my son, Thomas Lawrence, my clock, and if he die before his wife Mary the clock to his wife. To my niece, Mary Hicks, my silver porringer, the remainder of my Bonds, cash, notes of hand, and money due me, with all the residue of my estate to be equally divided between my sons, Thomas and Augustin, and my daughters, Debora Doughty, Elizabeth Thornton and Mary Warters. I desire that my son Samuel shall live with my daughter, Mary Warters. I desire that my negro wench Hannah choose her Master or have her freedom which she may like best. The above legacies to be given to the said legatees when they respectively arrive at age or marry. I make my sons, Thomas and Augustin Lawrence, and my son-in-law, Samuel Doughty, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Willis, of Queens County, Cordwainer; Elizabeth Willis, John Field. Proved, Queens County, September 22, 1784. Administration granted to Thomas Lawrence, New York, October 2, 1784.

Page 232.—I, RICHARD SEAMAN, of Herricks, in the township of Hempstead, Queens County, Nassau Island, being this 4th day of the 11th month called November, 1781, infirm of body, am willing therefore to set my affairs in order not knowing how soon my final exit may come. I leave to my wife all my stock of creatures, farming utensils and household furniture. In order that my debts and funeral expenses be paid I order my executors to collect all moneys due me and with the same to pay my debts as far as it will go, and I empower them to sell such part of my farm as will pay my debts and fully discharge a legacy to my daughter Elisabeth. I leave to my said daughter £100. The remainder of my lands, buildings, etc., I will to my two sons, Richard and Benjamin, equally divided, to be possessed at such time as directed, one third to be possessed by Richard im-

mediately on my decease, and to the intent that my wife be supported and my son Benjamin well educated, schooled and brought up. I will to her (my wife) the profits of the other two thirds till Benjamin be twenty-one, when my executors shall make a division of my lands and buildings so that Richard and Benjamin have each one half, but I except out of my estate willed to my sons, for the use of my wife and my daughter Elizabeth, any one room in my house that they choose, with a sufficiency of fire wood for the support of one fire, and the keeping of one cow winter and summer, as long as either continue unmarried and no longer. If my wife marry before Benjamin be twenty-one all privileges willed to her cease. To my son Benjamin my Desk, if he die under age and without issue his legacies to go to Richard and Elizabeth in equal shares. I appoint my brother-in-law, John Searing, and my friend, Adam Mott, of Cow neck, both of Hempstead Township, executors.

Witnesses, Oliver Willis, Daniel Lake, tailor; Eley-abhe (Elizabeth) Shaw. Proved, Queens County, September 20, 1784.

Page 234.—Know all Men by these Presents that I, GEORGE SANDS, of Cow Neck, Queens County, being the 23rd day of September, 1776, something disordered in body but my mind and memory sound and quick for which I bless God, the giver of all good, do hereby make this present writing and no other to be my last will. I leave to George Guthrig Sands, son of my brother, Benjamin Sands, all my lands on Cow Neck or elsewhere. All my cattle, sheep, horses, hogs, farming utensils and household goods to be sold some convenient time after my decease and the money therefrom put out at interest and kept at interest with what other money I have upon Bond and note, and given to George Guthrig Sands when he is eighteen. I give my negro Michak his freedom forever. I appoint my loving brother, Benjamin Sands, and my kinsman,

Richard Sands, and my friend, Adam Mott, all of Cow Neck, executors.

Witnesses, Simon Sands, Anna Sands, Edwine Sands, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, September 22, 1784. Administration granted to Benjamin Sands, New York, October 5, 1784.

Page 235.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MORIN SCOTT, of the City of New York, Esquire, being sick and weak, make this my last will which though I was unable to write I have dictated. I leave to my wife Helena the use of all my wrought plate while she remains my widow, and all the rest of the furniture to be at her absolute disposal. To my granddaughter, Elizabeth Litchfield, £1,500 charged as hereafter mentioned. To my son, Lewis Allaire Scott, all my lands in the outward of the city of New York, except a piece of land and a tenement and barn thereon containing about nine acres on the west side of the road leading from Greenwich to the great kill which I devise to my daughter, Mary McKnight, provided she gives up to my executors a certain lease which I some years ago gave her and her former husband for another lot during their lives, but in case this should not be done I leave all my lands in the outward to my said son. The residue of my estate, real and personal, as follows: To my wife Helena one third thereof, one third to my son, Lewis Allaire Scott, and the remaining third to my daughter, Mary McKnight, subjecting the same to the payment of my debts, and the said whole residue to the payment of £1,000 parcel of the said legacy to my said granddaughter in lieu of all claims against me from the lawful representatives of John Litchfield, the former husband of my said daughter, and the remaining £500 of the said legacy to my granddaughter I charge upon the said third of my estate devised to my daughter. I empower my executors to sell all my lands except in the outward of New York to pay my debts and the £1,000 to my said

granddaughter, but I caution them not to dispose of hastily any lands as the consideration money, considering the scarcity of cash cannot now be easily procured. I appoint as executors my dear wife Helena, my son, Lewis Allaire Scott, my daughter, Mary McKnight, and Richard Varick, Esquire.

Dated September 2, 1784. Witnesses, Robert Harpur, Esquire, Benj<sup>n</sup> Kissam, Physician; Richard S. Kissam, Gentleman, all of New York City. Proved, New York, September 28, 1784.

Page 237.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HEZEKIAH HOWELL, of the Precinct of Cornwall, Orange County, Esquire, being in a comfortable state of health, do this 13th day of July, 1784, make my last will. I leave to my beloved wife Susanna one third of all my personal estate that remains after paying my debts and funeral charges at her free disposal, except my negro slaves, also one third of the profits of my real estate, and the service and labour of my male negro slave named James, and my female negro slave named Rhoda, with her choice of the use of half the dwelling house and other buildings on my farm situated in Blaggs Clove in the Precinct of Cornwall, whereon I now live, during the time she remains my widow. To my son, Hezekiah Howell, my said farm, whereon I now live, subject to the payment of the legacies I hereinafter order him to pay, subject also to the device in favor of my wife, also to him my negro James after the death or marriage of my wife. To my son Charles my house lot with the appurtenances thereto in the town of New Windsor, Ulster County, with my farm at Blooming Grove, also four cows, one "yoak" of oxen, one horse and all my farming utensils. To my daughter Phebe my negro slave named Sign. To my daughter Jane my negro slave named Bett. To my daughter Susannah my negro slave Rhoda subject to the above device to my wife. The rest of my personal estate to be divided between my four daughters, viz.:



Phebe, Jane, Susanna and Abigail. I order my son Hezekiah to pay my son Charles £50 within one year after my decease, and to pay each of my said daughters £10. I make my wife Susannah, and my son Hezekiah, executors.

Witnesses, Silvanus White, Francis Brewster, of Cornwall, yeoman, Anselm Helme. Proved, Orange County, September 30, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 239.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER BOGARDUS, SR., of Fishkill landing, Rumbout District, Dutchess County, Cordwainer. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all my estate, real and personal, till my youngest child is twenty-one, immediately after that date to my wife one third of my real estate during her life, and after her death the same to Catharine Schoonhoven, daughter of my wife Elizabeth's first husband, and to my nine children, namely, Peter, Egbert, Shibolet, Cornelius, William, Hanna, Elizabeth, Mary and Debora, in ten equal parts, after my youngest child is twenty-one. The remaining two thirds of my estate to my said nine children equally when my youngest child comes of age. I have already given to my eldest son Peter the sloop Cornelia, also the house he lives in during my life, after my death my will is he shall deliver up the said house peaceably to my executors in good tenantable condition, free from all charges to my estate, also I give him £5. If any of my daughters, Hanna, Elizabeth, Mary and Debora, marry before my youngest child is twenty-one, such to be furnished immediately after marriage with an outset to the value of £30 in Spanish dollars at eight shillings per dollar, which shall be deducted from her share of my estate. I appoint my wife Elizabeth, my cousin, Francis Bogardus, of Wappings Creek, Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess Co., cordwainer, and Duncan Graham, of Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, executors.

Dated March 24, 1781. Witnesses, John Young, John Phillips, farmer; Daniel Van Voorhies. Proved, Dutchess County, August 23, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 241.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BREDT, of New York City, yeoman, being in perfect health. I leave to my beloved wife Anna my whole estate, real and personal, during her life, the same after her decease to be divided equally between my brothers, Johannes and Nicholas Bredt, and my sister Margaritta wife of John Romme. To my said brothers all my wearing apparel. I appoint my wife Anna and William Davis and John Anters, both of the Manor of Philipsburgh, Westchester County.

Dated November 3, 1764. Witnesses, Evert Pels, John Van Orden, of New York City, yeoman; Gerrard Smith. Proved, Westchester County, September 27, 1784. Administration granted to Stephen Williams, of North Castle, Westchester County, yeoman, the husband of a niece of Willem Bredt, late of the City of New York, yeoman, deceased, whereas William Davis the only surviving executor did by an Instrument bearing date the 29th of March last relinquish the executorship, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 242.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN MOORE, of the City of New York, sailmaker, do on the 25th day of June, 1771, make this my last will and testament. I leave to my eldest son, Benjamin, £5. The remainder of my estate to my loving wife Cornelia and my children, Benjamin, John, James, Henry, Catherine, Elisabeth and Mary equally divided, and paid to my children as they severally arrive to the age of twenty-one, or on the day of their marriages. In case my wife die before she should marry again to any future husband, or any of my children depart this life unmarried and before twenty-one, the share of such to the survivors. Nevertheless my wife shall hold and

use my real estate and personal estate and receive the rents and profits toward the support of herself and such of my children as shall remain under twenty-one or unmarried, educating and bringing them up while she remains my widow but no longer. If my wife die or marry before my youngest child is twenty-one, I order my executors to rent out all my real estate, the rents with the income from my personal estate to go towards bringing up my children. If my personal estate fall short of paying my debts and the said legacy of £5 to my son Benjamin I empower my executors to sell such real estate as necessary for the same. I appoint my wife Cornelia, and my sons, Benjamin, John and James Moore, executors.

Witnesses, Abel Hardenbrook, Cornwell Sands, of Cornwall, Orange County, trader; Sarah Sands. Proved, New York, September 13, 1784. Administration granted to Henry Moore, of the City of New York, Physician, a son, and to William Smith of Fredericksburgh Precinct, Dutchess County, Esquire, a son-in-law of Benjamin Moore, late of the said city, sailmaker, deceased, whereas John Moore, the only surviving executor, is absent from this state, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 245.—Be it remembered that on this 24th day of August, in the year 1782, I, RICHARD WILLIS, of Rumbouts Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my son James £100 in gold or silver or other money "acquivalent thereto." To my grandson, Charles Willis, the colt that now sucks a black "mair" of mine. To my grandson, Richard Willis, £10 in gold and silver. To my loving wife Elizibeth as long as she remains my "wido" all my lands and improvements in the township of New Rochel, Westchester County, also the remaining part of my personal estate, except my "fether" bed and "sufitiant" furniture for said bed, which I give to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Willis. I appoint my son, James Willis,

and my friend, Benjamin Smith the older, of North Castle, executors.

Witnesses, John Schut, James Schutt, Benjamin Smith, of North Castle, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, September 20, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 246.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LEWIS MERVEER, of Rye, Westchester County, being in low and weak estate as to bodily helth. I leave to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, all the goods she brought me, with notes due for rent on her land in Connecticut, and one cow, ten bushels of corn and forty weight of "fethers," and I order for her to have three east rooms in my house with the kitchen, and the use of a garden, and I order my son Samuel to find keeping for one horse and two cows, and two hogs, and to find for her ten bushels of wheat and fifteen of corn per year, while she doth continue my widow, and the use of the wench, Gin; but if she doth leave the house and go else to live she to forfeit her last mentioned privileges. I leave to my "eldest son Joseph" £100 continental money which is now by me in full bar of his claim as heir-at-law. I think fit to order my "youngest son Joseph" to pay all my debts and funeral charges, and I give to my "youngest son Joseph" all my buildings and land in Rye, with my farming utensils and my moveable stock and "Hary my negro Boy." I order Samuel Jervis to sell my negro man called Moses which ran away to New York, and be paid for cost of a late "sixness," half of the remaining money to be paid to my "yongest son Samuel." To my eldest daughter, Elezabeth, wife of Samuel Jervis, my clock and one bed. To my youngest daughter, Susannah, my negro wench, when her mother discontinues to remain my widow or to live in my house in Rye, also one bed. All my remaining household goods to be equally divided between my four children, Joseph, Samuel, Elezabeth and Susanah; and my continental

money yet remaining by me to be divided between the children of my two daughters, Elezebeth and Susannah. I appoint Silas Bets, of Greenwich, and Samuel Brown, of Rye, my executors.

(Signed) LEWIS MARVIN.

Dated November 22, 1779. Witnesses, Thomas Lyon, of Rye, yeoman; Andrew Brown, Jonathan Juion (Guion in proof). Proved, Westchester County, September 30, 1784. Administration granted to Samuel Brown, New York, October 8, 1784.

Page 248.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HARRISON, of the City of New York, Mariner, being bound to sea and knowing the uncertainty of this life. I leave to my loving wife, Denise Mary Harrison, all my estate, real and personal, to be by her disposed of as she shall think convenient towards the bringing up and educating of my children. I appoint my wife, Denise Mary, sole executrix.

Dated October 31, 1765. Witnesses, Esther Rou (at Proof called "Esther Lecounte formerly Esther Rou," of New York City, spinster), Jn<sup>o</sup> Shand, Samuel Jones. Proved, New York, October 8, 1784. Administration granted to Samuel Loudon, of New York City, Printer, whereas Denise Mary Harrison, the executrix, did by an Instrument bearing date October 7th instant relinquish the executorship, New York, October 9, 1784.

Page 249.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL DUNSCOMB, of the City of New York, Cooper, being in health of body. I leave to my beloved daughter, Susannah Dunscomb, my negro woman slave, named Ginn, also one half of my estate, real and personal. To my daughters, Eleanor Miller, Susannah Dunscomb and Mary Armor, the other half of my estate equally divided. I ordain my daughter, Susannah Dunscomb, and my trusty friend, Samuel Spraggs, executors.

Dated New York City, August 6, 1779. Witnesses,

Walter Heye, John Clark, Thomas Wiley. Proved, New York, October 12, 1784, when Samuel Spraggs, of the said City, schoolmaster, swore that he did see Samuel Dunscomb sign the above will, and also saw John Clark, Thomas Wiley, and a third person, unknown to him, subscribe their names. The same day administration granted to Susannah Mackey and Samuel Spraggs, executors.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH DE LANCEY, formerly of Westchester County, but now of Flushing, Queen's County, on Nassau Island, widow of Peter De Lancy, late of Westchester, deceased, being weak in body. I desire all my debts and funeral expenses to be paid as soon as possible after my decease with what remains due to my three youngest children, Susan the wife of Major Thomas H. Barclay, Jane the wife of John Watts, Jr., Esq., and my son, Warren De Lancey, of their portion of my said late husband's estate, devised to them by his last will; for that purpose I order my executors to sell so much of my land in Westchester County or of lots in the City of New York as may be necessary, in case the whole of my real estate cannot be sold immediately after my decease as is directed hereafter. To my son Stephen the picture of my late father, Cadwallader Colden, Esquire, and to him and to each of my sons, John, James, Oliver and Warren, a silver pocket case of Instruments to be made in the neatest manner, value six guineas, with the following engraving on them: "When you receive this token the Parent who gives it will be no longer here on earth, let us live so as to hope to meet in heaven." I give to my daughter Ann my gold watch and my share of the three negro men, Jim, Sam and Yaff, and of the wench Phillis, in confidence that they will be treated with kindness, and that the aged ones in particular will receive every mark of her affection and care, each to have a new suit of clothes at my death. To my

daughter Alice, the wife of Ralph Izard, Esq<sup>r</sup>, my silver ink stand and the miniature picture of my daughter Ann. To my daughter, Susan Barclay, my locket with her sister Elizabeth's hair and the diamond ring sent me by Lady Warren. To my daughter, Jane Watts, the diamond ring given me by my daughter Izard, the apron worked by my daughter Elizabeth and my enamelled tooth pick case. To my grandson, Henry Izard, my moco sleeve buttons, and to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Delancey, a new gold thimble. Whereas I have been at greater expense in bringing up my son John's daughter Elizabeth Ann, and Henry the son of my daughter Izard, than for any other of my grandchildren, in lieu thereof I give to each of my son Stephen's three children, Peter, Elizabeth and Cadwallader, £100, to my daughter Susan Barclay's three children, Elizabeth, Henry and Delancey, each £100, and to my daughter Jane Watts two children, Ann and John, each £150 to be paid to their respective parents for their use; but in case of the death of any of my said grandchildren before twenty-one years of age or marriage I leave their legacies to the surviving brother or sister of the one so dying which is already or may happen next to be born to my said three children, Stephen, Susan and Jane, and in failure of the birth of any other child such legacy to go to the surviving brothers or sisters here before mentioned of the one so dying equally divided among them. I will that my executors with all convenient speed do sell my real estate, consisting of lands in Westchester County, lots in New York City, and lands devised me by the will of my late father, with the buildings, etc., reserving to my daughter Ann the right of purchasing at the same price which was last paid for them (if she think proper) my half of the lands at Westchester called "Union Hill" in which she has an equal share with me; and the monies from the sales with what may be in my possession, the bonds given me by the will of my father, and all other bonds,

I bequeath to all my children, equally divided. To my daughters, Ann, Susan and Jane, the rest of my personal estate, including my plate, furniture, wearing apparel, horses, carriages, etc., equally divided. I appoint my brother, David Colden, of Flushing, executor and my daughter, Ann De Lancey, executrix.

Dated September 12, 1782. Witnesses, Caleb Valentine, Benjamin Buckbee, of Flushing, yeoman; John Buckbee. Proved, New York, October 12, 1784.

Page 253.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS TER BOS, JR., of Rombouts precinct in "Duths" County, being "sick and wick." I give to my son William for his "birt writh" £5. After my debts are paid the remainder of my estate to be divided among my wife and children equally, that is to say my wife Sary, my son William and my sons Jeams and Elegas, and my "dathers" Susana, Chaharyna, Sayry and Eleysabet. I make my father, Jacobus Ter Bos, and my wife Sary, and Elyas De Bouys and Isaac Ter Bos, executors.

Dated this "twinty sevent day of Actober, 1774. Witnesses, Isaac Ter Bos, of Dutchess County, farmer"; Thomas Swiderd (Southard), and James Orsborn. Proved, Dutchess County, April 17, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 13, 1784.

Page 254.—I, NATHAN PEARCE, JR., of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak and sick. I give to my beloved wife Elizebeth one third of my moveable estate. To my three sons all the rest of my estate, namely, Daniel, Robert, Gilbert and Charles, equally divided, they paying to my two daughters, Susannah and Hannah, each fifty pounds equivalent to silver dollars when they are eighteen, and if either die before, then her part shall go to the survivor. My sons to enjoy what I have given them when they come to the age of twenty-one, and if any die before, his part to go to his surviving brothers. My will is that my brother, William Pearce, be guardian to my children



till of age to choose for themselves, and to have them brought up to common learning. My will is that my wife live with and bring up my children if she remain my widow with the advice of my guardian, but if she shall marry again then to take what I have given her and quit the estate. I make my brother William, and my wife Elizebeth, executors.

Dated January 11, 1780. Witnesses, James Stark, yeoman; Sarah Pearce, Nathan Pearce. Proved, Dutchess County, June 1, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 13, 1784.

Page 256.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY BLANCK, of the City of New York, widow, being in perfect health. I leave all the residue of my estate after the payment of my debts to my daughter, Mary Arden, wife of Thomas Arden; but if she die before me then to her four daughters, Abijah, Elizabeth, Susannah and Margaret, each one equal fourth. I appoint my said daughter, Mary Arden, sole executrix.

Dated March 29, 1780. Witnesses, Jesper Webbers, of New York City, tailor; Thomas Arden, of New York City, Gentleman; Catrin Cope. Proved, October 14, 1784.

Page 257.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHARITY WHEELER, of the City of New York, widow, being weak in body. I leave to my niece, Catherine Van Voorhees, all that part of the estate of William Cooke (late sexton of Trinity Church), deceased, which by his last will he left me; also my negro wench named Bassy, and my silver tankard. My wearing apparel to my said niece, Catherine Van Voorhees, to my late husband's daughter, Elizabeth Swain, and his daughter, Abigail Kendal, equally divided between them. To the said Abigail Kendal my pint silver mug, and to my grandson, John Lefevere, my silver Pepper Box. After payment of my debts and funeral expenses all the rest of my estate I order to be sold and the monies to be divided between my said niece Catherine, the

said Elizabeth Swain, Abigail Kendal, John Lefevre and my grandson, Abraham Vandle, equally divided. I appoint Stephen Kippen and Benjamin James, of New York City, executors.

Dated January 21, 1777. Witnesses, Thos. D. St. Croix, Tho<sup>s</sup> Mills, John Jones. Proved, New York, September 27, 1784, when John Jones, shipchandler, and Charity Glentworth, widow (both of New York City), swore to the will. Administration granted to Daniel Van Voorhis, of the City of New York, silversmith, and Catharine his wife, next of kin, and one of the residuary legatees of Charity Wheeler, deceased, whereas Benjamin James, the surviving executor is absent from this state, New York, October 16, 1784.

Page 259.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARIA EGBERSE, of the City of Albany. I leave to my eldest son Benjamin £5 in right of Primogeniture. To my five children, Benjamin, Annatie, Maria, Antony and Jacob Visher Egberse, each an equal fifth of my house and lot in the City of New York in the north ward on the north side of Crown street, conveyed to me and my husband, Egbert Egberse, by deeds dated September 10th and 11th, 1740. The residue of my estate to my said five children, and if any die before twenty-one without heirs the share of such to the survivors. I make Jacob Ja. Lansing, executor.

Dated February 15th, 1763. Witnesses, Hendr. Roseboom, merchant, of Albany; Jelles Clute, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jr., Gentleman, of Albany. Proved, Albany County, September 24, 1784. Administration granted to Anthony Egberts, of Schotech, Albany County, merchant, a son of Mary Egberts, deceased, whereas the executor, Jacob Ja Lansing, did relinquish the executorship by an Instrument dated September 24 last, New York, October 16, 1784.

Page 261.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COCKLE, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being

far advanced in years. I give to Ruth, my dearly beloved wife, my dwelling house and lot of land in the Townspot of Jamaica where I now live for her life, the use of my furniture and the interest of £500. To my son, Thomas Cockle, born in Nothingham in old England, the sum of 5 shillings. To my daughter Elinor, wife of Robert Boyd, of New Windsor, Ulster County, a bond of £400 which I have against her husband. Whereas I have above given my wife the interest of £500 for life, I dispose of the same as follows after her death: £25 to John, Joseph, Susannah, Ruth and Elinor Cockle, children of my son, John Cockle, deceased, equally divided among them, the remainder thereof to my grandchildren, children of my daughter, Elinor Boyd, namely, Samuel, Ruth, John and Jennet, equally divided among them when they arrive at lawful age, unless my wife live till that time when the same shall be paid them within one year of her death; and if my wife die before they arrive at lawful age then my daughter Elinor shall have the interest of the money till they arrive at lawful age. And the £25 given to the children of my son John, shall be kept at interest till they arrive at lawful age. After the death of my wife I empower my executors to sell all my real and personal estate and the money therefrom I bequeath to Elinor Boyd. I make my wife Ruth and son-in-law, Robert Boyd, and Nicholas Smith, of Jamaica, executors.

Dated March 29, 1777. Witnesses, Benja<sup>n</sup> Smith, William Lewis, Robert Hinchman. Proved, May 26, 1784, Queens County. Confirmed, October 18, 1784, New York.

Page 262.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN THURMAN, of the City of New York, being sick and weak in body. I order my executors to sell all my estate; the monies arising with my personal estate to be divided into five equal shares, and I do give one fifth part thereof to my son, Ralph Thurman, one fifth

to my son, John Thurman, Jr., and as to two other equal fifth parts I order my executors to place the monies at interest on such securities as they think proper, but at the "risque" of my legatees and to give the interest one third for the use of each of my three grandchildren, Richardson Thurman, Nicholas Rosevelt and Elizabeth Rosevelt, till they respectively attain the age of twenty-one or marry (provided such marriage shall not happen before they are twenty-one unless with the approbation of my executors), and I give the said third of the said two fifths to my said grandchildren when they come of age or marry as aforesaid; and in case of the death of either of them under age the share of such to the survivors, but if both said Nicholas and Elizabeth die under age unmarried then half of their share to my said grandson, Richardson Thurman, and the other half to be divided between my children, Ralph and John Thurman, and Gertrude, wife of Daniel Dunscomb, and my said grandson Richardson, each one fourth thereof. Out of the remaining fifth part of my estate my executors shall pay to my daughter, Gertrude Dunscomb, the yearly interest for life, and after her death the same shall be divided between her children, but if she die without leaving children I give the said one fifth as follows: one fourth thereof to each of my sons, Ralph and John, and two fourths to be divided between my said three grandchildren, Richardson Thurman, Nicholas and Elizabeth Rosevelt. My son Ralph shall stand chargeable to my estate for the yearly rent of £25, for the houses and tenements now in his occupation in Crown street and one formerly occupied by him in little Queen street from the first of May, 1760, till my decease. My negro man Fooe shall be the property of such of my children as he shall choose to live with, and he shall not be sold out of the family unless at his own request. I make my sons, Ralph and John, and grandson, Richardson Thurman, executors.

Dated January 4, 1775. Witnesses, Evert Bancker,

of New York City, Esquire; Joseph Cox, Ab<sup>m</sup> B. Bancker. Proved, Dutchess County, October 7, 1778. Confirmed, New York, October 18, 1784.

Page 265.—In the name of God, Amen. This 24th day of March, 1783. I, PETER PAIN, of Southampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, being weak in body. I leave my beloved wife Phebe, the use of my lands, meadows and buildings and moveables till my sons come of age, then the third part of said lands so long as she remains my widow; Also the best room in my house and £50. To my daughter Betsey, £30 when eighteen, to my daughter Elizabeth, a good milch cow when she receives her legacy. To my four sons, Daniel, Zaccheus, Rufus and Nichols all my lands and buildings, the lands to be divided according to quantity and quality, but he that has the buildings must pay each of the others one fourth of what they shall be prized at to help them towards procuring buildings for themselves. The land I bought of Walter Havens to be sold and the money used to pay my just debts. I likewise give my daughter Betsey a right in my house so long as unmarried. I make my wife Phebe, and my friend, Abraham Rose, executors. Witnesses, Jonathan Pain, Paul Pain and Sam. H. Rose. Proved, September 4, 1784, Suffolk County. Confirmed, New York, October 19, 1784.

Page 266.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS HEDGER, of Middletown, Monmouth County, East Jersey, this 30th day of June, 1770, being in health of body. I give to my son James the use of my salt meadow in Flushing, Long Island, during his life, and after his death it to be sold and the money divided between his children. To my son Stephen, one bed and bedding. The remainder of my household goods, furniture and "kitching ware" to my two daughters, Amey and Elizebeth Hedger, and one cow to each. To my son Stephen, one horse as he shall chuse. The

“rideing chare” in my possession belongs to my said two daughters. My estate, except the above, to be sold, and the money divided as follows. To my son Stephen, £300; to my daughter Deborah, £20; to my daughter, Mary Tallman, £20; to my daughter Anne, wife of Daniel Latham, £20; to my daughter Amey, £20; to my daughter Elizebeth, £20. If my estate amount to more than the above, each of my said daughters and my daughter Abigall, wife of Francis Field, shall receive £30, if any more monies remain then my son Stephen and my six said daughters shall divide the same equally. I appoint my son Stephen, my daughter, Amey Hedger, and John Stevenson, executors.

Witnesses, William Ker, of Middletown, laborer; James Walling, Catharine Garrison, Mary Garrison. Proved, New York, October 21, 1784.

Page 268.—In the name of God, Amen. This 16th day of December, 1783. I, PETER HOUSMAN, of Richmond County, New York, yeoman, being weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, John, the choice of my silver watches and the sum of £5 in lieu of his Birthright. To my son Benjamin, one silver watch; to my son Peter, my silver hilted sword; to my three sons, John, Benjamin and Peter, all my wearing apparel equally divided; to my daughter Martha, two gold rings and one pair silver buckels; to my daughter Johanah, one gold ring and one pair of silver buckles; to my two daughters, Martha and Johanah, all my wife’s wearing apparel, equally divided; to my daughter Mary, one piece of “Pompidore Chince”; to Nancy Kruse, daughter of my last wife, one “cubbord” being in the widdow Stoughtenburoug’s care. I order my executors to sell the remainder of my estate, real and personal. To my brothers and sisters, Aurt, John, Richard, Abraham, Maregret, Mary, Elisabeth, Cathrin, Jemima and Sarah, £22 a peace in lieu of what I give them of their father’s estate, “as I fell heir to,” to be

paid them one year after my decease. I reserve £50 for the purposes hereafter mentioned. I give to all my children here named, John, Benjamin, Peter, Abraham, Isac, Jacob, Anthony, James, Mary, Martha and Johanah, all the rest of my estate, equally divided, excepting my daughter Mary, wife of John Tyson, I deduct out of her share the sum of £50 aforesaid in lieu of her outset. If any of my children die under age without issue, their shares to be divided among all my sons and daughters. Whereas I stand charged with the maintenance of a child the daughter of Eloner Chlindinny, now the wife of Thomas Dickson, the before reserved sum of £50, on condition the said child or some person shall give to my executors sufficient discharge that she shall never claim any more of my executors, and if she shall fail on the performance of her part the £50 to be divided among my children. To my daughter, Mary Tyson, one side saddle now in her care. I appoint my brothers, Aurt and Richard Houseman and John Tyson, my son-in-law, my trustees, to be executors, and guardians of my children.

Witnesses, Games Cozine, James Bodine, Wilhelmas Cozine. Proved, Richmond County, October 18, 1784.

Page 271.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HOLT, of the City of Williamsburgh, being in health of body. My soul I resign to God and my body I commend to the care of my friends to be decently committed to the dust, etc., as for my worldly goods I bequeath them as follows, my debts being first discharged with full interest on the sum due Mr. John Hanbury, of London, from the several times of his advancing money on my account beyond my effects in his hands paid him as if the same so due had been upon Bonds. Imprimis to my two nieces, Mary and Margaret Thomson, daughters of Mr. John Thomson, of Hanover County, merchant, £40 each. To Eliz<sup>a</sup>, the daughter of Hon. William Nelson, Esq., £75 in

token of the affection I have had for her from her infancy and of my gratitude for the favours conferred on me by her father. To my well-beloved wife Eliz<sup>a</sup>, all my lands, lots and houses in Hanover and New Kent Counties and in the City of Williamsburgh for life and then to my child if she should have one by me, if not I leave them as follows, viz.: to my brother, David Holt, all my lands, lots and houses in Hanover County on condition he pay my brother, Dibdall Holt, £60. To my brother, W<sup>m</sup> Holt, all my houses, lots and leases in the City of Williamsburgh. To my sister, Mary Holt, my lands and houses in New Kent County. To my wife all my negroes, cattle, horses, furniture and one third of my books to be chosen by herself and £500. If my estate should amount to more I dispose of it as follows, viz.: £50 to my nurse, Alice Watkins, of Hanover County, and in case of her decease to Mary Watkins, her daughter, to whom also I leave £10. To my brother, David Holt, £10. To my brother, W<sup>m</sup> Holt and my brother-in-law, W<sup>m</sup> Hunter, each one third of my books and £10. To my friends, Thomas Williamson, Samuel Price, James Murray and Robert Nicholas each one guinea. To my brothers-in-law, Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Davies of Hanover and Mr. Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith of Essex, each two guineas. To my much esteemed friends, Mr. Benjamin Waller and Mr. Joseph Davenport, to the first, two guineas, to the other, five. The rest of the money I dispose of as follows: one fifth to my mother, Margaret Holt, one fifth to my sister-in-law, Rosanna Hunter, and the remaining three fifths equally divided between my sister, Mary Holt, and my sister-in-law, Mary Hunter. I appoint Mr. Benjamin Waller, Joseph Davenport, Thomas Williamson Hunter and William Holt, executors.

Dated October 1, 1749. Witnesses, J. Davenport, N. Davenport, William Holt, Simkin Bryan. Proved, October 30, 1784, when Elizabeth Holt, widow, alone took oath. Administration granted to Elizabeth Holt, widow, and Eleazer Oswald, printer, both of the City



of New York, the former the relict, the latter a principal creditor of John Holt, late of the same place, printer, deceased. October 30, 1784.

Page 273.—In the name of God, Amen. The 16th day of November, 1778. I, OBEDIAH DAVIS, of Brook Haven, Suffolk County, “shumaker” being weak in body. I leave to my second son, Jonas Davis, my homestead, land and buildings and all my lands east of the farm that was Nathanael Long Catharn’s, bounded east by John Smith’s and Benjamin Hawkins lands; Also my land and meadows at a place called the West Meadows; Also two thirds of a long lot on the north side of the country road, the said two thirds being at the north end of the said lot, all the above gifts to my son Jonas, on condition he pay to my eldest son, John, £10 within twelve months of my decease. To my third son, Caleb Davis, a tract of land called the Hills, eastward of the south path and westward of the land that was Samuel Davis’s, and half of an island of tatch bed lying in stonebrook harbor and my riding beast, saddle and bridel, one cow and calf, and all my shumaking tools, and one bed and bedstead, one pare of sheats, two blancits, a boulster and two pillers. To my wife Phebe such clothing as she has at my decease. To my daughter Ruth, two pounds; to my daughter Elisebeth, two pounds. I will that my son Jonas shall pay his mother-in-law, my wife, Phebe Davis, the interest of £50 yearly during the time she lives my widow on condition she shall first release to my son her right of dower or thurds in my estate. To my son Jonas, my moveable estate not above disposed of. I appoint my beloved son Jonas, sole executor.

Witnesses, Richard Robinson, Isaac Davis and George Hallock (both the last of Brookhaven). Proved, Suffolk County, October 7, 1784. Confirmed, New York, October 30, 1784.

Page 275.—In the name of God, Amen. The 2d of January, 1772. I, RICHARD MILLER, of Brookhaven,

Suffolk County, being well in body. I leave to my beloved daughter Anne, £20 and a "mullattow" slave named Bette. To my daughter, Sarah Woodhull, £20 and a mullattow slave named Margarate. To Temperance Miller, my well beloved wife, the interest of £200 so long as she remains my widow and no longer, and also the use of my lands, meadow and buildings in the township of Brookhaven with my households and cattle, sheep, horses and hogs, and farming utensils, and also my servants (except what I have given away) during her widowhood. To my son Richard, my lands and meadow and buildings in Brookhaven, servants, cattle, etc., given my wife after she dies or marries. To my daughters, Anne Miller and Sarah Woodhull, all the above given to Richard if he should not live to the age of thirty or leave an heir. To my sister, Hannah Wood, my right to a piece of land on the waden river that I purchased of Euriah Glover for life and after her death to her son, Richard Wood. I make my son, Richard and wife Temperance, executors.

Witnesses, Andrew Miller, Andrew Miller, Jr., Jeanna Miller. Proved, Suffolk County, October 7, 1784. Administration granted to Sarah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, widow, a daughter of Richard Miller, late of the same place, yeoman, deceased, the executors having previously died, New York, October 31, 1784.

Page 277.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LAMBERT WOODARD, Sen<sup>r</sup>, of New town in Queens County on Nassau Island, yeoman, being weak of body. I leave to my beloved wife, Johanna Woodard, the use of the rest of my estate (after debts are paid) as long as she remains my widow. To my son Nathaniel, my great chain for his birthright, to my daughter Mary, after the death of her mother, the best feather bed, bolster, two pillows, straw bed, bedsted and curtains, two pairs of sheats and pillow cases, two blankets, one blue and white and one "Birdeye" coverlid, a large black trunk

and small blue chest, warming pan, large dining table, a bilesteel candlestand, my black framed looking glass, half a dozen puter plates, bason and platter, my large Bible, iron pot and kittle, a frying pan, one tramel, one pair of tongs and shovel, the best cow, one pail and churn, knives, forks and spoons, half a dozen chairs, the best diaper and tow table cloths, two towels and one diaper napkin. To my son Philip, my best horse and saddle, one bedsted, straw and feather bed and bedding, one green rug, one pine chest, one case with bottles. The rest of my estate to be sold after the death or remarriage of my wife and the money divided among my children. I appoint my sons, Nathaniel Woodard, Lambert Woodard, Jr., and Philip Woodard, executors.

Dated December 18, 1772. Witnesses, Samuel Moore 3d, John Ketcham, of Queens County, carpenter; Robert Haight. Proved, Queens County, November 4, 1784.

Page 279.—I, STEPHEN BAILY, formerly of Southold, Suffolk County, Long Island. I will that my real estate be sold and my debts paid, and that the remainder go to my son Stephen. My personal estate to be equally divided among my daughters, Mehitabel, Lydia, Mary, Susannah, Abigail, Lucretia and Deborah, when they arrive at lawful age. My beloved wife Mehitabel shall keep in her own hands the portions of the said daughters for educating and bringing them up till of age. I appoint Capt. Barnabas Horton, of Southold, and my wife Mehitabel, executors.

Dated in Guilford, May 19, 1777. Witnesses, Samuel Brown, Benjamin Vail, nailmaker; Elisha Vail. Proved, Suffolk County, June 9, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 10, 1784.

Page 280.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BARNIBAS WINES, of Southold, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I devise to my son, Barnabas Wines, seven

acres on the west side of my farm whereon I now live with the building thereon. To my son Thomas seven acres from my east bounds with the buildings thereon, also my fence on the east of the lane so far as the seven acres run, and my timber and timberland north of the Woolf pit so called, the rest of the timberland to my son Barnabas. If Barnabas should compell Thomas to any other division than here named then Thomas shall have an open way to the watering place. The rest of my lands to Barnabas and Thomas share and share alike. To my daughter, Anna Reeve, £100. I order Barnabas and Thomas to pay to Anna a further sum of £40, or if they refuse then my executors to dispose of as much of my land as shall make the sum of £40. The residue of my estate I give to my endeared wife Bethiah for life and after her death to my daughter Anna. I make my son-in-law, James Reeve, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and my two sons, Barnibas and Thomas, executors.

Dated July 12, 1782. Witnesses, P. Wickham, James Reeve, Jr., Jno. P. Wickham. Proved, Suffolk County, September 4, 1784. Administration granted to the executors, James Reeves, Barnabas Winds and Thomas Winds, New York, November 10, 1784.

Page 282.—In the name of God, Amen. This 14th day of January, 1775. I, ELIJAH BROWN, of the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I leave to my son, Elijah Brown, my wearing apparrell. To my son Absolom ten shillings. To my daughters, Easter Fournier, Deborah Corwin, Mary Brown and Catharine Brown ten shillings each, and to my daughter, Abigail Brown, ten shillings and my Great Bible; all the above to be paid in one yeare after my decease. My debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my stock of cattle and outdoor moveables, and either my land at Mud Creek or my land which I bought of Selah Reeve to be sold to pay the same. I give to my wife Mary a good bed and one cow to dispose of as she

shall think fitting, also the use of my indoor household goods so long as she remains my widow, and no longer, and after her interest to be divided between all my children. My working tools and outdoor moveables after my debts are paid to my two sons, William and David. My land not disposed of, to my wife so long as my widow. My sons, William and David, to improve it for her on reasonable terms, and William to have the privilege of living in one room where he now lives; after my wife's interest my lands to William and David. I appoint my sons, William and David, executors.

Witnesses, James Wills, Israel Youngs, Simon Corwin. Proved, Suffolk County, August 10, 1784. Administration granted to Mary Brown, of Southold, widow of Elijah Brown, yeoman, the executors being deceased before the Probate of the will, New York, November 10, 1784.

Page 283.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BAIN, in the "Monor of Livingston" being weak in body. My burial to be decent without pomp or state. After my debts are paid I leave to my dearly beloved wife (not named) while she remains my widow all my estate, fast and moveables, but if she should alter her condition by marriage then the same to be divided among my children except £5 which I give to my eldest son (not named) for his birthright. To my son Casparus one sixth of my estate and £5 more, but if by Providence he should die without a lawful heir then his part to the rest of his brothers. To my sons, Hugh, Phillip, William, James and John one sixth each. I appoint John McNeil, Duncan McAurthur, Kathren Ban and my son Casparus, executors.

Dated November 24, 1783. Witnesses, Casparus Schult, farmer; Wellen Fritz, Alexander Manson. Proved, Washington County, October 12, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 12, 1784.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN FRYER, of the City of Albany, late clearriner (mariner?) being at present weak in body. I leave to my grandson, Bastian Visscher, my silver watch. To my grandson, Samuel Willett, my silver hilted sword and my fowling piece. All the residue of my estate to my daughters, Sarah Willett, wife of Edward, and Lydia Visscher, wife of Matthew Visscher, Esqr. I appoint my said sons-in-law, Edward Willett and Matthew Visscher, and my friend, Robert Yates, Esqr, executors.

Dated November 11, 1783. Witnesses, Bastejan T. Vischer, Peter W. Hilton, John N. Visscher, both the last two of Albany, Gentlemen. Proved, Albany, November 6, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 12, 1784.

Page 286.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HEZEKIAH GALE, of the Precinct of the Walkill, Ulster Co., this 20th day of August, 1784. I give to my loving wife Martha, all my household furniture, together with the use of the best room in my dwelling house during her widowhood. All my debts to be paid out of my moveable estate and the remainder to be equally divided between my said wife and my son Samuel. Unto my daughter, Martha Lewes, 16 acres of land, bounded on two sides by Ichabod Leweses lands. Unto my three sons, Abel, Moses and Samuel, and to my daughter, Mary Gale, the remained of my homsted, farm and lands, equally divided. Unto my three daughters, Hannah Smith, Mary Gale and Martha Lewes, 300 acres of land now in dispute which I claim, equally divided. The remainder of the said disputed land to my three sons above named and I appoint them executors.

Witnesses, Jno. McCamly, Jesse Brockway, of Wallkill Precinct, and Jas. Crawford. Proved, November 12, 1784.

Page 288.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS SHURRIE, of Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County,

farmer, being weak in body do this 28th day of May, 1784, make this my last will. I leave to my daughter Elisabeth £25 or in case of her death to her children, which £25, with what she and her husband, Jeremiah Jones, has had already of me, is more than I have to give to any of the rest of my daughters. To Lawrence Haff, the husband of my daughter Catharine, £10 for every year he has lived with me beginning at the year 1770 when he first began as a reward for his labour and other services and £5 in lieu of blacksmith work. To my daughter, Catharine Haff, my cupboard. To the children of my daughter Sarah, deceased, wife of Peter Haff, £5 in lieu of blacksmith work done by me for the rest of my daughters' husbands. To said Lawrence Haff all my grain, as well the crop that may be growing as that gathered, all my meat which may be killed, whether salt or fresh, with my live hogs, twelve sheep of his own picking, his choice of three of my cows and a young creature, my best waggon and plow and plow tackling, also the use of my farm for two years after my decease as that event may happen with respect to the season of the year, that is if my decease happen before the first of December then the time of his possession to begin at the first day of the last May, but if after the first of December then to begin on the first day of May next, also I give him my negro man Mink for two years and the use of my blacksmith tools and hogsheads for two years. To my said daughter Catharine all my new linen whether it be wove or yarn, that is the yarn to get wove if it should not be wove at the time of my decease, also the wool of my sheep, with all my flax. All the rest of my estate I bequeath in manner following: to my daughters, Maria, wife of John Conkland, Anitie, wife of Laurence Conkland, Lydia, wife of James Hicks and Catharine, wife of Laurence Haff, each one sixth, and the remaining two sixths in manner following: one sixth to the children of my daughter Rachel, deceased, but to remain in the hands of James Hicks one of my ex-

ecutors paid them as soon as they are twenty-one or marry; the remaining one sixth to the children of my daughter Sarah, deceased, but to remain in the hands of Laurence Haff one other of my executors, paid them in the same manner. My will is that any of my daughters' husbands that stands indebted to me by bond, note or book debt, shall pay it to my executors or else such debt shall be discounted as part of their wife's portion. I make my sons-in-law, John Conkland, Laurence Conkland, James Hicks and Laurence Haff, executors.

Witnesses, Stephen Townsend, Thomas Rosekrans, yeoman; Walter Scot. Proved, Dutchess County, November 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 16, 1784.

Page 290.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EZERIAH SMITH, of Amenia Presint in Dutchess County, being weak in body. I give to my dear and loving wife for term of life part of this house wherein I now dwell, namely, the northwest room and the entry and the chamber over the room, and the old "siller," also all my moveables indoors or owt, after her death the same to be divided between my daughter Anna and my daughter Sarah's children. To the heir of my son Ezeriah with what he has had a certain tract of land in Saulsbury as may be found by my deed to his heirs; if the heir be dead before it is of lawful age and has no heir then the land to be divided among my children. To my son David the tract of land he now lives on as may be found by my deed to him. To my son Elijah the home farm that I with him live on, except four acres I gave to the church for their use, to Elijah forever with this consideration that he keep two cows yearly for his mother, and delivers six bushels of wheat fit for the mill, and two bushels of Indian Corn, two bushels of Rey, and one hundred of Good Pork, ten pounds of hogs fat, also six sheep to keep yearly and provides fire wood and apples for her use, also pro-



vides for her in time of sickness as she shall need. My wearing apparel to be divided between my two sons. I constitute my son Elijah, executor.

Dated September 17, 1784. Witnesses, Stephen Johns, farmer; George Sornberger, Ichabod Paine. Proved, Dutchess County, November 11, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 16, 1784.

Page 292.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SMITH, of the Precinct of Cornwell, Orange County. To my daughter Kezia £20 and the moveables and household furniture that she shall own or are known to be called hers, and if there should yet remain more estate it shall be equally divided between my four daughters or their heirs and my son John—viz.: my daughters, Martha, Kezia, Sarah and the heirs of my daughter Ellethea, deceased. I appoint my son, Joseph Smith, sole executor.

Dated November 21, 1783. Witnesses, Henry Mandeville, Jacob White, Jeremiah Clark, of Cornwall, Esquire. Proved, New York, November 17, 1784.

Page 293.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH TITSON, of Poghkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, widow, being sick and weak. I leave to my "Eldson" son Leonard 100 acres of land over and above the rest of my children for his Birth Right. To my granddaughter, Sarah Willson, daughter of Joseph Willson, and my daughter Elizabeth, my wearing apparel, bed, bedding and furniture of what kind soever it may be. To my five children, to wit: Leonard, Neiltie, Isaac, Thomas and Elizabeth, each one fifth of my real estate, and if any of my children die without lawful issue the share of such to go to the survivors. I appoint my son Leonard, and my good friends; Leonard Van Kleek and Leonard Lewis, executors.

Dated February 20, 1769. Witnesses, John Seabury, of Dutchess County, carrier; Joseph Gale, Jr., Jacob Concklin. Proved, Dutchess County, November

4, 1784. Administration granted to Peter Van Den Bogert, of Livingston's Manor, Albany County, farmer, a son-in-law and principal creditor of Sarah Titsort late of Poughkeepsie, widow, deceased, Leonard Van Kleek (one of the executors) being deceased, Leonard Titsort (another) being absent from this state, and Leonard Lewis (the other) having relinquished the executorship by an instrument dated November 4 instant, New York, November 17, 1784.

Page 295.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANN LEAKE, relict of Robert Leake, late of the City of New York, deceased, being mindful of mortality, make this my last will. I leave to my beloved mother my chased gold watch, my picture and a mourning ring; to my dear father my gold shoe buckles and a mourning ring; to Susanna Richards, widow, and her two daughters, Susanna and Hester, all my second best cloaths divided equally among them, and to each a mourning ring; and further to the said Susannah Richards ten guineas, and to her daughter Susanna thirty guineas; to Ann Riche, of Philadelphia, ten guineas and a mourning ring; to John Leake Norton my gold enameled watch; to Mr. Robert Ross a mourning ring as a mark of my regard and esteem. It is my will that my two wenches, Abigail and Deborah, be henceforth free they finding security to indemnify the parish, and to each mourning and two changes of my common cloaths complete from head to foot. I do direct, by virtue of the power given me by the last will of my said late husband, that all the messuages, lands and tenements within the City and County of New York, and in the Counties of Bergen and Essex in the late Province, now state of New Jersey, whereof the profits were devised unto me by the said will for the term of my widowhood, upon my decease shall revert to and rest in John G. Leake, son of my late husband. In consideration of his dutiful and affectionate care towards me for a series of years past, by force of the

power given me under the said will on record in the Prerogative office of the state of New York, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, I devise to the said John G. Leake, whom I appoint my executor.

Witnesses, Samuel Bard, of New York City, Physician; Rob<sup>t</sup> Carter, John Carrow. Proved, November 17, 1784.

Page 296.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MOSES MULLENEX, of the Broughttown of Westchester, in the County of Westchester, yeoman, being infirm in body. I leave £5 to my son, Joseph Millenex, and in case of his death to his next heir as my heir-at-law I having already considered him. To my loving wife Hannah all that is left of what her father, Joseph Lawrence, and what her brother, Thomas Lawrence, gave her, the bed she brought, and the new bed that was bought the summer last past; also to her the thirds of the profits of all my real estate during her remaining my widow. £5 to my son, James Mullenex, and in case of his death to be equally divided between his lawful issue. Five shillings to my daughter, Mary Fowler, widow, she having had a sufficiency before. I give my dwelling house with the lands and meadows belonging to the homestead, and my land and meadows eastward and joining the land I lately conveyed to my son Joseph, being all my real estate on Frogs neck, in the Broughttown of Westchester to my son, Thomas Mullenex. Also to my said son Thomas my £50 right in the commonage or sheep pasture of the Broughttown of Westchester and my two Jades and two cows, and farming utensils, and such of the cattle as are markt different from mine, and the feather bed which he now uses and the gun or fowling piece; my son Thomas to pay my debts and funeral charges, and the said legacies, all my moveable estate, except that above devised, to be divided between my four following daughters, viz., Elisabeth Pugsly, wife of John Pugsly, Anna, wife of Matthew Vail, Hannah, wife of

James Lewis and Phebe, wife of John Raynor. If my son Thomas shall decease before of age without lawful issue my executors are empowered to sell all bequeathed to him at public vendue, and the monies therefrom to be divided between my wife Hannah and my seven above children. In case any legatee be under age when they should receive their legacy the executors are to retain the legacy and pay it to each as they come to age. It is my meaning that the grain that is planted at my decease be not deemed as moveables, but shall be for the use of my wife and my son Thomas and for no other use. I make my trusty friends, Ebenezer Heaviland and John Tennis, both of Westchester, the first shopkeeper, the latter yeoman, and my son Thomas when of age if lawful, to be executors.

Dated March 4, 1767. Witnesses, Miles Oakley, of Westchester, weaver; Augustine Drake, Thomas Allen. Proved, Westchester County, November 15, 1784. Administration granted to Thomas Mullinex an executor, New York, November 20, 1784.

Page 299.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIA KIP, of the City of New York, widow. I leave to my grandson, Abraham Kip, over and above what I shall herein after give him the sum of five shillings in full barr of any pretence he may make to my real estate as heir at law. To my three sons, Leonard, Isaac and Abraham Kip, each £100 before any division be made of my estate. The rest of my estate I devise unto my children and grandchildren in manner following, that is to say three fourth parts thereof to my said three sons, and the other fourth part to my grandchildren by name: Abraham, Cornelia, Johanna, Jacob and Elizabeth (being the children of my son, Jacob Kip, deceased). For convenience in dividing my estate I authorize my executors to sell the same, real and personal. The share given to my grandchildren shall be laid out by my executors as they judge most advantageous for

them during their minority. I appoint my three sons, Leonard, Isaac and Abraham Kip, executors.

Dated October 29, 1771. Witnesses, Isaac Chardavoyne, Jr., Abraham Chardavoyne, Elizabeth Lindsey. Proved, November 22, 1784. Administration granted to Isaac Kip and Abraham Kip the same date.

Page 300.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AHASUERUS TURK, of the City of New York, cordwainer, do on this 8th of November, 1769, make my last Will and Testament. I give to my well beloved son Cornelius that lott or parcel of ground in Montgomeries Ward of the City above mentioned it being a Tan Yard (now in his occupation) he being my eldest son and heir at law. To my beloved wife Hillegont all the rents and profits of the rest of my whole estate, real and personal, while my lawful widow. For the better support of my wife, if need should require for her maintenance (I allow her) to sell, with the consent of my other executors any part of my real or personal estate (except that given to Cornelius). To my daughter Sarah one feather bed with the furniture belonging to it. If my wife happen to die or remarry I devise all my estate to my children, namely: Cornelius, Jacobus, Johannes, Ahasuerus, Catharine, Sarah and Altie, equally shared, if any die without lawful issue his or her part to the survivors. Before any division be made I order that £27 be paid to each of my above children except my son Cornelius he having been paid the £27 already. I appoint my wife Hillegont, Peter Gerrebrants, and my son Ahasuerus, executors.

Witnesses, Roger Smyth, of Philadelphia, tailor; John Van Sice and Henry Peekwell. Proved, November 26, 1784. Administration granted to Ahasuerus Turk, an executor, the same day.

Page 302.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB HAGEDORN, of Rhinebeeck Precinct, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Maritie

£40; she shall have one room and good maintenance out of my estate during her widowhood. To my eldest son, Peter, £10 for his Birthright. To my sons Francis, Jacob and Jury, each an equal third of my lands and tenements with the appurtenances thereto belonging such as waggons, sleighs, ploughs, harrows, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farmers utensils. To my oldest son Peter a brown span of horses. To my son David £80. To my son Johannis £80. To my daughter Annatie £80. It is my will that my two youngest sons, David and Johannis, and my daughter Annatie shall have their maintenances out of my estate until they are of age and put upon trade, and when of age my said sons must have each one horse, one cow, two sheep and £10, and my daughter Annatie two cows, two sheep and £10. My wife and two sons, David and Johannis, and my daughter Anatie shall divide my household stuff. I make my son Francis, Everardus Bogardus and Isaac Davis, executors.

Dated June 22, 1784.

Witnesses, Jan Wels, Jr., farmer; Rulif Ostrom, Isaac Van Fradenburgh. Proved, Dutchess County, October 5, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 30, 1784.

Page 304.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANN JACOB WERTH, Doctor at Schoharry, Albany County, being at present in perfect health, do this 6th day of July, 1779, make my last will. I bequeath to my eldest son, Henrich Werth, £18 in right of his Primogeniture to be paid in three days after this will is opened. To my dear and loving wife Maria Elisabeth for the time she "live unto my name" and remain my widow my whole estate, substance, lands, houses, barn and tenements, also my real or moveable effects and my yearly debt books, and everything belonging to me excepting only what I have given in this my will to any of my children. After the death of my wife Maria Elisabeth I devise the same to my son Johannes Werth. If

my wife has no mind to remain my widow, or live unto my name, my son Johannes shall pay to his mother, my wife, £25, and give her a bed, a spin wheel, with all her clothing, for her dower. In case my son Henrich will remain to live at my homestead and work at his "treat," he shall have liberty to cut his yearly "cole wood" at my land and I give him free "egress and regress" to the land for his life, if he will remain and live peaceable with his mother and brother, otherwise he may look for another place. To my son Johannes my apparel for him and his children. To my daughter Maria, wife of Joh<sup>s</sup> Snyder, £60. To my "newpnew," Johan Jacob Werth, son of my son Johannes, my silver pocket watch and my great "Hollandsh" Gun by a condition that he may not sell or swap to another person but keep the same for him and his heirs forever. To my nephew, Johannes Werth, son of my son Johannes, my great seal or pitcher ring of gold, and my silver shoe and knee buckles, and my Pistole by a condition that he may not sell or swap it to another person. To my said newpnew, Johann Jacob Werth, my great Bible. To my said newpnew, Johannes Werth, my two preaching Books or "Postils." The rest of all my books may my both said newpnews, Johan Jacob and Johannes, divide equally. If one or other of my son Johannes both sons shall learn any "threat" (trade) his tools and instruments shall be paid out of my estate and he shall have liberty to remain in my house freely, and he may cut his "needy fire wood" yearly from my land till he find a better place to live alone. To Maria Werth, daughter of my son Johannes, £10 paid her the second day after she is married. To the high Dutch Reformed Church £10 paid to the wardens immediately after my decease, and it is my will that the wardens please to lay out the money at interest yearly unto the poor, but the capital shall remain forever in the church. I appoint Johannes Rickert and Johannes Becker, executors.

Witnesses, George Hitts, farmer; Christoph Hitts,

George F. Reinhard, schoolmaster. Proved, Albany County, October 26, 1784. Confirmed, New York, December 3, 1784.

Page 306.—In the name of God, Amen. The 12th day of March, 1776. I, JOSEPH BURROUGHS, of Newtown, Queens County, weaver, being very sick and weak. To James Burroughs, my eldest brother, £40. All the rest of my estate I bequeath to my two brothers and two sisters, viz.: Thomas Burroughs, John Burroughs, Deborah Burroughs and Mary Burroughs. In case of loss of any part of the monies now due to me on bond or note I order that each of my said brothers and sisters share in the loss. I appoint my brother Thomas, Benjamin North and Abraham Ramson, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Coe, yeoman; Stephen Pettit, James Coe. Proved, Queens County, November 28, 1784. Administration granted to Thomas Burroughs and Abraham Ramson, December 4, 1784.

Page 308.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN VAIL, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being sick and weak, do this 13th day of July, 1782, make this my last will. I leave to my son, William Vail, £50 and two cows; and likewise my "close" to be divided betwixt William Vail, John Vail and Alsop Vail, son of my son Benjamin. To my daughter, Marcy Pain, £10 within two years after my decease. To my son Benjamin ten shillings. To my daughter, Lydia Vail, two feather beds, and bedsteds and cords and bedding thereto, and at her decease one of the beds and equal part of the bedding to go to Lydia Vail, daughter of my son John; also to my said daughter Lydia one side saddle, one looking glass with all the household furniture belonging thereto. To my daughter, Marcy Pain, one third of her mothers waring apparel and the remainder to my daughter Lydia and at her decease the same to be equally divided betwixt my



son Benjamin Vail's two eldest daughters and my son John Vail's three eldest daughters; and at my daughter Lydia's decease the household furniture to be divided betwixt William Vail, Benjamin Vail, John Vail and Marcy Pain. Likewise to my daughter, Lydia Vail, £10 to be paid my son John if she should call for it. To my son John my farm or Plantation, dwelling house and barn for him to enter into the full possession thereof at my decease, the said farm being in the County of Orange and Precinct of Goshen. I order that John shall pay to my son William £50 in two years after my decease, and to my son Benjamin ten shillings and to my daughter, Marcy Pain, £10. Before signing it is my will that all the stock or said farm, farming utensils and all things belonging to me not mentioned, are to go to my son John.

Witnesses, William Wickham, of Goshen, yeoman; John Garey, William Jackson. Proved, Orange County, November 8, 1784. Confirmed, New York, December 6, 1784.

Page 309.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN COE, of New Town, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being weak in body this 23rd of February, 1777. I give my executors full power to sell such part of my lands as they may think proper, sufficient to pay all my just debts and the over plus of the money if any shall be given to my mother and sister Abigail during their lives; they also shall have the remainder of my estate, real and personal, during their lives, and at their decease I bequeath it as follows: To my late brother Samuel Coe's children, my sister Amelia Coe's children and my late sister Mary Leverich's children, an equal share of my whole estate. I empower my executors to sell, after my mother's and sister's decease, my whole estate. I appoint my mother, Phebe Coe, my Brother-in-law, John Coe and Benjamin Field Jr., executors.

Witnesses, James Harpur, John Hamilton and

Thomas Burroughs, yeoman. Proved, Queens County; November 28, 1784. Administration granted to Phebe Coe, December 6, 1784.

Page 311.—Be it remembered that on this 7th day of March, 1784, that I, ANDREW PURDY, of the west patent of North Castle, Westchester County, being weak in body do make my last will. I leave to my loving wife Margret the best feather bed I have, with all the rest of my household goods of every kind and that to be at her own disposal, and the syder casks and other wooden vessels to be reserved for the use of my wife and the rest of the family that lives with me as long as they want them. To my wife the use of the houses, barn, orchard and medows lying on the east side of the road where I now live, with what lies on the west of the road, exclusive of that land I bought of William Horton, so long as my widow; also the use of my farming utensils so long as my widow and after that to my brother, Nehemiah Purdy's grandson, Andrew Purdy, son of Jotham Purdy. Also to Andrew Purdy my carpenters tools. It is my will that my wife give out and divide my waring apparel among my relations as she shall think fit. The part of my farm I bought of William Horton I order to be sold and out of the moneys my funeral charges and debts to be paid, if not sufficient then the land on the west side of the road to be sold, but if there should be an overplus this to be divided between my wife and Margret Purdy, daughter of the above Jotham Purdy, two thirds to my wife and one third to Margret. To Andrew Purdy, son of the said Jotham, my lands, houses, etc., on the east side of the road where I now live with the lot on the west side and north of the road that leads to Ruben Wright's Mill, joining the land I bought of William Horton. I appoint my trusty friends, John Grifen, of the Mannor of Philipsbourg, and John Grifen, Jr., of North Castle, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Smith, of North Castle, yeo-

man; Felix Akrlé, Margreche Purdy. Proved, Westchester County, November 27, 1784. Confirmed, New York, December 9, 1784.

Page 313.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM SUTTON, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, yeoman. I leave to my well beloved wife Tamar, my son John, daughter Elizabeth, sons Joseph, Robert and Gilbert, daughter Pheby, my son, William Ritchie, all my real estate in Mamaroneck, Scarsdale or elsewhere (except 716 acres on the west side of Hudson's River in the township of New Stratford purchased of Robert R. Livingston, Esq<sup>r</sup>) and all my personal estate, both of which equally divided among them. The said lands on the west side of Hudson's River to be divided between my five sons: John, Joseph, Robert, Gilbert and William Ritchie. My children to receive their dividends as they come of age, the profits to remain in the hands of my wife "as an adequate for the bringing up the children." I make my wife Tamar, my son John, my brother Robert and Joseph Bull, of New York, executors.

Dated December —, 1775. Witnesses, Nich<sup>s</sup> Belly, Thomas Roberson, of Mamaroneck, Major Scholefield. Proved, Westchester County, December 6, 1784.

Page 314.—I, THOMAS BRIGGS, of Dutchess County, being weak in body. I leave to my wife Elizabeth the two fether beds and furniture with all the other household goods that she brought me at our marriage free and clear forever, also one room in my now dwelling house which she shall chuse, one good cow, to be well kept with fire wood and all other necessaries of life sufficient for her reputable maintenance in sickness and in health during her widowhood and no longer, and if she chuse not to accept of the aforesaid provisions but should remove from this place, then she shall have the goods she brought me and £100 to be paid at her removal. To my son Nathaniel £40. To

my daughter, Comfort Gay, one looking glass, one good feather bed and furniture one high case of draws which was her mothers, one round table and £10. To my son William ten shillings. To my son Thomas my homestead and my farm on the mountain and my farm on the oblong where my son now lives with all my live stock, and farming utensils free and clear. To my granddaughter, Amy Briggs, daughter of William Briggs, one high case of draws, one righting desk, and one good feather bed and its furniture. All my wearing apparel to my two sons, William and Thomas. My money, bonds and notes to my son, Thomas Briggs. The remainder of my estate to all my children equally divided. Lastly I appoint my trusty and well beloved son, Thomas Briggs, my executor.

Dated April 5, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Tibbits, yeoman; Charity Scanton, Jonathan Akin. Proved, Dutchess County, January 22, 1783. Confirmed, December 15, 1784, New York.

Page 316.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MC-NACHTANE, marriner, of the Port of New York. I leave to my beloved wife Corenlia the whole of my estate, real and personal, and further my wife to be the executrix.

Dated November 27, 1784. Witnesses, Dirck Lef-ferts, of New York City, merchant; James J. Beekman, Sarah J. Beekman. Proved, New York, December 18, 1784.

Page 317.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SICKLES, of Harlem, farmer, being in good health. I give to my son, John Sickles, my best waggon for his birthright and in bar of any claim on my estate. To my daughter Mary the now wife of Samson Benson, of Harlem, farmer, £500. The rest of my estate to my dear and loving wife Margaret to use the rents and profits while my widow, and after her death or remarriage I devise the same as followeth: to my said daughter Mary £500 over and above the above men-

tioned £500, and exclusive of the sum of £140 she hath already had of me, also half of all my Negroes, Cattle, Horses, farming utensils and moveables, also that certain lot and a half of land in the Township of Harlem bounded east on John Bogarts land, west by Benjamin Benson's, south by part of Samson Benson's and north by the main road. All the rest of my real estate, and the remaining part of my negroes, cattle, etc., to my son, John Sickles. I appoint my wife Margaret, my daughter Mary Benson, my son John Sickles and my brother Zachariah Sickles, of the City of New York, merchant, executors.

(Signed)

JOHANNES ZICKELSE.

Dated February 12, 1771. Witnesses, John C. Knapp, Isaac Marschalk, George Waller. Proved, November 10, 1784, when Aurt Housman, of New York City, Gentleman, swore to the signatures of said John Coghill Knapp and Isaac Marschalk. Administration granted to Mary Benson, John Sickles and Zachariah Sickles, December 20, 1784.

Page 318.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY BROCHOLST, of the City of New York, widow, being weak of body. I leave to my friend, Mrs. Margaret Stuyvesandt, wife of Mr. Peter Stuyvesandt, of the City of New York, Gentleman, my furniture and wearing apparel as a mark of my esteem and for the kindness and attention she has shown to me during my illness. To Judith and Cornelia Stuyvesandt, children of the said Peter Stuyvesandt, each £10 for purchasing for each a piece of Plate in remembrance of me. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my beloved nephews, Samuel Ver Plank and Gulian Ver Plank, and my beloved nieces Ann, wife of Gabriel Ludlow, and Mary, wife of Charles McEvers, equally divided. I make my said nephews, Samuel and Gulian Ver Planck, executors.

Dated March 9, 1775. Witnesses, Mary Verplank, Susanah Preston and Petrus Stuyvesant, of New York

City, Esquire. Proved, New York, December 17, 1784. Administration granted to Gulian Verplank, December 20, 1784.

Page 320.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER VAN BENTHUYSEN, JR., of Rynebeck in Dutchess County, Gentleman, being in perfect health. I leave to my beloved brother, Bornt Van Benthuyesen's four children all my fast and moveable estate, namely, to Jacob, Mary, Bornt and Kethurah Van Benthuyesen, share and share alike. I make my cousin, Jacob Van Benthuyesen, sole executor.

(Signed) PIETR VAN BENTHUY.

Dated June 17, 1775. Witnesses, Patt Hogan, schoolmaster; Johannes Luyck and Petrus Cool. Proved, Dutchess County, September 7, 1784. Administration granted to Robert Donnell, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, farmer, a principal creditor of Peter Van Benthuyesen, Jr., late of the same place, farmer, the executor, Jacob Van Benthuyesen, having deceased before the Probate of the will, New York, December 21, 1784.

Page 321.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB WESTFAEL, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, yeoman. To my three beloved grandsons, viz.: Jacob Cole, Jacob Schoonhoven and Jacob Westfael, Jr., £4 apiece. To my three granddaughters, viz.: Margaret Cole, wife of Haremanus Van in Wegen, Maregreet Westfael, wife of Hezekiah Rosekrance and Margaret Kimber, daughter to George Kimber, £3 a piece. Also to my granddaughter, Maragreet Westfael, my son Cornelius Westfael's daughter, £3. Further to my six children and their heirs as follows, viz.: to the heirs of my son Cornelius, deceased, that is Dievertje and Maregrijet Westfael, a double portion, that is to each equal with my daughters; to the heirs of my daughters, Marija and Johanna, deceased, and to my daughters, Leonora, Elisabeth and Sarah, all the remainder of my estate after my debts and funeral charges are

paid. My grandson, Jacob Schoonhoven, shall have my estate that he now lives upon conveyed to him by the rest of my heirs on condition he pay £50 to be divided among all my heirs. The intent of the above is that the above mentioned six children or their heirs are to divide the estate share and share alike, except the heirs of my son Cornelius who are to have a double portion. It is my will that whereas Thomas Schoonhoven is indebted to me per Bond and Note that if my executors cannot recover the same such money shall be deducted from the portion of his children, that is the heirs of my daughter Marija. Which said legacies shall be paid within three months after my decease. I appoint my beloved grandsons, Josias Cole, of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County, East Jersey, and Jacob Cole, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, New York, executors.

Dated April 8, 1775. Witnesses, Joseph Drake, Jacob Schoonhoven, of Goshen, farmer; Thomas Kyte. Proved, Orange County, December 13, 1784. Administration granted to Josias Cole, New York, December 21, 1784.

Page 323.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN ELLISON, being weak in body. I leave to Jane, daughter of Martha Dorlond, for her maintenance the interest of £300 annually till she arrives at the age of twenty-one or till her wedding day, and then the sum of £400 for her use forever; but if she should not live to the age of twenty-one or to the day of marriage the £400 to my father, Richard Ellison. To my brother, Richard Ellison, £100. To my brother, Samuel Ellison, a certain mare at present pastured at William Smiths (commonly called Major Will). To my sister, Freelove Platt, £7 to buy her a set of curtains. The remainder of my estate to my father, Richard Ellison. I appoint my father, my brother Richard and my friend, Henry Titus, executors.

Dated October 22, 1784. Witnesses, John Lefferts,

of Brooklyn, Grocer; Thomas Havens, of Brooklyn, Carpenter; John Van Nostrand. Proved, New York, December 23, 1784.

Page 325.—In the name of God, Amen. This 24th day of March, 1775. I, JOHN SOULISS, of New Rochelle, in ye County of Westchester, yeoman. I leave to my well beloved wife, Mary Souliiss, all my estate, real and personal, for life, and after her decease I order my executors to sell that sixteen acres which I have in East Chester, that I purchased of Gilbert Ferris, Joshua Ferris and Jonathan Ferris. The equal half of all my creaturs, of my negro, and my farmers utensils, cyder casks, plows, sleds, carts and which we have on the farm, I have no right to, one half of the same belongs to my son, Joshua Souliiss, I having received full satisfaction of him for the said half. The said sixteen acres and all my moveables, except what is hereafter excepted, and the half of the creatures, etc., I order to be sold after my wife's decease and the monies I leave in the following manner. To my son John £50. To my son Daniel £25. To my son Joshua I have given his full share in the farm he now lives on. To my daughter, Hester Souliiss, £60, with a bed and furniture compleat, her side saddle, and her Trunk, my English Bible, her looking glass, a pair of smoothing irons, a pair of thongs and shovel, thats in my room, a little wheel and my little red cupboard. To my daughters, Mary Devore and Jane Onoray, widow, and my daughter, Susannah Lecount, Lewis Dubois, and Peter Dubois, their mother's share between them; and my daughter, Hester Soulis, and my daughter, Magdalene Guion, the moneys ariseing from my said estate equally divided. I appoint my son, John Souliiss, and my cousin, Peter Bonnet, of New Rochel, executors.

(Signed)

JOHN SOULICE.

Witnesses, Richard Willis, James Willis, of New Rochelle, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, No-



vember 22, 1784. Administration granted to Peter Bonnet, New York, December 24, 1784.

Page 326.—In the name of God, Amen. The 7th day of December in the year of our Lord, 1776. I, JAMES MILLER, of North Castle, in Westchester, yeoman, being very sick and weak. To my beloved wife Mary one bed and furniture and the privilege of the west room in my house during her widowhood, also pasture for one cow and firewood. To my son Gilbert all my lands and £50 for keeping all my family together until my youngest son Robert comes of age, and if Robert die before of age, then he to have my lands till the next youngest come of age, and then I desire so much of my lands and moveables to be sold as to pay my debts and funeral charges, and the rest of my estate to be valued by indifferent persons or sold, and to be so divided that my sons to have a double share, or two pounds to my wife and daughters one, except my daughter, Esther Purdy, who has had her full portion. It is my will that my son Gilbert, and Anthony Miller and Nathaniel Purdy, be my executors.

Witnesses, David Davids, Peter Jenings, William Horton, of Cortlandts Manor, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, October 18, 1784. Administration granted to Gilbert Miller, New York, December 24, 1784.

Page 328.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HAWLEY, of Salam, Westchester County, being in good helth do this 31st day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1770, make this my last Will and Testament. I leave to my loving wife Abigail one third of my house and barn and one third of my lands and of my moveables after my "debts is paid" as long as she shall live. The rest of my estate to my children, viz.: John, Henry, Samuel and Abigail to be divided as follows: to John, being the oldest son, £10 more than the rest of my sons, and then for my sons to be

equal, and for my daughter Abigail to have one third as much as one of my sons, I mean that where one of my sons will have nine pounds my daughter shall have three; and my wife's thirds above mentioned to be equally divided with my sons as aforesaid, and my daughter to have one third as much as any son. If I shall have any more children by my wife, if sons, they to be equal with my other said sons, if girls, to be equal with my other said daughter. I constitute my wife sole executor.

(Signed) JOHN HAWLEY and also ABIGAIL HAWLEY.

Witnesses, Gershom Selleck, Nathan Olmsted Jr., Ezekiel Hawley, Jr. Proved, Westchester County, November 6, 1784. Administration granted to Abigail Hawley, New York, December 24, 1784.

Page 329.—I, ELIJAH GEDNEY, of the Mannour of Scarsdale, Westchester County, yeoman, do make this present writting to be my last will to dispose of my worldly estate which I hereby do in the following manner, viz.: I empower my executors to sell all my lands on the west side of the road that leads from the White Planes to New York, and out of the money arising to pay my debts, funeral charges and cost of proving this my last will. If there be any remainder I order it to be given to my wife towards bringing up my children. To my well-beloved wife, Sarah Gedney, the use of all my houses and barns, the remainder of my farm and all my moveables, till my son John comes of age, if she remains my widow so long, towards her support and bringing up my children and giving them necessary learning; after John comes of age if she is yet my widow I give her only the use of two small rooms in the northwest corner of my house, and firewood to burn, the two best beds, and one of my best horses and the side saddle, and my negro girl named Suckee, so long as she is my widow; and if she marrys then the horse and saddle, the negro girl and no more, except what shall fall to her in the division of the

money that the moveables hereafter mentioned are sold for. If my widow shall marry before my son John comes of age, or is yet my widow when he comes of age, in the first case I order all the moveables to be sold (except the horse saddle and negro girl), and in the second case all (except the two beds, horse, saddle and negro girl and what moveables are hereafter given to John), and the money arising from the sale to be divided between my widow, our three daughters (not named), and my son John, after this manner, viz. : my widdow and daughters all equal, and John half as much as any of them. Notwithstanding the above my negro girl named Hagar and as much of the stock as my widdow pleases shall be sold and the money put to interest or otherways as my widow pleases, toward the support of my widdow and children, with this proviso that Hagar shall have a reasonable time to choose her a master. I desire my executors to be careful of the woodland on my farm, that no waste be made before my son John comes of age. My farm on the east side of the above mentioned road where I now live and the buildings thereon, and my farming utensils to my son John, he allowing his mother the privileges above given her. I appoint my wife Sarah, my brother, Bartholomew Gedney, and my friend, Samuel Crawford, executors.

Dated March 13, 1773. Witnesses, Absolom Gedney, Joshua Barns, Benedict Carpenter, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, April 27, 1773. Administration granted to Jonathan G. Tompkins, of Westchester County, Esquire, principal creditor of Elijah Gedney, late of Scarsdale. Whereas the last surviving executor hath died intestate, New York, December 25, 1784.

Page 331.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENONI FLINT, of Sagg in the township of Southampton in the County of Suffolk, yeoman, being very sick and weak. After my just debts are satisfied I bequeath to my loving wife Azubah, the improvement of one third of all

my lands, the east room in my dwelling house, and one third part of my barn, as long as she remains my widow, likewise one bed and bedding and one cow. To my daughter, Hamutal Flint, £10. To my son Edward, my little lott at the Beach Close containing about four acres. To my son, John Maltby Flint, ten acres next the road adjoining the above lott at the Beach Close, and half of my lott of woodland lying by the widow Gavotts, containing between 14 and 16 acres. To my sons, Richard and Collin Flint, my lott lying by Colonel Hedges, Abraham Howell and Capt. David Peirson, containing about 17 acres. To my son Benjamin, my swamp containing about eight acres. To my son William, my lands, buildings and whatever else I am possessed of at my death except that given above, and except my moveable estate which I order to be sold to pay my debts, and if anything remains it to be divided between all my sons, and if any die under age his part to be equally divided between the rest of my sons. My will is that my son, John Maltby Flint, have the west room of my dwelling house which I forgot to mention under his name. I appoint my trusty friend, Ebenezer White, Esqr, and my son, William Flint, executors.

Dated June 14, 1784. Witnesses, Stephen Peirson, Silas White, Joseph Gibbs. Proved, Suffolk County, December 7, 1784. Confirmed, December 30, 1784, New York.

Page 333.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH HUDSON, of Hog Neck in the township of Southampton, Suffolk County, widow, being in perfect health. I leave to my loving mother, Elizabeth Havens, widow, of Southampton, all my real and personal estate, with everything belonging to me at the time of my decease without exception. I appoint my loving mother sole executrix.

Dated October 28th, 1771. Witnesses, Mary Jennings, Rachel Moore, Joseph Gibbs, schoolmaster.

Proved, Suffolk County, December 4, 1784. Administration granted to David Corwithe, of Suffolk County, merchant, the executrix having deceased before the probate, New York, December 31, 1784.

Page 334.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH HAVENS, of Southampton, Suffolk County, Hogue-neck, being weak in body. I leave to my grandson, Samuel Crook, after my debts are paid, £5 lawfull money at eight shillings p<sup>r</sup> Dollar. The rest of my estate to be equally divided between all my grandchildren, namely: Samuel Crook, Walter Crook, Susana Crook, Abraham Crook and Benjamin Crook. I appoint my trusty friend, John Payne, Sr., executor.

Dated October 23, 1784. Witnesses, Hannah Havens, Polly Nicheson and John Joseph Fraizer Montgomery. Proved, Suffolk County, December 4, 1784. Administration granted to David Corwithe, of Suffolk County, merchant, the executor having relinquished the executorship by an Instrument dated December 4th instant, New York, December 31, 1784.

Page 336.—In the name of God, Amen. This 26th day of May, 1775. I, JAMES WILTSE, of Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, weaver, being sick and weak. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah, the "Rideing Chear" and "Chair Horse," and her bed and the furniture thereunto; Also £20 a year for life or "widdow-hud" to commence from the day of my decease, and £200 paid within one year after my decease; and as to wearing cloths, all my linen to my son-in-law, William McNeil, and the remainder to my wife to be disposed of at her pleasure, with the "cubbard and lenin therein." To my grandson, James Wiltse McNeil, £100, paid him when twenty-one. To my daughter, Elizabeth McNeil, all the remaining part of my estate. I appoint my son-in-law, William McNeil and John A. Brinckerhoff, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Balching, farmer; William

Shearer, William Humfrey. Proved, Dutchess County, December 28, 1784. Administration granted to William McNeil, New York, January 1, 1785.

Page 337.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL WHITNEY, of Worrick in "Orring" County, New York, being in perfect health of body. I leave to Martha my dearly beloved wife, all my estate to use at her pleasure during the term she may remain my widow, and if she should marry again I do mean that after my debts are paid out of my moveable estate the remainder to be hers forever; Also I do mean that my lands shall be divided between my two sons Thomas and Aaron. Thomas shall have two acres of land and the house that I now live in adjoining to Aguston Rogerses land. (No mention of Aaron's share). My executors shall put my sons to a trade at a fit age. Thomas shall have a Blacksmith Trade, and Aaron a Tanner and currier and shoemakers. My sons shall provide for their mother a sufficient room to live in, that is comfortable and fit for her, and shall jointly provide for her twelve bushels of wheat and ten of corn yearly, and that they shall not sell any land without consent of their mother except they sell to one another; and that they shall give to each of their sisters one cow to be "prised att five pounds as in 1775"; and that my sons shall provide firewood for their mother and one cow. I make my wife Martha and her brother, Daniel Burt, sole executors.

Dated April 25, 1780. Witnesses, Daniel Burt, Jr., James Burt, of Goshen, yeoman. Proved, Orange County, December 23, 1784. Confirmed, New York, January 3, 1785.

Page 339.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISACK LOTT, of Newtown in Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, at this present time in a poor state of health. I leave to my beloved wife Anche, the use of my whole estate, real and personal, during her life, except she

should remarry then she is to have £100, and my negro wench Deyane, and a bed and cubbard. After my wife's decease or remarriage I leave to my daughter Maria, wife of Johannes Cornel, all my estate, lands, meadows, buildings, and all my moveables excepting what is yett to be given to my grandson, Isack Cornel, she, Maria, paying to my granddaughter, Ann Rider, £400, and half my moveable estate above expressed to be given to Maria Cornel at the age of twenty-one years if my wife should die before that time, but if my wife be yet living then the said Ann Rider is not to receive her legacy before the death or remarrying of her said grandmother, Anche Lott. If Anne Rider depart this life before of age without lawful issue, her legacy to my daughter, Maria Cornel. To my granson, Isack Cornel, my Negro Boy Jack. I appoint my son-in-law, Johanus Cornel, and my trusty friends, Nicolas Lafforts and Philip Edsall, my executors.

Dated February 6, 1771. Witnesses, Samuel Edsall, John Innes, Jr., Jacobus Colyer. Proved, Queens County, December 27, 1784. Administration granted to Philip Edsall, New York, January 4, 1785.

Page 340.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY KIP, of the City of New York, widow of Abraham Kip, late of New York City, cooper, deceased, and one of the daughters of Huybert Vandenberg, late of the said city, cartman, deceased; being at present indisposed in body. I order that my personal estate shall be sold and converted into cash, and the money put out at interest by my executors as they think fit at the risque of my daughter Mary; Also that my real estate shall be hired out for such rents as can be got for the same, and the profits of all my estate or so much as is necessary shall be applied for the maintenance of my daughter, Mary Kip, for her life. After the decease of my said daughter Mary all the rest of my estate to my three other children, to wit: Sarah, wife

of Garret Harsen, Abraham Kip and Garret Kip. I appoint my son-in-law, Garret Harsen, of New York City, baker, and my son, Abraham Kip, of the said City, Painter, and my friend, Mr. Nathaniel McKinley, of the said City, executors.

Dated July 19, 1765. Witnesses, Peter Hyer, Gilb<sup>t</sup> Burger, John McKesson (of New York City, Esquire). Proved, January 5, 1785. Administration granted to Garret Harsin the same day.

Page 342.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY FLAUGHT, of the City of New York, being in perfect health. I direct my executors to sell my real estate. I bequeath to my daughter Rachael, now at the City of Philadelphia, £10. To my very good friend, John Samler, of New York, a compleat suit of mourning, to wit: one black broadcloth coat, waistcoat and breeches, a mourning scarf for his hatt, two pair of black stockings and one pair of black mourning shoes and knee buckells. The remainder of my estate to be put at interest until my three children to wit, Catharine, Henry and John shall arrive at the age of twenty-one or marry, and then the whole to be divided between them when they severally attain that age. I appoint my loving friend, John Samlar, executor.

Dated October 27, 1783. Witnesses, Jn<sup>o</sup> Leake, John Woods, of New York City, Esquire. Proved, January 5, 1785.

Page 344.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT ASH, of the city of New York, cabinet maker. I desire that all my debts be paid by my executors as soon after my decease as they possibly can with any degree of convenience, and that all my real and personal estate, except such part as I hereby otherwise dispose of, shall be sold to the best advantage. After my debts and funeral charges are paid all the rest of my estate to my dearly beloved wife, Mary Ash, my children and grandchildren hereinafter named in the proportions mentioned, that is to my wife one seventh part of my



estate; Also two feather beds, bolsters and pillows, one bedstead, one set of curtains, and the bed cloaths belonging to the beds, which she is ordered to possess herself of immediately after my decease. To the children of my deceased daughter, Catherine Ash, otherwise Tomlinson, namely, Gabriel Legget, her son by her first husband, Gabriel Legget, deceased; James, Anne and Gilbert Tomlinson, her three children by her second husband, James Tomlinson, one other seventh divided between them and paid them upon their respective attaining to the age of twenty-one years or day of marriage. To my grandchild, Elizabeth Ash, daughter of my son Gilbert, deceased, one seventh, paid her when twenty-one or the day of her marriage. To the children of my daughter, Anne Ash, otherwise English, deceased, namely, Elizabeth, Catherine, Mary and Andrew English, one seventh, divided between them and paid upon their respective attaining to their full age of twenty-one or days of marriage. All the rest of my estate to my three surviving sons, Thomas, William and John, equally divided. The estate devised to my grandchildren shall be put at interest and the interest from their respective dividends paid them toward their support and education until they are twenty-one or marry as aforesaid. I appoint my wife Mary, my son Thomas, and William Erwin of New York City, shopkeeper, executors.

Dated February 10, 1783. Witnesses, Ter Kerin, Notary Public; William Norris and John Van Toren, both of New York City. Proved, January 8, 1785.

Page 346.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB REMSEN, at present of the City and State of New York, merchant, being sick and unwell in body. I leave to my eldest son, Rem Remson, ten shillings in lieu of all pretences of heirship. To my wife Catharina, all my estate, real and personal, during her life provided she remains my widow, hereby giving her full power to

take possession of my estate and to do with it as she shall think most proper for the use and maintenance of my children respectively within age; but if she remarry I direct that all estate, as well real as personal, be divided into four equal shares by my executors, and that my wife take unto herself one fourth part in full bar of dower, and that the remaining three fourths be divided among my nine children in manner following: First I order that my younger children be brought up out of my whole estate until they severally attain the age of twenty-one or marriage. When the youngest is twenty-one then my estate to be divided as follows, to wit: one ninth each to my children, to my son William, to my daughter Dorothy Remsen, to my son Jacob, to my daughter Mary Remsen, to my daughter, Catharina Remsen, to my son John, to my son Daniel, to my daughter, Antie Remsen, and to my daughter, Sarah Remsen. In case my wife should prove pregnant at my decease such child or children as may be born after my decease shall have an equal part with the rest of my children and be educated in like manner. In case my wife should die before the youngest child shall attain the age of twenty-one then my executors shall take possession of all my estate and place it to the best advantage until the aforesaid division take place. I authorize them to advance from the monies to any of my children marrying or going into any business so large a sum as they in their discretion may judge expedient, provided it does not exceed the share of such child. I appoint my wife Catharina and my sons, William and Jacob, and my son-in-law, John Remsen, executors.

Dated April 8, 1784. Witnesses, Henry Remsen, Everardus Brouwer, Abraham Kip, of New York City, shopkeeper. Proved, August 12, 1784. Confirmed, New York, January 11, 1785.

Page 348.—In the name of God, Amen. The 15th day of November, 1784. I, JOSEPH TILLOT, of North Castle,

Westchester County, Gentleman, being very sick and weak in body. My will is that all my estate real and personal, be sold by my executors and the moneys therefrom to be equally divided between my four sons, that is: John, Josefus, Richard and Peter. My will is that my well-beloved friends, Jacob Carpenter and Israel Townsend, shall be my executors.

Witnesses, William Wright, of Westchester County, Physician; Caleb Merrit, yeoman; Rachel Sands. Proved, Westchester County, December 13, 1784. Confirmed, New York, January 12, 1785.

Page 350.—I, JOHN MOUBRAY, of Islip, Suffolk County, New York. This 28th of October, 1779, being in a state of health of body and my memory quick and judgment good. I leave to my son, Anning Moubray, all my lands, meadows, houses and buildings; Also I order him to pay to my daughters £60, to be divided between them, namely, Anne, Charity and Lucretia Moubray. I appoint Nathaniel Whitman, of Huntington, my son, Anning Moubray and John Willets, both of Islip, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Willits, Jedidiah Williamson, Henry Willets. Proved, Suffolk County, December 23, 1784. Confirmed, New York, January 13, 1785.

Page 351.—Administration granted to Anne Genter, of the City of New York, spinster, a daughter and one of the residuary legatees of John Genter, late of Westchester County, Gentleman, deceased. Whereas, JOHN GENTER did make his last will bearing date the 24th of November, 1768, and thereby appointed Humphrey Jones and James Van Varek, executors, and soon after died, and whereas on the 6th day of July, 1772, at New York City, the said will was proved and administration granted to the said executors, and whereas they the said executors are since deceased, the estate not being fully administered, administration is hereby granted to the said Anne Genter, New York, January 13, 1785.

Page 352.—In the name of God, on ye 27 day of February, 1779. I, TRUSTRUM DODGE, of ye township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Island of Nassau. I leave to my loving wife, Sarah Dodge, the use and profits of my house and lands and all that is comprehended under real estate during her life. After her decease half of my lands, buildings, etc., to my son Daniel, and the other half to my son Stephen. My moveable estate to rest in the hands of my wife for her life, and after her decease to my daughter, Sarah Dodge, one feather bed and proper covering for the same; to my daughter, Frelove Parish, wife of Townsend Parish, half of the residue of my moveable estate, and the other half to my two daughters, Sarah Dodge and Anne Dodge, equally divided. I ordain my wife Sarah and my sons, Daniel and Stephen Dodge, executors.

(Signed) TRISTRAM DODGE.

Witnesses, Thomas Smith, yeoman; Frelove Smith, Elizabeth Smith. Proved, Queens County, January 15, 1785. Confirmed, New York, January 20, 1785.

Page 353.—I, ANNEY MABEE, of Woolves Hallow, within the Township of Oyster Bay in Queens County, Nassau Island, widow of Henery Mabee, late of Oyster bay deceased. This 13th day of December, 1784, being in poor and weak state of helth, do make my last will. It is my will that my estate of all kinds be turned into cash as soon as my executors think proper and the money put at interest for my three sons, one third of the neet proceeds to my eldest son, Jacob, one third to my second son, Nicholas, and one third to my third son, Henery, share and share alike when they shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years old. If all my three sons should decease before twenty-one without leaving lawful issue then my estate to be divided between my Brothers and sister. I appoint my esteemed Unkel John Wartman, John Kishow, Jr., and Daniel Bogart, all of Oyster Bay, executors.

Witnesses, William Davis, Ram Hortenberge, John

Wright, Trader. Proved, January 18, 1785, Queens County.

Page 355.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN KIRK, of the Township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Amelia, all the goods she brought to me by our marriage or from her father, Daniel Coles, and my riding chair and chair horse, a folio Bible, three table spoons, of silver, and a corner chair, to her free disposal; Also I will that my executors set apart out of my estate £400, the interest for which I will to her yearly so long as she remains my widow. To my sister Elisabeth Wright and her three daughters, £100, equally divided between them. To my sister, Anne Seamons, the use of £100 kept at interest and paid her yearly for life and at her decease equally divided "amongst the children." To my nephews, Benjamin Wright and Benjamin Seamons, each £10; after my wife's death to my sister, Elisabeth Wright and her three daughters, £100 out of the money reserved for my wife; to my sister, Anne Seamons, £200 out of the said money; and after her death to her children. My negro boy Michael as soon as he shall attain the age of twenty-one shall be free and at his own disposal. To my sisters, Elisabeth Wright and Anne Seamons, each one silver table spoon. To my brother, John Kirk, all my lands and tenements with all improvements thereon, willing him, the said John Kirk faithfully to discharge and pay off the foregoing legacies; to him also all personal estate not herein before dispos'd of. Now, in case he should neglect to pay the above said legacies I order my brother-in-law, Jacob Seaman, to sell so much of my real estate as shall pay all legacies or provisions heretofore expressed or to be performed. I appoint my brother, John Kirk, and my brother-in-law, Jacob Seamons, executors.

Dated December 13, 1778. Witnesses, James Townsend, George Bennet, Charity Beedell. Proved, Queens

County, January 13, 1785. Confirmed, New York, January 20, 1785.

Page 357.—Know all men by these Presents that I, MORRIS SIMERSON, near Westbury in the Township of Oyster bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being this 20th day of February, 1775, well in health of body and sound of mind. I order all my just debts to be paid unto all those persons I am indebted by my two sons, Charles and William, in consideration of what I shall herein give unto them. To my said two sons each a waggon and two horses apiece, and two cows each, and one plow and tackling for the same; Also to each one bed and bed close. To my grandchild, Charles Simerson, one bed and bed close. To my daughter, Leah Latton, £100 conditionally, that is, if she should have a child, or be a widow, then I give her the £100, but if not, she shall have but the interest yearly as long as she lives, my sons Charles and William to pay the same the first payment in the space of two years after my decease. To my daughter, Cathrine Suydam, £100, paid half in two years after my decease and half in three years, by my said sons equally. To my son Abraham, the lands, houses and improvements that I bought of Joseph Balden. To my son Morris the timber that grows upon one acre of land that I have joining Josias Latting's land to be cut of in three years after my decease. To all my children, namely: John, Abraham, William, Morris and Charles Simerson, Leah Latten and Cathrine Suydam, equally divided, all the remainder of my moveable estate. To my two sons, William and Charles, my houses, buildings, lands, fences, fields, timber and improvements where I now live near Westbury, partly in the Township of Hempstead and partly in that of Oyster bay, equally divided between them; Also my land lying upon Hempstead plains, all which is conditionally given in case they each do pay their part of my debts and legacies, but if either refuse to pay I em-

power my son, John Simerson and my son-in-law, Minne Suydam, to sell so much of my lands, as above given to my said sons, as will pay the same. I appoint my son John, my son William, my son-in-law, Minne Suydam, and my friend John Alburtime, of Cowneck, blacksmith, executors.

Witnesses, Josias Lattin, Isaac Latten, Samuel Willis. Proved, Queens County, January 14, 1785.

Page 359.—To all Christian People to whome these presents shall com or aney ways concern, Know Ye that I, EDWARD COLWELL, of the Town of Oyster bay in Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being this fifth day of September, 1784, very weak in body and in a poor state of health. I will unto my well-beloved wife Almy, two of my best beds and full furniture, one cow of her choice, two swine, and all the meats, flax and wool and as much of my house furneture of all kinds as will fully furnish a room for keeping house sutable to her circumstances. I order the remainder of my estate, lands and moveables sold, and from the proceeds my debts to be paid, and the overplus to my wife during her widowhood, the proceeds to be put at interest and this paid to my wife yearly; at the day of her death or marriage all the said remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my sons, one fourth each to my sons Edward, Isaac, Jacob and Samuel Colwell. I appoint my friend and kinsman, John Wright, of Norwich, and my kinsman, Daniel Yongs, Jr., of the Cove, both of the Township of Oyster bay, my executors.

Witnesses, Augustin McEvin, yeoman; Thomas Colwell, Samuel Willis. Proved, January 14, 1785, Queens County.

Page 361.—Whereas I, RICHARD TITUS, of Hempstead, Queens County, being weak in body. I leave to my son Peter, all my real and personal estate. My will is that Peter shall pay to my son Charles £450 within one year after my decease, and to my gran-

son, Richard Townsend, £50 within one year after my decease. My wife Mary shall have one roome and bedroom and all my indoore moveables as long as she remains my widdow. My son Peter shall pay her £20 a year as long as she lives instead of her dowrey. I ordain my two sons, Charles and Peter Titus, and my granson, Richard Townsend, executors.

Dated October 25, 1784. Witnesses, James Poole, yeoman; Dorithy V. D. Water, Ruth Hewlet. Proved, Queens County, January 18, 1785.

Page 362.—These Presents witnesseth that I, ADRIAN SCHENCK, of the township of Oyster Bay in Queens County, being this 8th day of May, 1777, very sick and weak, do make my last will. I leave to my beloved wife, Nelly Schenck, for the use of herself and her family all my provision stores which I have both for food and raiment, and also as her absolute property all the remainder of my household goods. I order my lands, stocks, and herds, and all goods and chattels without doors to be sold by my executors, and the money arising to be equally divided between my wife and my daughters, Anna and Nelly Schenck, but my just debts to be first paid. Each child's part to be put to interest for the support and education of the said children, and if either die before marriage or before eighteen years of age the survivor shall have the legacy. My wife shall be guardian of my children during her widowhood, but if she marry again my executors shall be their guardians after that time, and my meaning is that the legacies to my wife shall be in lieu of her right of dower and not otherwise. I appoint my uncle, Nicholas Schenck, my brother, Stephen Schenck, and my brother-in-law, John Bennett, executors.

Witnesses, William Seaman, Philip Ellis, of Queens County, taylor; Nicholas Schenck. Proved, Queens County, January 14, 1785. Administration granted to John Bennett, New York, January 21, 1785.



Page 364.—Dated this fourth day of August, Anno Domini, 1778. Know all men by these presents that I, JOSEPH COOPER, senior of Cove-neck in the Township of Oyster bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being far advanced in age and but weak of body, but my understanding sound and my memory as good as usual for a man of my age, well knowing that I and all men must yeald unto death whensoever it may please the Lord to send his messenger of death to my habitation, therefore I am willing to settle my outward affairs before my final change. I empower my executors, or either of them if the other should refuse to qualify, to sell my houses, buildings, lands and meadows, and collect the money arising from the sale of my lands or partly from the sale of my personal estate as shall be judged best, as soon as they can and therewith to pay my debts and funeral charges; and the remainder I give to my granddaughter, Sarah Wright, daughter of Thomas Wright, Doctor, if she lives to receive the money, but if she dyes before she receives the said money, then I bequeath it to my kinsman, Joseph Cooper, Daniel Latham and Joseph Latham, equally divided. I appoint Justice Samuel Townsend, of Oyster bay, John Wright, of Cedar Swamp, and Daniel Youngs, Captain, executors.

Witnesses, Amaziah Wheeler, yeoman; Ethelinda Underhill, Deborah "Am" Wheeler, Samuel Willis. Proved, Queens County, January 14, 1785. Administration granted to Samuel Townsend, John Wright and Daniel Youngs, New York, January 21, 1785.

Page 365.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHUA MERSEREAU, of Richmond County, yeoman, being in good health. My will is that my funeral be conducted with a frugal Decorum and in a Christian like manner. I leave to my beloved wife Esther, my negro girl Teaner, also one cow, one bed and furniture for the same, decent furniture for one room with the privilege of chusing one room belonging to the house I own with

the use of the cellar, wintering and summering for one cow, firewood at the door for one fire; Also £7 per year, which sum I direct my sons, John and David, to pay equally between them, provided she relinquishes her right of Dower, the above privileges to be good provided all relinquishment of Dower is made; and as long as she remains in a state of widowhood. To my daughter Abigail, £50. To my son David, my negro boy Sam, also one of my best horses, saddle and bridle. To my son John, my negro woman named Bet. To my granddaughter, Mary Winant, £25. To my grandson, Peter La Tourette, £25, with my negro boy Jack, should my grandson die without issue the said negro boy to my son John. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my two sons, John and David. My desire is that my estate be divided as soon as convenient to my executors. I appoint John Mersereau and David Mersereau, my two sons, executors.

Dated September 13, 1784. Witnesses, John Simonson, shoemaker; Anthony Stoutenborough. Proved, Richmond County, January 5, 1785. Confirmed, New York, January 21, 1785.

Page 367.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM COOK, of the City of New York, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Effie, my household furniture and personal estate. To my daughters-in-law, Catharin Handlin and Mary Jones, each £10 to buy them a suit of mourning. All my real estate to my wife; to my daughter, Charity Wheler, and my granddaughter, Catharin Van Voorhies, wife of Daniel Van Voorhies, equally divided. Notwithstanding 'tis my will that my wife occupy the dwelling house we now live in Rent free, except they shall agree to sell the same in order to make a division. I appoint my cousin, Thomas Whaley, and my wife and daughter, Charity Wheler, executors.

Dated April 24, 1776. Witnesses, Smith Ramadge, John Simmon, of New York City, tavern keeper; Jos.

Hildreath. Proved, January 22, 1785. Administration granted to Effie Cook the same day.

Page 368.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM TOWNSEND, of the Township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, being this 11th day of October, 1773, sick and weak in body. I leave to my daughter, Roseannah Cock, £100, to be paid the first of May after my decease, the remaining part of my moveable estate, to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Townsend, and my son James, equally between them; if my wife shall refuse to “except” of the above legacy given to her in right of Dower then I give the legacy to my son James. I give to my Wife the use of my east room where I now live and two bed rooms, a priviledge in the kitchen and seller, and the use of one third of my lands, she making no waste by unreasonable use thereof, by cutting or destroying timber, or excessive tilling, as long as she shall remain my widow and no longer. To my son James, all my lands and meadows which I have or of right ought to have, reserving the above priviledge to my wife, and upon the further consideration that James pay to my daughter Roseannah £200 at four equal yearly payments the first paid from the first of May after my decease; now if he refuse to pay this then I order my cousin, John Cock, one of my executors, to sell so much of my land as shall pay it. I appoint my son, James Townsend, my cousin, John Cock, and my son-in-law, Daniel Cock, executors.

Witnesses, John Jackson, yeoman; Robert Thorney Craft, Jacob Coles, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, January 13, 1785. Administration granted to the three executors, New York, January 22, 1785.

Page 369.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BERRIEN, of the City of New York, Merchant, being of sound mind but in a low and declining state of health and sensible of the certainty of death. I devise to my dear and only child, Rachel Berrien; my right to a certain tract of land on south bay, Lake

Champlain, at present undevided. Also to her my books of history, Philosophy, poetry and amusement, all the remaining books of my small library to my beloved wife, Sarah Berrien, for her own use. To my said wife and daughter my household and kitchen furniture divided at such time and in such manner as they shall agree on. To my Brother, Cornelius Berrien, all my woolen wearing apparel and to my wife my other cloathing except my shoes, boots, and hats which with my sword, saddle, Bridle and spurs I give to my worthy friend and Brother-in-law, Mr. John Fish. To my sister, Mrs. Jane Nicoll, £10 and I order my executors to pay it as soon as convenient. To each of my executors a mourning ring of the value of one guinea and I request them to accept the same as a testimony of my sincere friendship. I authorize them to dispose of the remainder of my real and personal estate and the monies arising therefrom I do dispose of as follows, viz.: to my daughter, Rachel Berrien, the half of it, paid at such time as my executors find convenient and judge proper, they paying her the annual income from the time of my decease. The remaining half to be put at interest and the income I give to my wife for her life, and if insufficient for her support in the opinion of my executors they are to use as much of the principal as they think necessary, and after her death the principal to my daughter Rachel if then living and if deceased to such issue as she may leave, and if no such issue should be left I give the same with all other moneys that may remain in equal parts to my sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Betts, and my two nephews, John Berrien, son of Cornelius Berrien, and John Fish, son of Nathan Fish. I appoint Mess<sup>rs</sup> Leake Hunt and John De Lameter, of this City, merchants, and Cornelius Bogert, of the same place, Esquire, attorney at law, executors.

Dated August 30, 1784. Witnesses, Thos. Tucker, Andrew Van Tuyl, George Fisher, the two last of New York City, merchants. Proved, January 27, 1785.

Page 371.—In the name of God, Amen. The 21st day of January, 1780. I, SUSANAH CONTINE, of New Rochel, Westchester County, being sick and weak in body. All my estate, real and personel, with my goods and wearing apparel be equally divided in ten parts, one part each to Elizebet Carr, Benjamin Quereau, Frances Joens, Jain Mowatt, Isaac Quereau, Elizebet Anderson, Jane Garason, Frances Noris, Nicolus Cortrit, and the other tenth part to the two sons of Elias Carow, deceased, Joshua and Elias Carrow. I make my beloved niece, Frances Jones, and Elizebet Carr, of the City of New York, my executors.

Witnesses, John Bonnet, Catharine Seacord, Daniel Bonnet, of New Rochelle, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, January 8, 1785.

Page 373.—The People of the state of New York to all to whom these presents shall come or may concern send greeting. Whereas, ANDREW BARCLAY, late of the City of New York, merchant, deceased, did make his last will and testament bearing date the 12th of August, 1763, and thereby appointed Helena Barclay, Jacobus Roosevelt, Henry Barclay, Jacobus Roosevelt, Jr., Theophilaet Bache, Thomas Barclay, James Barclay and Andrew Barclay, executors, and whereas on the 25th of May, 1776, the said will was proved, and on the 28th of the same month administration was granted to Andrew D. Barclay, one of the executors, and whereas the said Andrew D. Barclay has since died, administration is granted to James Barclay, one other of the executors, New York, the 31st day of January, 1785.

Page 373.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EDWARD FLEMING, of the City of New York, Esquire, being in perfect health. I desire to be privately buried without ostentation or parade. I devise all my real and personal estate in manner following, that is, one half to my dearly beloved wife, Swaantie Fleming, during her life and no longer, and the other half to my son, Pierre

Edward Fleming, but in case any other child should hereafter be born to me by my said wife, such child shall enjoy an equal portion of my estate with my wife and son. My wife shall receive the income of my whole estate during her widowhood and no longer out of which she is to maintain and educate my said child or children till they attain the age of twenty-one. For the better education of my children I give the tuition and custody of them to my wife, but if she die or marry during the non-age of my children the same shall devolve on my executors who are then to receive the income of my children and apply it as directed. After the decease of my wife her half of my estate to go to my son or children. In case of the death of my child or children under age without issue, their shares to my wife during her life and after her decease the whole of my estate to my mother-in-law, Mrs. Cornelia De Peyster, for life, and after her decease to the children of my brother-in-law, Pierre G. De Peyster, now born or hereafter to be born of his present wife. I appoint my dear and beloved wife during her widowhood, my honored and esteemed Mother-in-law, Mrs. Cornelia De Peyster, and my respected sister-in-law, Mrs. Cornelia Du Bois, and my esteemed and respected brother-in-law, Pierre G. De Peyster, executors.

Dated May 2, 1775. Witnesses, Hend<sup>k</sup> Oudenaarde, Henry Wilmot, Anthony L. Bleecker, of New York City, merchant. Proved, January 31, 1785. Administration granted to Swaantie Fleming, February 31, 1785.

Page 375.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARRY BICE, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County. I leave to my eldest son, Henry Bice, the sum of five shillings. I will to all my children equally divided, all the rest of my estate, that is Henry, John and Arry Bice, my three respected sons, and John Pitcher my wife's son, and for his faithful services to me for many years past I do make him, the said John Pitcher, equal heir

with all the rest of my children, sons and daughters, viz.: Charity, wife of Cornelius Ousterhout, Catharine wife of Benj<sup>n</sup> North, and my deceased daughter Magdalene which was the wife of Frederick Hauver and her five children to share their mothers portion, and Elisabeth, wife of Albert Ostronder, and Margaret, wife of Peter Simson, and Cornclean Bice, my six respected daughters. I make John Pitcher, Peter Simson and Arry Bice my executors, and I authorize them in six weeks after my decease to sell all my estate and to put the money at interest to safe men or good security during the life or widowhood of my wife, and I will to her the yearly interest of the whole of my estate as long as she lives or remains my widow, and after her decease or contract of matrimony, the same to my children as aforesaid.

Dated June 21, 1783. Witnesses, W<sup>m</sup> Stewart, Benj. Thorn, Benj. Westfall, Jr., farmer. Proved, Dutchess County, January 18, 1785.

Page 377.—In the name of God, Amen. The 23rd day of December, 1784. I, SAMUEL HAIGHT, of Rye, Westchester County, farmer, being verry sick and weak. I bequeath to Hannah my wife the third of my estate, real and personal, during her life. To Thomas Haight, son of David Haight, Senior, twenty acres of land beginning at the quick trees in the corner of the garden fence. To my nephew, John Haight, son of David Haight, senior, the remainder of my lands and tenements, he discharging my debts and funeral charges. My negro man Jack shall have liberty to choose whether he shall live with John Haight, Thomas or Daniel Haight, my negro wench Jane, Jacob and Cuff to be sold. I recommend to John and Thomas Haight whom I appoint my executors to be "friendly" to Hannah my wife, they to assist each other confirming this will and no other to be my last will and testament.

Witnesses, William Woodward, W<sup>m</sup> Dunlap, of

White Plains, schoolmaster; Amelia Woodward. Proved, Westchester County, January 22, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 1, 1785.

Page 378.—In the name of God, Amen. This 23rd day of December, 1771. I, JOHANIS VAN TESSEL, of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, Westchester, yeoman, being in perfect health. I leave to my "will beloved" wife Trintie my black horse and chaer, and all my household within the house while she is my widow, and after her decease, the same to be divided amongst my four children, and one share to be divided between one of my granchildren, Cattrina Van Tessel, daughter of my son John, and one grandchild of my daughter, Anne Van Wormer, named Trinye Van Wormer, and Anne Van Wormer my daughter. All my moveable estate shall be divided in five parts, except the household goods for the use of my wife, Trincaek Van Tessel, while my widow and then to be divided in the same manner. One fifth to my son Jacob, one to my dafter Anna, the widow of John Van Wormer, one fifth to my daughter Rachel, wife of John Van Tessel, one to my daughter Cattrinna, wife of Abraham Ecker, son of Abr<sup>m</sup>, and the other fifth to my daughter Anna and my two granchildren, Trinye Van Wormer and Cattrinna Van Tessel, daughter of my son John. Upon further consideration as there is a real estate "depending by me" a share of a tract of land at Long Island called Crop maddow, in case there is after my decease any part recovered of said land I give to my eldest son's daughter Ally five shillings, said land if recovered I give to my two sons, Jacob and Peter, one half, and the other half to be equally divided amongst my three said daughters and my two granchildren, Ally and Cattrina Van Tessel, children of my son John, they to draw as much as any of the "Garrels," Anna, Cattrinna and Richal. I make my sons, Peter and Jacob, executors.

Witnesses, Cornelis Van Tessel, Jacobus Devoe,



William Davids, of Phillipse Manor, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, January 13, 1785. Administration granted to Jacob Van Tessel, New York, February 1, 1785.

Page 380.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SYNTICHE BIDDER, of the City of New York, widow, being at present in good health. I direct that my executors have the management of my funeral and pay my debts. I devise to my two daughters, Hannah Collister and Dorothy Lewis, of New York City, widows, all my estate, real and personal, and I make them my executrices.

Dated July 26, 1773. Witnesses, John D. Crimsheir, Geo. Bond, of New York City, attorney at law; James Douglass. Proved, New York, February 7, 1785. Administration granted to Hannah Collister and Dorothy Lewis, February 7, 1785.

Page 381.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM TALMAN, of the City of New York, Physician, being weak in body, do this 7th day of December, 1784, make my last will and testament. I leave to each of my unmarried daughters, to wit: Catharine, Mary and Jennet the sum of £200 to be paid to them immediately after the remarriage or death of my wife in order to put them on a footing with my two married daughters, to wit, Ann and Elizabeth, to each of whom I have already advanced that sum. The remainder of my estate to my five children, to wit: "Ann, the wife of Samuel Brown John, Elizabeth, the wife of Christopher Hatch and the above named Catharine Mary and Jennet" equally divided, subject, however, to the bequest that follows, that is, I give to my beloved wife Ann and my said daughters Catharine Mary and Jennet, the use of all my estate during the widowhood of my wife for their support. I appoint my wife Ann, and my good friend, John Francklin, of New York City, merchant, executors.

Witnesses, John Lawrence, Will<sup>m</sup> Newton, both of

New York City, merchants; A. W. D. Peyster. Proved, February 8, 1785.

Page 383.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM FAULKENDER, of the precinct of Walkill, Ulster County, being weak in body do this 11th day of September, 1783. I bequeath to my loving wife Mary the use of the two back rooms in my house I now live in, with a bed and furniture and also her maintenance, with the use of a horse and saddle during her life. To my son James the farm he now lives on providing he pay all such debts as arise from said place and providing he shall convey to his youngest son when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one that part of said farm formerly occupied by my son Joseph while alive, and provided further that he give the profits arising from the last mentioned farm to such of my children as may then be possessed of the place or farm I now live upon during six years after my decease and no longer. To my son William, Jr., the farm adjoining the Walkill which I now live upon; also one fifty acre lot on the long kill and 200 acres of my undivided part of that lott of 1000 acres in the Pine Swamp; also to him all my personal estate provided he pay such debts as may arise from the said lands. To my son Samuel the farm he now lives on with one fifty acre lott on the long hill and 200 acres of my undivided part of the 1000 acre lot.

Witnesses, James Caldwell, John Dill, Ebenezar Clark, of the Wallkill, farmer. Proved, Ulster County, December 23, 1784. Administration granted to William Faulkender, of Walkill Precinct, in the County of Ulster, yeoman, a son of William Faulkender, of the same place, yeoman, deceased, whereas the said William Faulkender neglected to appoint executors, New York, February 9, 1785.

Page 384.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NOAH SMITH, of Jamaica in Queens County, wheelright, being sick and weak in body. My executors shall sell

so great a part of my real and personal estate as they shall find necessary for paying my debts and funeral charges. The rest of my estate I bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife for her to enjoy the income thereof so long as she shall remain my widow and no longer. To Joseph Skidmore, Nicholas Smith and Daniel Bayles, the present Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church in Jamaica in Queens County the sum of £10 to be paid them within one year after my decease and to be by them and their successors put out to interest for the use of the said Church. After the death or marriage of my wife I will that my whole estate be sold and the money disposed of as follows, to wit: To my son Othniel £20, to my son Nehemiah £20, to my daughter Mary £20, to my daughter Phebe £20, to my daughter Theodosia £20, to my daughter Tabitha £20, to my grandchildren, children of my daughter Eunice, late the wife of Benjamin Everit, £5. The remainder of my estate shall be divided into ten parts, one tenth each to my children, Othniel, Nehemiah, Prissilla, wife of Nehemiah Carpenter, Mary, Phebe, Theodosia and Tabitha Smith, and one tenth to my grandchildren, children of my son, Nicholas<sup>s</sup> Smith, deceased, namely, Patience, Prissilla, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Noah, Mary and Phebe, equally divided amongst them, and one tenth to the children of my son, Noah Smith, deceased, namely, Jeffery, Phebe and George, equally divided, and the remaining tenth to the children of my daughter Unice, deceased, namely, Unice and Mary. I will that my son Nehemiah shall be put out to learn a trade as soon as a proper place can be got for him. I appoint Mary, my wife, my brother-in-law, William Ludlum, and my son Othniel, executors.

Dated August 3, 1777. Witnesses, William Lewis, of Jamaica, carpenter; Nathaniel Mills, Abraham Colyer. Proved, Queens County, January 31, 1785. Administration granted to Mary Smith and Othniel Smith, February 10, 1785.

Page 386.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY HOFFMAN, of Kingston, Ulster County, Blacksmith, being in good health of body. I bequeath to my well beloved wife Catharina my negro wench named Hago, and the choice of one bedstead, bedding, covering, curtains and furniture thereto, for her use for life or as long as she remains my widow, also £20 yearly for life or as long as my widow paid her by my two sons, Nicholas and Abraham. To my son Nicholas all my lands in Dutchess County with the buildings, houses, barns, barricks, orchards and gardens, he to pay to my wife yearly £10, and he to pay to my executors £600 after the death of my wife. To my son Abraham all my lands in the town of Kingston, Ulster County, with the buildings, etc., he to pay yearly to my wife £10. He shall also pay to my executors £500 after the decease of my wife. To my son Nicholas my two negro slaves named James and Ceasar. To Abraham my negro slave named Prince, and all my blacksmith's tools. To my son Anthony my negro boy named Jo and £100 to be paid him by my executors after the decease of my wife out of the money paid by Nicholas and Abraham. To my daughter Catharina my negro girl named Mary (being the daughter of my wench Hago) also my household furniture. To my daughters, Saretie, Jannetie, Marritie and Catharina, £200 after the decease of my wife paid by my executors. To my granddaughter Saretie, daughter of my daughter Annatie, £200 paid her after the decease of my wife when she comes to the age of twenty-one years, and if she die before twenty-one the same to all my above named children equally divided. The residue of my estate to my above named children and my said grandchild Saretie equally. I appoint my son Anthony and my two sons-in-law, John Addison and Hans Kierstede, executors.

(Signed) ANTHONIE HOFMAN.

Dated February 6, 1784. Witnesses, Cornelius El-mendorph, Jr., of Kingston, yeoman; James Roe, of

Kingston, yeoman; Joseph Gasherie. Proved, Ulster County, January 13, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 10, 1785.

Page 389.—In the name of God, Amen. This Eighteenth day of September, 1784. I, WRIGHT CARPENTER, of the Precinct of the Wallkill, in Ulster County, Blacksmith, being in a low state of health. I bequeath to my well beloved wife Mercy £15 paid her in twelve months after my decease, as also my bed, bedstead and all the furniture thereto, being the bed that we now lye on, also one small chest of drawers standing in the room we now sleep in, also one good cow and six good sheep, all to her and her heirs forever. To my daughter Mary a feather bed, one chest of drawers, one milch cow, six sheep and £10. To my daughter, Elizabeth White, two good sheep. To my son, Wright Carpenter, £10 when he arrives to be of full age, also my wearing apparel. To my daughter, Rebeca Carpintar, £20, one cow and six sheep, the money to be paid when she arrives to the age of eighteen years. I order that the family I may leave at my decease shall have a sufficient support in provision allowed to them for twelve months after my decease. The remainder of my estate to be sold, and the whole of my real estate, and the money after my debts are paid to be divided between my three daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and Rebecca equally, and if any die and leave no heir, her share to her surviving sisters. I make my loving friend, Doct. Jonathan Sweezey, and my son-in-law, James White, executors.

Witnesses, John McCamly, of the Precinct of Wallkill, cordwainer; Nicholas Carpenter, of the Precinct of Wallkill, Blacksmith; Elizabeth Smith. Proved, Ulster County, January 1, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 10, 1785.

Page 390.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS DE LAMETTER, of Kingston, Ulster County, Esq. It is

my express order that my two sons, Abraham and Benjamin, shall each pay one half of my debts and funeral charges in consideration of what I devise them. To my daughter Selitje, wife of Matheus Van Keuren, £100 to be paid to her by my said two sons, also to her my large cubberd with all the Boles standing thereon, also my large looking glass and copper smodring pan. Whereas, Ephrim Dubois, husband to my other daughter (Anna Catrina) is indebted to me by several Bonds upwards of one hundred pounds it is my will that £100 shall be recovered and esteemed as the portion my said daughter shall have as an equivalent with her sister Selitje. Whereas I have conveyed to my son Cornelius the land and stream on the south side of Rondoubt creek I do judge that to be the portion which he ought to have. To my son Abraham my dwelling house wherein I now live, my barn, bark gristmill, mildams, stream of water called "twalve kill" and the land on both sides of said kill to the land of Johannis Dubois, all to my son Abraham except reserving out of the same for my son Benjamin a small parcel of ground adjoining the land of Johannis Dubois. To my son Benjamin my lower gristmill and the house wherein my son Abraham now lives with the land on both sides of "twalves kill," etc., and a small parcel of land adjoining Rondoupt Creek about nine acres, also another small peice up the said Creek about six acres. And for the rest of my estate I bequeath it to my two sons, Abraham and Benjamin, equally, whom I appoint my executors.

Dated November 28, 1760. Witnesses, Wilhelmus Hooghtyling, Rebeckah DuBois, wife of Jan Dubois, of Kingston; Jan Eltinge. Proved, Ulster County, January 17, 1785. The administration is not given.

Page 392.—In the name of God, Amen. December ye 17th, 1784. I, AMOS SMITH, of Huntington, being weak of body. All my lands at the plain fields and

my meadows at South shall be sold and such moveable estate as my executors shall think proper. My loving wife Mary to have the use of the rest of my lands and buildings and the moveables not sold until my son comes of age, to bring up my children. After my debts are paid the remainder of the money to be let and the use thereof go to my wife towards supporting the family, till my son comes of age, then to be equally divided between my three daughters, Ruth, Elizabeth and Mary Smith, and if either die before of age the part of such to the surviving sisters. To my son Amos the remainder of my lands when he comes of lawful age, and one bed, he paying £10 apeece to each of my three daughters. After my son comes of age the remainder of my moveables to be divided betwixt my wife and daughters, my wife to have one third and two thirds to my three daughters. It is my will that my executors bind my son out to learn a trade when they think proper. I appoint my brother, Silas Smith, Cornelius Hartt and Jonah Wood, executors.

(Signed) AMOS SMITH and MARY SMITH.

Witnesses, Alexander Lewis, Blacksmith; Glorinaer Lewis, spinster; Melancton Bryan Wood. Proved, Suffolk County, January 24, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 10, 1785.

Page 394.—In the name of God, Amen. This first day of May, 1776. I, THOMAS THORN, SR., of the Manor of Courtlandt, Westchester County, yeoman, being in a weak state of health. I order my executors to sell my whole farm that my son Stephenson now lives on in North Castle, Westchester County, and the money arising to be valued as part of my moveable estate. To my loving wife Elezibeth, the third of all my personal estate after my debts are paid, I give to her the interest of the monies that I hereafter give to my son Sherwood, as long as she remains my widow and no longer. My six sons, Stephenson, Elathan, Thomas, James, Isaac and John Thorne, shall pay

yearly £10 every one to my wife while my widow. To my son, Sherwood Thorn, £200 at his marriage day or when he shall arrive to the age of twenty-one. To my daughter, Hannah Pine, £2. To my daughters, Sarah and Anne Thorn, £100 at their marriage day or when they arrive to the age of eighteen equally divided. To my son Isaac, £100 when twenty-one. To my son John, £110 at marriage day or when twenty-one. To my son Samuel Thorn's four daughters, Sarah, Phebe, Abbigel and Elezibeth Thorn, £40 equally divided, at their marriage days or when eighteen. The remainder of my estate to my seven sons, that is: Stephenson, Elathan, Thomas, James, Isaac, John and Sherwood Thorn. I make my sons Elathan and Thomas, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Cornwell, of North Castle, yeoman, of the people called Quakers; Josiah Quinby, Sollomon Blindbury. Proved, Westchester County, February 4, 1785. Administration granted to Thomas Thorn, an executor, New York, February 12, 1785.

Page 396.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS TELLER, of the Town of Schenectady and the County of Albany, being in perfect health, July 4, 1783. I devise to my dearly beloved wife Maria, my real and personal estate during the time she remains my widow and no longer, she to make no destruction or waste thereupon but to live out of the income; Also to her all the household furniture which her father has given her. Immediately after the death or remarriage of my wife all my estate to my son William. If William dies before he comes of age and has no lawful issue then my household furniture and one third of my estate to my wife and one third thereof to my brother, Gerrit T. Teller, and the other third to the children which my brother William now has or may have divided between them. If my wife finds the income insufficient to support her and family she may sell part



of my real or personal estate. I appoint my wife Maria, my brother, Gerrit T. Teller, and my brother-in-law, Robert Yates, executors.

Witnesses, Cornelius A. Van Slyck, merchant; Dirk Van Ingen and Jacobus Van Ingen, Gentleman. Proved, Albany County, January 6, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 12, 1785.

Page 398.—The People of the State of New York to Aaron Huyck, of Kinderhook District in the County of Albany, yeoman, a nephew of Andries B. Huyck, late of the same place, yeoman, deceased, send Greeting. Whereas the said ANDRIES B. HUYCK did make his last will bearing date the sixth of February, 1770, and appointed Dirck Huyck, Peter B. Vosburgh and Elezabeth Huyck, executors, and soon after died, and whereas on the 23rd day of April following, at Albany County, the will was proved and administration granted to the said Peter B. Vosburgh and Elizabeth Huyck, and whereas the executors are since deceased, administration is granted to the above Aaron Huyck, New York, February 14, 1785.

Page 398.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNATJE MARSELIS, widow and relict of Johannis Marselis, late of the City of Albany, deceased. I devise to my children, Guysbert Marselis, Eva the wife of Johannis M. Roseboom, Barbara, wife of Hendrick I. Bogert, Maria, wife of Henry Lansingh and Hendrick Marselis, all my estate and claim in all that tract of land commonly called Kaneejaderosseres in the County of Albany, formerly granted to Nanning Harmense, Johannis Beeckman and others by patent dated November 2, 1708. I make my sons, Guysbert and Hendrick Marselis, and my daughters, Eva, Barbara and Maria, executors.

Dated August 9, 1769. Witnesses, Jacobus Vinhagen and Abraham Vinhagen, farmers; Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jr. Proved, Albany County, January 26, 1785. Ad-

ministration granted to Henry Marselis, New York, February 14, 1785.

Page 400.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SMITH, of the Borough of Westchester and County of Westchester, being weak in body. I empower my executors to sell all or such part of my estate which is real as they think proper. I devise to my dearly beloved wife, Margaret Smith, so long as she shall continue my widow all the residue of my estate for the special trusts hereinafter mentioned which are that my wife shall maintain and educate the children I shall have by her in such decent manner, out of the income of my estate, as she shall think proper without any control whatever. I authorize her to dispose of my remaining estate among my children in such shares by her last will or by writing under her hand as she shall think just, always providing she has remained my widow. If she marry I revoke the bequests before given, and on the day of such marriage my estate shall devolve to my executors, and I empower them to sell all my estate, real and personal, and the moneys arising to be equally divided between my said wife Margaret and my surviving children by her recommending the care and guardianship of my children to her until they marry or come of age. Whereas I have formerly given to my daughter Mary, the wife of Richard Bancker, the sum of £350, and not being able to judge how my estate will turn out to my other children who have had nothing, but being willing to do equal justice to them all, my will is that after my children have £350 allotted them, if there is any remaining, she, Mary, shall be accounted the same as any of the others. I appoint my wife Margaret sole executrix during her widowhood, but if she marry then her executorship shall immediately cease and I then appoint my loving sons, William S. Smith, John Smith and Justus B. Smith, executors.

Dated November 21, 1784. Witnesses, Daniel Mc-

Cormick, of New York City, Rob<sup>t</sup> Cocks, Joseph Pitcairn. Proved, February 14, 1785.

Page 402.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC WELLS, of Southold in the County of Suffolk, yeoman, being weak in body. I give to my son, Isaac Wells, all my lands, meadows and buildings he paying to my three daughters, after named, £50 apiece, when they come to the age of eighteen years or their marriage day. To my three daughters, Jemima, Mehitable and Hannah Wells, all my personal estate, but if my son Isaac neglect or refuse to pay my daughters the above sum of £50 each, then my executors shall sell so much of my land and meadow adjoining the highway as will pay the said sum. My wife Jemima shall have the use of my lands, meadows, buildings and household furniture till Isaac is twenty-one, provided she remains my widow, and if she marry she shall have no more than the law gives her. I leave it to my executors to sell so much of my stock and outdoor moveables as will pay my debts. I appoint my brother, Jeremiah Wells, and my wife Jemima, executors.

Dated September 7, 1784. Witnesses, Micah Wells, Zaccheus Wells, William Horton. Proved, Suffolk County, November 1, 1784. Confirmed, New York, February 17, 1785.

Page 403.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN ALEN, of Claverack landing, Albany County. I bequeath to my eldest son, Adam, £10, in full bar of his birthright. To my said son Adam and to my daughters, Elbertie and Trintye, £40 each (they being otherwise provided for by what came to them from their mother), to be paid them within the space of six Calendar months after the decease or marrying again of Catherine my wife. To my wife Catharine the whole of my real and personal estate leaving it to her to provide for my two children by her, and I do constitute her sole executrix.

Dated November 25, 1782. Witnesses, Jacob Van Hoesen, of Claverack, yeoman; Justis H. V. Hoesen, of Claverack, merchant; James Barker, of Coxhacky, Esquire. Proved, Albany County, December 21, 1784. Confirmed, New York, Feb. 17, 1784.

Page 484.—The People of the State of New York to all to whom these presents shall come or may concern send Greeting. Whereas LODOWICK BAMPER, late of Brooklyn, Kings County, Gentleman, deceased, did make his will bearing date the third of June, 1783, and thereby appointed Jacob Sharpe, William Maxwell, Charles Doughty and John Anderson, executors, and soon after died, and whereas on the 24th of March last at the City of New York, the said will was proved, and on the 31st of the same month administration was granted to the said Jacob Sharpe and Charles Doughty, and whereas the said John Anderson hath signified that he is willing to be joined in the said administration, administration is now granted to Jacob Sharpe, Charles Doughty and John Anderson, New York, February 21, 1785.

Page 405.—In the name of God, Amen. The 19th day of April, 1782. I, DAVID WOORTMAN, of Bushwick, Kings County, Nassau Island, being sick and weak in body. I bequeath to my sister, Cathrena Conselyea, widow and relict of Baurnt Conselyea, all my household goods, and after my debts are paid the remaining part of my estate, real and personal, for her use as long as she remains a widow, and after her death or remarriage the remainder I order my executors to sell and the moneys arising I give to my brother, Direck Woortman's child Tunis, and to my sister Susannah Cansen's child David, and to two of my sister Annatie Bennet's children by name, Tunis and Direck, to be divided in the following manner: my brother Direck's son Tunis and sister Susannah Canun's son David, two shares each, and my sister Annatie Bennt's two sons,

Teunis and Direck, each one share, paid to each of the above as they arrive to the age of twenty-one years; if my sister Cathrena should be dead or married before such time then the money to be put out at use for the benefit of the said children till they are twenty-one, and if my said sister should remarry and get a child or children before my estate is divided I give to such an equal proportion with my sister Annatie Bennet's two children. I appoint my brother-in-law, William Bennet and my good friends, Joost Duryea, John Skillman, of Bushwick, and Abraham Schenck, of New Town, my executors.

Witnesses, William Conselye, of Kings County, yeoman; Burger Vandewater, of New York City, cordwainer; Charety Conselye. Proved, New York, February 26, 1785.

Page 407.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL DENTON, the son of Daniel Denton, deceased, of Goshen in Orange County, being now sick in body. Touching my worldly estate I devise it in the following manner desiring everyone concerned will be contented therewith. My debts and funeral charges to be fully paid as I direct hereafter. To my brother, Jonas Denton, my east division lot of land that I doe now live on excepting my griss mill and the water stream and the land left for the use of the mill and one acre more from the mill to the highway. To my brother, Thomas Denton, my above mentioned griss mill, stream, etc. I order that my brother Jonas shall let my sister, Sarah Denton, have my back bedroom that hath the fireplace so long as she shall remain a single woman, and that he shall pay her the full sum of £50 within one year after my decease for the consideration I have given to him. My brother Thomas for the consideration I have given to him shall pay to my nephew, John Denton, £30 when he shall arrive to age. To my nephew, Joseph Denton, my watch when he arrives to the age of Eighteen. My moveable estate my brother Jonas may

part with to pay my debts (except my wearing apparell which I give to my brothers, Samuel, Gilbert and James). I make my Brothers, Jonas and Thomas Denton, executors.

Dated September 5, 1762. Witnesses, Daniel Everett, William Drake, of Goshen, Carpenter; John Everett. Proved, Orange County, January 10, 1785. Administration granted to Jonas Denton, New York, March 1, 1785.

Page 409.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY CARMER, of the City of New York, Joiner, being aged and infirm. I devise to my son, Nicholas Carmer, my water lot now unimproved and last granted to me by the corporation of this city, in the East Ward of this City. To my wife Elizabeth, £30 yearly during her life. All the rest of my estate, real or personal, I dispose of in the following manner, to wit: two equal undivided third parts thereof, to my son Nicholas, the other third part to the children of my daughter, Mary Williamson, viz.: Elizabeth, John and Henry, equally divided, and if any die during their minoritys the share of such to the survivors. I appoint my son Nicholas sole executor and I empower him to sell my estate and out of the net proceeds to retain the dividend of my said grandchildren during their minoritys or till they marry, and he to be guardian to them until the above Contingency.

Dated February 12, 1785. Witnesses, Robert Mercer, Robert Roberts, hatter; Matthew Cowper, merchant, all of New York City. Proved, March 1, 1785.

Page 410.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER PRAA PROVOOST, of Bushwick, Kings County, Nassau Island, Farmer, being well in body. I devise to my son, David Provoost, five shillings, he being my eldest son and heir at law. To my beloved wife Leah, £50, also all such goods and household furniture that belonged to her at the time of my intermarriage to be delivered her at some convenient time after my de-

cease. To my son David £100, paid one year after my decease, also my dwelling house and farm in Bushwick whereon I now dwell. One fourth part of the rest of my estate unto my grandchildren, Gittie and Elizabeth, daughters of my son, Burger Provoost, late of the City of New York, Blacksmith, deceased, paid them when they arrive to the age of twenty-one. To my daughter Mary . . . (text obliterated) . . . seph Rodman, of New Rochel in Westchester, one fourth part, put at interest and paid her, my daughter Mary, during her life, and in case of her decease the same to her children that she has now or may hereafter have by the said Joseph Rodman (her present husband) equally divided, the said share to be kept at interest till her youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty-one, and the interest to go towards their support and education. To my son Peter one fourth part of my estate, the remaining fourth part to my daughter Christiana, wife of Stephen Tippet, of the City of New York, Carpenter. I order my executors to sell my estate, real and personal (except the house and farm devised to my son David and the personal estate to my wife Leah) for the best prices, and the monies arising to be applied as above directed. I appoint my son, Peter Praa Provoost, and my son-in-law, Stephen Tippet, executors.

Dated July 15, 1776. Witnesses, Abraham Eavson, George Miller, William Wentworth, of New York City, scrivener. Proved, January 18, 1785. New York, March 1, 1785, appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probates, Jonathan Provoost, of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and being duly sworn declared that in the spring of the year 1783 he saw the preceding will of Peter Praa Provoost, deceased, in the hands of David Provoost, his eldest son, and that the Testator's name and seal were then gone they appearing to have been cut out. Administration granted to Peter Praa Provoost and Stephen Tippet, March 1, 1785.

Page 413.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SUYDAM, of the township of Brookland, Kings County, being in perfect health, mind and memory, not knowing when it shall please the Lord to put an end to my existence here and that it behooveth every man to settle his worldly estate in such a manner that no strife may arise after his decease. My body I desire may be decently buried in the Earth at some convenient place. The use and income of my whole estate, real and personal, I bequeath to my widow (not named) during the time of her widowhood. As to my deceased son Rike I have in his lifetime given him his full portion therefore I make nothing to his children now. At the decease of my widow I devise all my estate, real and personal, to my sons, Vernandt, Hendrick and Ryniar, and my daughter Maria, share and share alike. I appoint my widow, my sons, Vernandt, Hendrick and Rynear, executors.

Dated December 16, 1778. Witnesses, Simon Dur-  
yee, John Sebring (of New York City, Gentleman)  
Nicholas Couwenhoven. Proved, New York, March 3,  
1785. Administration granted to Vernandt, Hendrick  
and Rynear Suydam the same day.

Page 414.—In the name of God, Amen. The 1st day of February, 1785. I, JAMES LISK, of the County of Richmond, being at this time very sick and weak. I leave to my son Daniel, my Bay mare and the colt she is now with fold of and a new saddle to the value of three pounds ten shillings, and my wareing apearal and all my tools and line and tackling and £20 in cash. The remainder of my estate shall be sold and my debts and funeral charges paid after I am buried in a decent manner, and the remainder shall be equally divided between my loving wife (not named) and my four children, that is to say, my wife a share, and my son William a share "if he is justly discharged from the charge he is now confined for and returns," and my son Daniel a share, and my daughter Catharine a



share, and my daughter Elizabeth a share. I ordain my frind, Richard Conner, and my son Daniel, ex-cutors.

Witnesses, Nathaniel Britten, cooper; John Martenno, Richard Conner, Jr. Proved, Richmond County, March 3, 1785.

Page 415.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN OWEN, of Dutchess County, Phillips Precinct, being weak in body. I do bequeath to my loving wife, one third of my lands that is south of Thomas Bashford's farm so long as she remains my widow, and at the expiration of that time she to receive £100. My Eldest son, Jonathan, to have the farm of land that I purchased of Jeremiah Sherwood and Thomas Smith, he paying £120 with interest till paid and £25 per anum till paid. My son Levy to have the farm of land that Selonous Lockwood now lives on and for him to pay £50. My daughter Abby to receive £100 as the money becomes due from my son Jonathan. My daughter Mary to receive £100 when of age. My sons, Samuel, Israel, Benjamin and Soloman, to have all the rest of my estate when the youngest comes of age. I do apoint Jain my wife, and Jesse Owen, executors.

Dated January 12, 1785. Witnesses, Joseph Bard (Boud in proof), Susanah Mangle, Joseph Chase, of Dutchess County, farmer. Proved, Dutchess County, February 23, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 8, 1785.

Page 416.—I, THOMAS PURDY, of the 6th Massachusetts Reg<sup>t</sup>, do will over all my wagers and clothing that may be due me from the state or Congress to Eve Purdy, my wife, to take into her possession to dispose of to her profit. I, the said Thomas Purdy, being in my right mind the time that I gave this will to Eve Purdy, my wife. Given this 12 day of February, 1783.

Witnesses, Nathan Smith, Enoch Rose, Hanah

Eager, Jos. Crook (Lieut. in the late American Army).  
Proved, New York, March 8, 1785.

Page 417.—New York, February 25, 1785. Know all men by these Presents that on the 16th day of February, 1785, JOHN CHRISTIAN VAN PHUL, Baker, of the City of New York, then in a very low state of health but of perfectly sound mind did in the presence of us the subscribers make his last will verbally in the following manner. First he ordered that his body should be decently interred and the funeral charges paid. Secondly, that after his decease his servants should be free. Thirdly, that £10 be paid to the German Reformed church of this City. Fourthly, that the remainder of his estate should devolve upon his two brothers living in Pensylvania equally. Lastly, that Mr. Christopher Fiegenheim and Mr. John Bogert be executors.

Witnesses, John Daniel Gros, Minister of the Gospel; John Sice, Baker; Christoph (Christian in proof) Fiegenheim, shop keeper, all of New York City. Proved, February 25, 1785, New York, when the witnesses declared on oath that they heard John Christian Von Phul on the 16th day of February instant, at his own house, and in his last illness of which he died, declare his last will agreeable to the preceding writing except what relates to the appointment of his executors, and the said John Daniel Gros and Christopher Fiegenheim, and also John Christian Puntzius, tailor, and John Bogert, merchant of the said City, appeared and declared that the same day they did hear John Christian Von Phul appoint the above said executors. Administration granted to William Von Phul, of the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Distiller, a brother of John Christian Von Phul, late of the City of New York, Baker, deceased, the executors having by an Instrument bearing date February 15th last relinquished the executorship, New York, March 9, 1785.

Page 419.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS THOMAS MERITT, of North, being weak in body. I leave to my son Thomas the east half of my land at Newmalbury on ye west side of ye North River. To my son James ye other half. To my son Joseph my land at the Fish kills. I order my land at North Castle to be sold and untill it is sold for my son Anderson to have ye half of ye privilidge and my son Jeremaah the other half, and when sold for my son Joseph to have £50 and Anderson £100 and Jeremiah £100, and the rest to be divided eaquily among my five sons. My household goods to be divided between my two daughters (not named). I constitute my three sons executors, their names iss as follows: Joseph, Anderson and Jeremiah Meritt.

Dated April 14, 1782. Witnesses, James Haight, of North Castle, yeoman; Joseph Totten, Henry Dickin-son. Proved, Westchester County, March 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 9, 1785.

Page 420.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH DRAKE, of East Chester, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Charity my house and land where I now live. To my youngest son, Joseph, a certain tract of land known by the Curlands in East Chester and adjoining the Mill pond of Mr. John Bartow containing both fresh and salt. Lastly, after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I bequeath to my wife all my personal estate whom I appoint my executrix and Benjamin Drake my executor.

Dated January 17, 1785. Witnesses, John Beauyx, Wm<sup>m</sup> Johnson, of Eastchester, Blacksmith; John G. Wright, of Eastchester, Physician.

*Codicil.* January 17, 1785. To my son Joseph my wearing apparel. The house and land I have given to my wife after her death shall be equally divided between my three youngest daughters, Charity, Abigail and Hester.

Witnesses to Codicil the same as to will. Proved,

Westchester County, February 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 10, 1785.

Page 422.—In the name of God, Amen. This fifth day of May, 1779. I, JESSE KIPP, of North Castle, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Anne one third of all my land and the best room in the house as long as she shall remain my widow, also one horse which she shall choose out of my horses, and a side saddle and bridle, and two beds and furniture, and the Cubbord and table and a looking glass, and all the iron ware belonging to the house, and one brass kittel, and all the chears, one littel wheal and one great wheal, and a cubord rack. What is left of my estate I order it kept for the suport of my children until my son, Benjamin Kipp, shall become of age. Also to Benjamin one horse valued at £15 and that when he shall come of age, and then the whole to be sold and that to be divided among my children, Benjamin, Gilbert, John, Phebe, Caleb, Meream and James Kipp, every boy to have double of each girl, and that to be paid as they come of age. I make my loving wife Anne, and William Kipp and Thomas Kipp, executors.

Witnesses, Oliver Secor, of North Castle, yeoman; John Ireland, Daniel Outhouse. Proved, Westchester County, March 4, 1785. Administration granted to William Kipp March 10, 1785.

Page 423.—In the name of God, Amen. This 21st day of November, 1784. I, ANDRESON MERRET, of North Castle, Westchester County, Gentleman, being very weak in body. I bequeath to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, all my household goods; Also one cow to be kept for the use of my family as long as she remains my widow. My chatles and farming utentials to be sold at Public Vendue, and after my debts are paid the remainder of the proceeds to be applied to the support of my family. The remainder of my estate to

be collected as soon as possible and the money put at use and applied toward the maintenance of my family. When my oldest daughter ariveth at the age of eighteen then all my estate to be equally divided between my four children, that is, my daughter Prisilla and my daughter Easter, and my daughter Jein and my son Gilbert. My wife to have half of this farm I now live on till it be sold according to my father's will for the support of my family. My beloved friends, Joseph Merritt, William Kipp and Gilbert Haviland, I make my executors.

(Signed) ANDERSON MERRITT.

Witnesses, Joatham Wright, Caleb Weeks, Caleb Carpenter, of North Castle, saddler. Proved, Westchester County, March 4, 1785.

Page 425.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT BRYSON, of the City of New York, Mariner. After my debts are paid I leave to my Brother, John Bryson, of the City of New York, Mariner, one third of my estate, and the interest arising from the other two thirds for the use of my mother, Elsey Broadford, during her life, and after her decease the said two thirds to be divided between my nephew, Robert Bryson, and my niece, Sophia Bryson, of the County of Down in the Kingdom of Ireland. I make Mr. Samuel Verplank, of the City of New York, Merchant, and Hugh Gaine, of the said City, Printer, executors.

Dated November 30, 1771. Witnesses, Dennis Carleton, John Schuyler, Jr., Rob<sup>t</sup> Hyslop, of New York City, Merchant. Proved, New York, March 10, 1785. Administration granted to Hugh Gaine the same day.

Page 426.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TEUNIS VAN BUNSCHOTEN, of Rhynebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, being at present weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Soloman, my best gun or fowling piece in consideration of his Birthright. To my son Egenas, my weavers loom with all the utensils

thereunto. To my beloved wife Elsje, all my real estate and the remainder of my personal estate during the time she remains my widow, also my negro wench named Jin and my negro boy named Ben. After my wife shall marry or die I give to my six sons, namely, Soloman, Egenas, Egbert, Harmanis, Jacobus and John, all my real estate in Dutchess County they or their heirs paying to my six daughters, namely, Catharine, wife of Christian Bergh, Jr.; Mary, wife of Stephanis Freligh; Neeltje, wife of Johannis P. Schryver; Elsje, Elizabeth and Annatje, each £20. After my wife shall die or marry to my said sons all my horses, mares, and horse kind, cattle, and sheep, my farmer's utensils, tools and wearing apparel equally divided. If my three youngest daughters, Elsje, Elizabeth and Annatje shall marry, such shall have a good cow and a reasonable outset as my three eldest have had to be paid out of my said six sons portions. After my wife's death or marriage to my said six daughters my household furniture share and share alike, and then also my negro wench Jin shall chuse with which of my children she shall live, and the one so chosen shall give her a reasonable maintenance for life, and my negro boy Ben I bequeath unto my six sons to dispose of him as they think proper. I appoint as executors my wife Elsje and my sons, Soloman and Egenas, and I order that my children now under age be maintained and educated out of my estate at the discretion of my executors.

Dated July 7, 1776. Witnesses, Peter D'Witt, Johan Pitter Freligh, farmer; Zacharias Weydmann. Proved, Dutchess County, March 5, 1785. Administration granted to the three above executors, New York, March 11, 1785.

Page 427.—I, JEDIDIAH WING, of Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, being at this time in usual good bodily health. My will is that my debts and funeral charges be paid out of my moveable estate, and as to

the remainder of my estate I give to my respected and beloved wife Elizabeth, full use if any there be of my moneys goods, etc., during her widowhood, and further my wife immediately upon my decease may possess by herselfe, or any for by or under her, all my real estate, as well as my moveable estate aforesaid, in lieu of the thirds she might otherwise have. To my son, Elihu Wing, all my land in the seventh lott of "Philips his upper pattent" during the term of the lease thereof. To my sons, Garshom and Elisha, the whole of my houses, lands and buildings on the oblong each one halfe part equal in Quantity and Quality. To my son Prime, £100, he to be bound to or at least learn some manual art or trade under the direction of one or both of my executors to whom I devise the care of him in his minority. To my daughters, Abigail and Mehetabel each £10 above what they have already had or at my decease may have had of my estate. To my daughters Deborah, Elizabeth and Dorcas, each £20 beside what they have had or may have. I order that the legacies to my son Prime and my five mentioned daughters be wholly paid by my two sons, Garshom and Elisha, in consideration of their having so large a legacy to them bequeathed. All my household furniture found remaining at the expiration of my wife's widowhood shall be divided between my last three mentioned and youngest daughters. The legacies in money shall by my sons, Garshom and Elisha, or their heirs be paid within five years at least after the death or marriage of my said wife. I make my wife Elizabeth and my son Elihu, executors.

Dated May 19, 1759. Witnesses, Philip Allen, of Dutchess County, farmer, and of the people called Quakers, Weston Allen, Elisha Allen. Proved, Dutchess County, March 8, 1785. Administration not mentioned.

Page 429.—I, JOHN LEER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, all my estate which I now possess I give unto

my wife Catharina during her life, and after her death to be divided between Harmanus Leer, Zachariah Bloom and my daughter Ursula Catharina Baisly, to wit, one half of my estate to my son Harmanus and the other half between my son-in-law, Zachariah Bloom, and my said daughter, excepting the farm whereon I now live I give to my son, Harmanus Leer, with the consent of Pierre Van Cortlandt, Esq<sup>r</sup>, owner thereof, after the death of my wife. To my son John, £5 in cash being his part. I appoint my friends, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Esq., Philip Van Cortlandt, and my son Harmanus, executors.

Dated this 15th day of October, 1773. Witnesses, Hendrick Kear, Abraham Teller, of New York City, Physician, John Crown. Proved, New York, March 11, 1785. Administration granted to Philip Van Cortlandt, March 11, 1785.

Page 430.—The Last Will and Testament of Peter Palmer is as follows, viz.: I, PETER PALMER, of Charlotte Precinct in Dutchess County, being at this time sick and weak. I will that all my debts due unto me be collected and my moveable estate, except what is hereinafter excepted, be sold, and my debts paid, and if my moveable estate do not amount to so much as will pay my debts then so much of my farm whereon I now dwell to be sold as will pay them. I hereby except for the use of my wife and family three of my best cows and two of my best horses, one side saddle and bridle and twenty sheep; Also the remaining part of my farm shall be reserved for the bringing up of my children until my second son, John, arrive to the age of twenty-one. It is my will that my eldest son, Peter, if he remains unmarried, remain and work on said farm until ye lawful age of my son John, and have such a part above the rest as shall satisfy him for ye use of his doury hereinafter named, and at the expiration of said time all my farm, including that land eastward from this farm whereon I now dwell adjoin-



ing Crook's lott and my moveable estate be sold and the money therefrom disposed of as follows, viz.: To my daughter Lydia that side saddle and feather bed and all other goods she hath now in her possession; To my wife Sarah, £100 in lieu of her dowry; To my eldest son, Peter, £100, paid him at ye lawful age of my son John, also one horse to ye value of £16; To my second son, John, £100; To my third son, Aaron, £100; To my fourth and youngest son, Isreal, £100; the above to be paid to ye three said youngest sons, respectively as they arrive to lawful age. The remaining money to be equally divided between my daughters, Phebe, Sarah, Hannah, Anna and Mary, as they arrive to lawful age. After the moveables first mentioned to be sold are sold, if there be any remaining after paying my debts, my oldest daughters shall have a feather bed, and a cow each, namely, Phebe, Sarah and Hannah, when each are married. I appoint my well-esteemed friend, Samuel Butts, Soloman Haight and my wife, Sarah Palmer, all of Charlotte Precinct, my executors.

Dated this 14th day of the 4th month called April, 1774. Witnesses, David Cook, Samuel Cook, of Albany County, farmer, of the People called Quakers; Benjamin Cook, Elias Palmer. Proved, Dutchess County, March 7, 1785. Administration granted to Sarah Palmer, an executrix, New York, March 11, 1785.

Page 432.—In the name of God, Amen. This 19th day of March, 1783. I, JOHN GARNSEY, of Amenia Precinct in Dutchess County, being weak and low as to health. I bequeath to my beloved wife Anna, the whole of my household goods, utensials, beding, etc., together with the whole contents of one Certain Note of hand, principal and interest, against my son Nathan, for the sum of £168, d. 4; Also the contents of four executors against Amos Morse, of Litchfield, for the sum of about £80. To my oldest son, John, ten

shillings, and to my son Peter, ten shillings, as also one note of twelve pounds against William Pugsly, and to my son Nathan, ten shillings, and to my son Noah, ten shillings, to my daughters, ten shillings each, viz.: to Anna, Dorcas and Eunice, and to Dorcas a note of hand that her husband, Job Thurston gave to Joel Thurston. To my son Daniel the contents of the notes following, to wit: against Bowers Slosson, Elijah Park, two against Thaddeus Gilbert, one against Amos Wilson, one against Daniel Garnsey, one against Samuel Canfield, one against Robert Wood and Zebulon Rudd, except paying out of them £14 to my daughter Eunice and £6 to my son John. I appoint my wife Anna, and my son Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, Roswell Hopkins, Grover Buel, of Dutchess County, farmer; John Garnsey (stated in the proof to be youngest son of the Testator). Proved, Dutchess County, March 10, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 15, 1785.

Page 434.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AELTIE VAN WAGENEN, late of the City of New York, being weak in Body. I order that my debts be paid out of my real estate. That my executors do proceed in making a final settlement in that undivided and unsettled estate between me and my Aunt Mary Kip, respecting the houses and lotts of ground on the north side of Crown street, opposite the new Dutch Church in the city aforesaid, and do sell the same as soon as obtained, and the moneys arising to be divided as follows, viz.: To my brother, Jacob Van Wagenen, one fifth part; to my brother, Huybert Van Wagenen, one fifth; to the children of my Brother-in-law, John W. Vredenburgh, one fifth; to the children of my Brother, Gerrit Van Wagenen, deceased, one fifth; and to the children of my Brother, Henry Van Wagenen, Deceased, one fifth. I order that my executors do proceed to sell the said estate at such time as they in their discretion shall think proper. I appoint my brothers,

Jacob and Huybert Van Wagenen and my Brother-in-law, John W<sup>m</sup> Vredenburgh, executors.

Dated January 13, 1776. Witnesses, W<sup>m</sup> Van Deurson, John Voorhees, Jr., Jane Voorheis. Proved at New Brunswick, March 14, 1785, when the two first named witnesses swore they had seen the Testator sign her name, and that Jane Voorhees "now deca<sup>d</sup>" the other witness, when living was also present. Administration granted to the three above named executors, March 18, 1785, New York.

Page 435.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNE AVORY, late of the City of New York but now of the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey, widow, being in tolerable health. I bequeath to my sisters, Mary Brasier and Sarah Hay, all my wearing apparel, both linnen and woolen. It is my will that the land belonging to me in the County of Albany, be sold as soon as convenient, and the proceeds with the rest of my personal estate be divided in five equal parts, one fifth to my brother, Francis Brasier, one fifth to my sister, Mary Brasier, one fifth to my sister, Sarah Hay, one fifth to my sister, Frances Lagrange, wife of Barnardus Lagrange, and the remaining fifth to my nephew, Meads Brasier (son of my brother George). I appoint my brother, Francis Brasier and my brother-in-law, Barnardus Lagrange, executors.

Dated June 4, 1777. Witnesses, Abraham Beach, of New York City, Clerk; Nath<sup>l</sup> Munro, Jacob Weiser, Jr., of New York City, Cordwainer. Proved, March 16, 1785. Administration granted to Abraham Beach, of the City of New York, clerk, whereas Barnardus Lagrange, the surviving executor, is absent from the State, New York, March 16, 1785.

Page 437.—In the name of God, Amen. This 9th day of January, 1785. I, ANNA PURDY, of the Manor of Cortlands, Westchester County, being weak in Body. I bequeath to Elisabeth Covert, daughter of Jacob

Covert, one dark calieko gown, one Tafity cloak, one lawn handkerchief, one linnen apron, one Calimaneo scirt, one white peticoat, one shift, one pair of hoes. To Anna Covert, daughter of Jacob Covert, one gold Necklace, one light Chins gownd, one lawn handkerchief, one muzlin apron, one silk quilt, one white Peticoat, one shift, one pair of hoes. To Samuel Covert, son of Jacob, £2 towards his schooling and one pair of silver Buckles. The rest of my wearing apparel to be equealy divided amongst my "brethering," William, Samuel, and Henry Purdy. To my brother, Henry Purdy, one bed and beding, consisting of one blue and white coverlid, one other coverlid, and one pair of flannel sheats marked "A. P." one pair of piler cases. I order that the rest of my moveables be sold and the money arising and my father's estate be divided betwixt Elisabeth, Anna, and Samuel (the above mentioned children of Jacob Covert), and William Purdy, Samuel Purdy, and Henry Purdy, one quarter to be paid Elisabeth, Anna, and Samuel Covert when they come to age or their heirs, and the remainder equally divided between the others above said. I appoint my brother, Samuel Purdy, sole executor.

Witnesses, John Sands, Ruth Sands, Esther Purdy, of Rye, Westchester County, spinster. Proved, March 16, 1785.

Page 438.—In the name of God, Amen, the 21st day of July, 1776. I, ELIJAH MILLER, of North Castle, Westchester County, yeoman. It is my will that my dearly beloved wife Anne, Anthony Miller, and Nicholas Fisher, be my executors. My wife to have £200, as her third out of my estate after the whole is sold, except the best bed, which I give my wife. To my daughter Sarah, £80. The remainder of my estate to be divided between the rest of my children, viz.: John, James, Elijah, Martha, Abraham, and Zephorah, the boys to have a double portion.

Witnesses, James Miller, Samuel Brewer, Gilbert Miller, of North Castle, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, March 14, 1785. Administration granted to Nicholas Fisher, New York, March 19, 1785.

Page 440.—On the 20th day of June, 1784. I, DANIEL BARKER, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, being weak in Body. I do order that all my debts (except one Bond due in the Loan Office), with my funeral charges and the cost of selling my moveables, be paid. To my son Daniel my house and lands in Mamaroneck and New Rochel, he paying the above debt in the Loan Office of the County of Westchester for which my land in New Rochel is mortgaged, and paying to my granddaughter, Elisabeth Hustis, daughter of Joshua Hustis, deceased, £35 within one year of my decease. To her the said Elisabeth my bed, with the bed cloaths, curtains and furniture thereto. To my three daughters, Abigail, Sarah, and Mary, my moveable estate, except the bed and bedding above, the same to be sold and the monies arising to be equally divided between them, namely, Abigail Hustis, widow of Joshua Hustis; Sarah Palmer, widow of Aaron Palmer, and Mary Horton, wife of Gilbert Horton. I appoint my son Daniel and my son-in-law, Gilbert Horton, and my friend, Reuben Bloomer, executors.

Witnesses, James Coles, Arnold Bloomer, of Mamaroneck, fuller; Gilbert Bloomer. Proved, Westchester County, March 10, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 19, 1785.

Page 441.—I, HENRY VALENTINE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, Nassau Island, being in perfect health of Body, mind and memory. I bequeath to Uriah Valentine, £20. To my daughter, Mary Smith, £10. To my son Willet, £30. To my son Obadiah, £10. To my daughter, Ann Cushew, £10. To my daughter, Sarah Valentine, £10. As for my beloved wife, Mary Valentine, I order that she

shall be maintained out of the estate in proportion and to give her at her death a decent burial. I order all my estate to be sold, both real and personal. I make John Williams and Richard Valentine, executors.

Dated June 16, 1783. Witnesses, Oliver Willis, of North Hempstead, Samuel Denton, John Marvir. Proved, Queens County, March 10, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 19, 1785.

Page 442.—The People of the State of New York, to all to whom these presents shall come send Greeting. Whereas ANDREW DEVOE, late of New Rochelle, yeoman, deceased, did make his last will, bearing date the 14th of December, 1776, and appointed Frederick Devore, Jeremiah Schurman, and Peter Bennet, executors, and whereas on the 12th day of November, 1782, at the City of New York, the said will was proved, and administration granted to Frederick Devore, and whereas Peter Bennet, one other of the executors, hath signified that he is willing to be joined in the administration, Know ye that Administration is now granted to the said Peter Bennet. New York, March 19, 1785.

The will referred to is recorded in Liber D, page 125.

Page 443.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANS OTTO, of Schohary, Albany County, yeoman, being weak in Body, do, this the 30th day of August, 1775, make my last will. I leave to my eldest son, Gotlieb Otto, two horses, Saddle and Bridle, for his Birthright, wherewith he is to be satisfied and make no claim to any of my estate than what is bequeathed to him. To my two sons, Gotlieb and Frans, all my land in Schohary in a patent granted to Muyndert Schuyler and others, equally divided. To them also my estate, real and personal, equally divided. To my loving wife, Maria Elisabeth, the third of all my estate as long as she shall remain my widow. I appoint my two sons, Gotlieb and Frans, executors.

Witnesses, Gottlieb Boeckle, of Schohary, farmer;

Andries Feinaur, of Schohary, farmer, and Johanes H. Lawyer. Proved, Albany County, February 26, 1785. Administration granted to Gotlieb and Frans Otto, March 22, 1785, New York.

Page 444.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK HOUCK, of Schoharie, Albany County, yeoman, being weak in Body. I leave to my grandson, Hendrick Houck, the eldest son of Peter Houck, deceased, my lot of land in Knieskern town at Schoharie known by lot No. 7 with the homestead and buildings thereon, so much thereof as Peter Houck, deceased, possessed in his lifetime, with free ingress and egress into and out of the same, reserving out of the lot No. 7 the pasture lands between the plow land and the homestead and two acres at the lower Bend of Schoharie Creek, upon condition netherless that my two grandsons, Peter Houck and Jacob Houck, brothers of the said Hendrick, and my three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Catharine and Anna, sisters of the said Hendrick Houck, shall be maintained out of the said farm and dwell there till they attain the age of twenty-one or get married, and upon condition that my said grandson Hendrick shall pay to his said two brothers each £50, and to his said three sisters each £40, and also shall pay to my five daughters, Catharine Elizabeth, Maria Elizabeth, Maria Hester, Catharine and Margaret, and to my two granddaughters, one being the daughter of Hendrick Markle and the other of George Mann, £150 to be divided between them equally. I bequeath to my two grandsons, Jurie Houck and Hendrick Houck, children of Hendrick Houck, deceased, my farm at Knieskern Town aforesaid, being Lot No. 3 of lowland with the homestead and buildings, with that part of lot No. 7 which I have above excepted with free ingress and regress into and out of the same; Also my woodland in the said town both that laid out by Isaac Vrooman, Esq., and that I still hold in common; Also my share of the woodland I purchased from Volkert P. Douw,

Esq., in company with my son-in-law, Harme Sidnigh; Also one equal undivided third of my right in a tract at or near Schoharie, granted by letters patent to Sir William Johnson and Johanes Lawyer and others, with all my personal estate to them my two grandsons last named upon the following conditions: that my said daughter-in-law Catharine, mother of the said Jurie and Hendrick, shall remain on the said farm and receive a sufficient maintenance during such time as she shall remain unmarried; further that my said two grandsons shall pay to my said five daughters and two granddaughters, £200; and on condition they shall pay to their sister Anna £100, as soon as they have actual possession of the farm. To my daughter Catharine Elizabeth, wife of Harme Sidnigh, of Schoharie, all my part of a lot of woodland, lot No. 3, near the farm of the said Harme Sidnigh, and which Jacob Mentis holds parts of, with 20 acres more lying directly back of the lot No. 3, to hold during her life and after her decease to all her children. To my said two grandsons, Peter and Jacob Houck, two equal undivided third parts of the said tract granted to Sir William Johnson, deceased, Johannis Lawyer and others. I bequeath the several sums of £150 and £200 to my said five daughters and two granddaughters each £50 thereof, paid them by my said three grandsons as before by me directed. To the said Peter and Jacob Houck each £50, and to my three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Catharine and Anna, each £40, paid them by their brother, Hendrick Houck, when he shall get the sole enjoyment of the farm devised unto him. To my said granddaughter Anna, £100, paid her by my said two grandsons, Jurie and Hendrick, when they get into possession of the farm to them devised. I appoint my son-in-law, Harme Sidnigh, and Rutger Bleecker, Esquire, of the City of Albany, executors.

Dated July 25, 1778. Witnesses, Jn<sup>o</sup> R. Bleecker, Abr<sup>m</sup> Verplanck, Barent Bleecker. Proved, Albany



County, November 18, 1782. Administration granted to the above executors, New York, March 23, 1785.

Page 447.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES LATOURRETTE, of Staten Island, Richmond County, being sick and weak in Body. I bequeath to my son James that land that his house and Buildings stand on and that belongs to me, lying between my rear fence along the New Road and the fence of Dona Johnson; Also five acres of my woodland to begin at the said road at the northwest corner of David Latourette and to extend along his line so far as a straight line runs from thence to Joseph McDonald's land shall contain the said quantity of five acres, reserving the privilege of a road through the said five acres from my other land to said new road. To my said son James, £250. To my son David £350 and my Bay Roan horse Colt. To my daughter Phebe, wife of Anthony Stoutenburgh, £80 and my negro girl Jane, and two of my best cows. To my two sons, Jonathan and Henry, all my lands equally divided between them when my son Jonathan comes to the age of twenty-one, but if die under age and without issue then his part equally divided among my three sons above named. To my son Jonathan, my sorrel horse, saddle and bridle. When my real estate shall be divided my executors shall rent out for my son Henry, part or half thereof till he be twenty-one, and the monies arising from said rent to be applied for his support and education, and the surplus paid him when of age. The remaining part of my personal estate (if any there be) after paying my debts and funeral expenses shall be equally divided among my four sons, James, David, Jonathan and Henry. I appoint my sons, James, David and Jonathan, executors.

Dated January 27, 1785. Witnesses, Paul Micheau, David La Tourrette, house carpenter; James Lewis, Taylor. Proved, Richmond County, March 15, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 23, 1785.

Page 449.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LETTICIA MILLER, relict of the late Abrah<sup>m</sup> Miller, of Westchester County, deceased, being very sick and weak. I leave to my beloved daughter, Jemimah Holmes, my Bible. To Ester Weeks, my granddaughter, £10. To Artamorous Weeks, my granddaughter, £10. To Charity Weeks, my granddaughter, a bed and furniture which is at the house of Thomas Haviland, Senior, and the remainder of a forty pound Bond. To my daughter, Tamar Haviland, £11. To Thomas Haviland, Jr., my grandson, £20. To Letticia Haviland, £11, and a bed, furniture and warming pan. To Benjamin Haviland, son of Soloman and Letticia Haviland, £20. I make Benjamin Haviland, Senior, sole executor.

Dated December 4, 1777. Witnesses, Roger Haviland, of the state of Connecticut and of the People called Quakers; Soloman Haviland. Proved, Westchester County, March 22, 1785. Administration granted to Benjamin Haviland, New York, March 24, 1785.

Page 450.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM A. VAN WYCK, of the City of New York, Merchant. I appoint all my debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate by my executrix. I bequeath to my beloved mother, Mary Lott, all my estate, real and personal. I appoint her, the said Mary Lott, sole executrix.

Dated June 28, 1775. Witnesses, Lewis Morris, Jr., Nicholas Fish, of New York City, attorney at law; Andrew Stockholm. Proved, March 28, 1785. Administration granted to Mary Lott the same day.

Page 451.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SCUDDER, of New Town, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being indisposed in Body. I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Deborah ye use and income of ye one half of my Plantation during her widdowhood, in lieu of her dower after her decease to my son,

Samuel Scudder, all ye plantation I now possess, he paying the following Legacys, that is to say: To his sister Sarah £100. To his sister Deborah £100. He shall also pay to my granchildren, ye children of my daughter, Mary Renne, by name John, Deborah, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth Renne, £20 apiece, that is £20 to John Renne in a year after my daughters, Sarah Scudder and Deborah Scudder, are paid, and so £20 a year to the rest of my said granchildren as they are in course till they are all satisfied and paid. To my daughters, Sarah and Deborah Scudder (after my wife's decease) all my moveable estate, equally divided. Further I will that if my son Samuel shall sell ye plantation bequeathed to him that then he shall pay ye full legacys to his sisters at the time of the first payment, and to my granchildren as they arrive to the age of twenty-one. I nominate my son Samuel, and my friends, Samuel Alburtus and Cornelius Berrien, Jr., executors.

Dated April 13, 1756. Witnesses, Thos. Betts, Jonathan Strickland, of Newtown, yeoman; Jemima Way. Proved, Queens County, March 8, 1785. Administration granted to Deborah Denman and Sarah Pettit, both of Newtown, spinsters, the former a daughter and the latter granddaughter, residuary Legatees of Samuel Scudder, late of the same place, yeoman, deceased; the executors of the will being deceased before the Probate thereof, New York, March 28, 1785.

Page 453.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JANE JACKSON, of Jerusalem, in the Township of South Hempstead, Queens County, in the state of New York, being weak in body. I leave to my granddaughter Phebe my rideing chair and chair horse. All the remainder of my estate to my four grandchildren, Micah, Jenny, Almy and Phebe equally divided among them. "Phebe to have one half or their Representatives." I appoint my son, Richard Jackson, and my brother-in-law, Obadiah Jackson, executors.

Dated March 3, 1785. Witnesses, Daniel W. KISSAM, Jr., of South Hempstead, Physician; CATY JACKSON. Proved, Queens County, March 23, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 30, 1785.

Page 454.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABIGAIL CLARK, of Federeek's Burgh, Dutchess County, being weak in Body. I leave to my son, William Clark, all my "rail" estate consisting of about fifty acres of Land after my decease and he of age, also my mare and colt; and the rest of my estate being moveable with the use of the land till William is of age I give equally divided between my four daughters, Abigail, Mary, Elisabeth and Sarah Clark; thus I dispose of my estate after my debts and funeral charges is paid, and that it may be done according to my will I appoint my trusty friends, Elias Cornelius and Isaac Seacor, executors to see to and conduct according to this which I acknowledge to be my last will and Testament this 15th day of September, 1784.

Witnesses, Peter Beadean, Senior, farmer; Isaac Badean. Proved, Dutchess County, March 15, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 2, 1785.

Page 455.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EBURN HAIGHT, of Bedford, in the County of Westchester, being weak in Body, do this 18th day of February, 1785, make my last will. I leave to my daughter, Abigail Haight, one bed and bedsted with a shift of bedding for the same, and my Cobard to be delivered to her in one month after my decease to her and her heirs forever, and for want of such heirs to be divided equally between my son, Eburn Haight, and my daughter, Sary Lownsbury. I empower my executors to sell all my lands and Tenements and household furniture and pay my debts with the moneys that shall arise from the above, then what shall remain I bequeath to my daughter, Abigail Haight. I order my executors to take the moneys for my daughter, Abigail Haight,

and deliver the same to her as they may find necessary for her use. I make my son Eburn, and William Craft, executors.

Witnesses, Charles Haight, Jacob Concklin, of Bedford, New Purchase, yeoman; George Jones. Proved, Westchester County, March 23, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 4, 1785.

Page 457.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, of the City of New York, spinster, being but weak in Body although of sound mind. I desire my executors to pay off my funeral expenses and debts as soon as may be convenient after my Interment. I leave to Nelly Marschalk, daughter of Andrew Marschalk, of the City of New York, one pair of Ear Rings. To Nancy Kip, daughter of Leonard Kip, one Gold Ring. To Elizabeth Houseman, daughter of Aurt Houseman, of the same City, one silver snuff Box and my Dutch Psalm Book. The rest of my estate, real and personal, to be disposed of for the most money that can be gotten for the same, and this to be divided between Catalina Schuyler and Nancy Schuyler, daughters of my uncle, David Schuyler, share and share alike, and if either die without lawful issue before such division the survivor to have the whole. I appoint my loving friends, Francis Marschalk, Leonard Kip and Isaac Marschalk, all of New York City, my executors.

Dated September 1, 1774. Witnesses, Christopher Duyckinck, of New York City, sailmaker; Abraham Russell, Elizabeth Welch. Proved April 5, 1785.

Page 458.—I, WILLIAM VAN WYCK, of ye City of New York, Distiller, being but weak in Body but of perfect understanding and memory blessed be ye Almighty for it. In order to pay my debts and funeral charges I give my executors full authority to sell all my estate except what I particularly give away. I give to my son William my silver tankard, to my daughter,

Mary Van Wyck, £130 and my silver spoons, a Bed and Bedding sufficient for a Bed and a Bedstead, a half duzen of my chairs and a looking glass. The remaining part of my estate to be put out at interest and the interest yearly to my dearly beloved wife, Martha Van Wyck, during her life, and after her decease to my grandsons, Walter Burling, son of Thomas Burling, William Van Wyck Field, son of William Field, and Charles Burling, son of Edward Burling, to each £40; ye remaining part to my six children: my daughters Deborah, wife of Edward Burling, Phebe, wife of Thomas Burling, Hannah, wife of William Field, Abbigal, wife of Charles Arding, and my son, William Van Wyck, and my daughter, Mary Van Wyck, equally divided. If any unforeseen accident should happen that ye estate should come to less by being put out at interest my will is that my executors be no losers thereby. I appoint my sons-in-law, William Field, and Charles Arding, my executors.

Dated this 7th day of 6th month, 1773. Witnesses, James Bowne, Richard Penny, of New York City, Barber; Peter Field. Proved, New York, April 5, 1785.

Administration granted to Charles Arding the same day.

Page 459.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID ROWE, Senior, of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, do this 31st day of March, 1784, make my last will. I bequeath to my wife Sarah all household goods and other things I have had with her since I was married to her, also £100 paid her by my executors, each his equal proportion, within a year after my decease; also to her my Negroe girl Kate and one cow; all to her in lieu of her dower and at her own disposal. To my two sons, Joseph and David Rowe, that land with the Buildings thereunto belonging in the Township of Flushing, bounded Westerley by a Road, North-erly by my brother Ezekiel Rowe and William Griffin, Easterly by Joseph Wright, and Southerly by Thomas

Lowree and John Eagles. To my son Lawrence all the rest of my real estate in Flushing not otherwise disposed of, the dwelling house wherein I now live, Barn and all other outhouses, and the land adjoining; also a certain swamp and upland thereunto adjoining in Flushing bounded West by a Brook that runs to John Rowes, and North by a road that leads to the Bay side, Easterly by the land of Joseph Wood, and South-erly by John Thorn; also to said Lawrence a piece of salt meadow in Flushing bounded by Robert Lawrence, North, South and West and East by John Rowe; also another salt meadow in Flushing bounded east by John Rodman, North by Robert Lawrence, West by my brother, Ezekiel Rowe, and south by John Rowe. In consideration of what I have given to Lawrence he shall pay to his two brothers, Joseph and David, £800, £100 as part thereof yearly to each the first payment within one year after my decease, and so till the £800 be fully paid which will be in four years. I give all my claim to a tract in Gloster County, New Jersey, if recovered, to my sons, Joseph and David. I devise two lots of land in the Township of Flushing to my two youngest sons, Walter and Cadwalladar Rowe, bounded east by David Fowler, south by my brothers, Ezekiel and Oliver Rowe, west by the road, south by John Rowe and Cornwell, equally divided as soon as they arrive at lawful age or have lawful issue. All my moveable estate, not otherwise disposed of, my negroes included, shall be sold at Public Vendue as soon as conveniently may be, and the money therefrom disposed of as follows: £50 lodged into the hands of my son David for bringing up my youngest son, Cadwallader, the residue to my daughters, namely, Abigail Fowler, Susannah Rowe and Elizabeth Fowler, equally divided, but with this express condition that my daughter, Elizabeth Fowler, shall only be made equal with her sisters in case the value of what she has already received of me be counted as part of her portion, which said legacies shall be paid to Abigail and Elizabeth

within one year of my decease and to my youngest daughter, Susannah, as soon as she shall arrive at lawful age. I appoint my sons, Joseph, David and Lawrence, sole executors.

Witnesses, Robert Lawrence, of Flushing, yeoman; David Roe, Oliver Cornell, of Flushing, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, April 5th, 1785.

Page 461.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN TOTTEN, of the County of Richmond, being in a low state of health. I will to my son, Joseph Totten, all my Buildings with five acres adjoining taken in such form as he, Joseph, shall see fit. To my wife Anna £3 per annum as long as she shall remain my widow to be paid in manner hereafter mentioned. The residue of my estate to be sold and the money arising to be divided in six shares in manner following, that is my son Gilbert three shares, he paying to my wife three pounds per annum, to my son Thomas one share, to my son James half a share, to my daughter Mary half a share, and the other share equally divided between my grandson, John Totten, and my two granddaughters, Mary, daughter of Thomas Totten, and Mary Brown. I appoint my sons, Gilbert and Joseph, and my worthy friend, Gilbert Jackson, executors.

Dated March 7, 1785. Witnesses, Zebedee Totten, Jacob Rickhow, yeoman; Benjamin Drake. Proved, Richmond County, April 4, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 9, 1785.

Page 463.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CLASS, of the City of New York, Cabinet Maker, being in a weakly state as to Body. I bequeath to my eldest son, Will<sup>m</sup>, five shillings in full Barr of any claim as heir at law. To my loving wife, Magdalen Class, all my real and personal estate, and I appoint her my sole executrix.

Dated December 16, 1783. Witnesses, Moses Gomey, Jr., of New York City, Merchant; Silas Totten, Thomas Bruen. Proved, New York, April 11, 1785.



Page 464.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN EMBREE, of West farms, in the Borough and County of Westchester, yeoman, being weak in Body. I bequeath to my eldest son, Stephen Embree, £5 over and above his equal share in my estate. To my two daughters, Mary and Anna, £10 each. These legacies to be paid as soon as conveniently can after the sale of my estate. All the remainder of my estate to be sold and equally divided among my four sons, Stephen, Robert, Isaac and John Embree, and if any die without issue before the division his share to the survivors. I appoint my two sons, Stephen and Isaac Embree, and my friend, Levi Hunt, of West farms, executors.

Dated January 20, 1784. Witnesses, Eden Hunt, John Embree, of West Farms, Rob<sup>t</sup> Gilmor, of West Farms. Proved, Westchester County, April 11, 1785.

Page 465.—I, SAMUEL SNEDEN, of Eastchester, in ye County of Westchester, being well in health, I bequeath to my son Stephen three acres of woodland adjoining his land at ye lower end and ye land of Thomas Fowler, and also a slip of ye fresh meadow at that corner next to his house as far as to a great Rock or to take in ye spring near by ye aforesaid Rock, and ye said land to be enjoyed by ye said Stephen Sneden, farmer, he having received the rest of his portion before. To my son Robert my dwelling house, orchard, Barn and ye first field to ye southward from ye orchard and barn with all ye fresh meadow except that small slipe by ye spring at ye Northwest corner, and also a piece of land to ye eastward of ye house to run across over to ye Road which leads from ye White Plains to Eastchester, and to comprehend four acres; also to Robert Sneden four acres of Woodland joining Stephen's piece at ye lower end. To my son John all ye rest of my land and one lott of salt meadow in ye Town meadows of Eastchester. My moveable estate to be equally divided between my three sons, John, Stephen and Robert, "except ye Plate she Brought"

and one table, one feather Bed, six leather Chears, one trunk, one Iron Pott, one stand, one trammel, one pair fire tongs and shovel, and one side saddle to her and her heirs forever (name not mentioned). I appoint my son, Robert Sneden, and Thomas Farrington, ex-ecutors.

Dated May 28, 1778. Witnesses, Benj<sup>n</sup> Drake, Jonas Farrington, of Eastchester, yeoman; Stephen Levinas. Proved, Westchester County, April 11, 1785. Administration granted to Robert Sneden, New York, April 12, 1785.

Page 466.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HANNAH STONE, of New Town, Queens County, Nassau Island, widow, being in a weak and poor state of health, do this 7th day of November, 1776, make my last will and Testament. I bequeath to my brother, John Renne, and my daughter Mary the use of a "pairmain & spitsenbur trees" the garden and "back Leanters" and the fore part of the Cellar, as long as they shall live. To my daughter Mary as many articles of my household furniture as she shall see cause to take, also the money from the rent of the remaining part of my house, and land, and as much of the principal which shall be sold for that purpose, if she shall anyways stand in need, at the discretion of Joseph Burroughs, and if it shall happen that more of my estate remains than what my daughter shall have as a reasonable and decent maintenance so long as she shall live, then what is remaining I give to the Presbyterian Society of New Town to be put at interest (if in money or rented if in house or land) by the Elders and the interest to be applied to the maintenance of a Minister. I appoint my trusty friends, John Moore, Jr., Joseph Burroughs and Abraham Rapelje, Jr., executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Morrel, Sarah Culver, Samuel Moore, of New Town. Proved, New York, March 29, 1785. Administration granted to Benjamin Coe, of New Town, Esquire, the executors having by several

Instruments in writing relinquished the executorship, New York, April 12, 1785.

Page 468.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, New York, being weak in Body. I bequeath to Mary, my dearly beloved wife, the use of all my estate, real and personal, during the time she remains my widow for the support of herself and the support and education of my children; to her also my best Bed, my looking Glass, my Tea Board and Sugar Box. All the rest of my estate after the death or marriage of my wife to my son, Samuel Skidmore Smith, my son, Benjamin Smith and my daughter, Phebe Smith, equally divided among them; if any die before they arrive at full age or marry, the share of such to the child or children surviving. Whereas it may be necessary for the payment of my debts, or may be for the interest of my children that a part or all of my real estate be sold, I authorize my executors to sell the same if they in their discretion think Best, and if they sell, the monies arising shall be put at interest for the use of my wife while she remains my widow. I appoint Mary, my said wife, my friend, Hendrick Suydam and my Brother, Melancton Smith, executors.

Dated October 13, 1784. Witnesses, Stephen Herri- man, of Jamaica, Hatter; Timothy Denton, Sarah Smith. Proved, Queens County, March 18, 1785. Con- firmed, New York, April 13, 1785.

Page 469.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHIAS LAMBERSON, of Jamaica, Queens County, being very weak and sick in Body. I bequeath to my son Nicholas, £5. To my two sons, Nicholas and Cornelius, my lands in the Township of Jamaica or elsewhere equally divided; Also to them my moveable estate. I appoint my son, Nicholas Lamberson, and my friend and neighbour, Isaac Amberman, executors.

Dated October 17, 1776. Witnesses, Cornelius

Losee, John Losee, of Jamaica, yeoman; Nathaniel Box. Proved, Queens County, April 12, 1785. Administration granted to Isaac Amberman, New York; April 14, 1785.

Page 470.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID MULFORD, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman. I leave to my eldest son, David Mulford, Jr., twenty shillings for his Birthright. To my beloved wife Phebe, my house on the west side of the Road, while remaining my widow; Also my two negro wenches, and three cows if required; Also the beds and household furniture, one horse, six sheep, and the improvement of one hundred acres of land on the south side of lot No. 7, so as to bring up my children to full age and then to have a comfortable support from my estate while she remains my widow. To my son Job, all my estate, real and personal, forever; Also the 100 acres of lot No. 7 on the south side of said lot except the articles mentioned, he to give to my children that are under his age £50 each, to them that are of age at my decease, and to them that are not, it is my will they be paid when they do come of age. Whereas there is a small interest coming to me from my brother, Lemuel Mulford, at his decease, that was so given by my father, I give that equally to be divided among my children. I appoint my beloved wife Phebe, and Job Mulford, my son, and my friend, Ananios Cooper, executors, and I order that my children now under age be maintained and educated out of my estate at the discretion of my executors.

Dated January 12, 1778. Witnesses, John Younglove, of Albany County, Esquire; John Brown. Proved, New York City, March 10, 1785. Dutchess County, Job Mulford, of Dutchess County, farmer, appeared and swore that he did see David Mulford sign the above will, as also the above said witnesses, and that he, the deponent, would well and truly administer the same, April 11, 1785. Adminis-

tration granted to Job Mulford, New York, April 18, 1785.

Page 472.—In the name of God, Amen, January 1, 1784. I, GABRAEL FORMAN, of New Town, on Long Island, from my weak and declineing state of health calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make this my last will. My body to be buried at the discretion of my wife and surviving friends. I leave my dearly and well-beloved wife, Temperence Forman, in full possession of my estate, real and personal, during her widowhood, but in case of her remarriage all my estate to be exposed to public sale, and the moneys arising to be equally divided between my wife and my children, Joseph, Samuel and my daughter Sarah, "and the infant now in its mother's womb," my wife to be paid her proportion and the children's money to be put out at Interest for their support, their portions paid them on marriage or at the age of twenty-one. I appoint Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Howard, Mr. Joseph Gostline, and Mr. Joseph Woodward, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Field, Jr., John Burroughs, John R. Riker, of New Town, Doctor. Proved, Queens County, April 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 14, 1785.

Page 473.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT MERRITT, of Rye, Westchester County, yeoman, do this 2nd day of December, 1782, make this my last will. I bequeath to my loving wife Hannah, the use of my dwelling house, barn and eight acres of land near the same southeast of said dwelling, while she shall remain my widow; Also all my furniture except two beds. To my sons, Daniel and Gilbert, and their heirs forever, all the remaining part of my lands equally divided, as well as what acres I gave my wife above. "But my will is and shall firmly stand that if my said son Gilbert does marry a certain Mary Seaman with whom he cohabits, then and in such case he the said

Gilbert shall not inherit nor enjoy any part of my estate but the sum of twenty shillings." To my daughter, Sarah Carpenter, one bed with its furniture and one cow. To my loving sister, Rachel Miller, £10, on condition that my estate in dispute with James Lyon, of Byrum, by force of my wife's title may be justly gained in law by my heirs, otherwise she shall not be entitled. To my son Gilbert, one bed under the proviso above of not marrying the said Mary Seaman. I appoint my wife Hannah and my loving brother Robert, executors, who shall pay all my debts and inter my body decently as becoming a person of my Circumstances.

Witnesses, Amos Sniffen, of Rye, Carpenter; Gilbert Miller, George Harris. Proved, Westchester County, April 14, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 19, 1785.

Page 475.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH DODGE, of Pauldings Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in Body, do this 27th day of February, 1785, make this my last Will. I desire all my debts should be paid and then I bequeath to my oldest son, Stephen, ten shillings, and I desire that my sons, Daniel and Robert, collect all my debts and settle my other affairs; it is likewise my desire that Elizabeth have twenty shillings and the warming pan, and that after settling all my accounts that they, Daniel and Robert, divide equally what may remain between themselves and Lidia Rebekah Jonathan and David as they think most proper.

Witnesses, Caleb Lamb, Joseph Lamb and Elisha Champlin, "and this my will and Testament I desire by the mouth of the above mentioned witnesses should be allowed and in as full force as altho I had signed the same before I deceased." Proved, Dutchess County, March 31, 1785, when Joseph Lamb, of Dutchess County, farmer, appeared, and on the 4th day of April, 1785, likewise appeared Caleb Lamb and Elisha

Champlin, of Dutchess County, farmers, and swore that they were present with Jeremiah Dodge in his last sickness, that he did then and there make his last will by word of mouth, that it was written on the 2nd day of March, 1785, after the decease of the said Jeremiah Dodge. Administration granted to Daniel Dodge, New York City, April 18, 1785.

Page 476.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BRINCKERHOFF, of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, this 29th day of December, 1784, being in good health and perfect memory. I bequeath to my grandson, Adrian Brinckerhoff, £5, paid him within six months after the decease of my wife, Janetje Brinckerhoff, in full Bar of my claim as heir at Law. To my said grandson Adrian, that farm he now possesses in Rumbout Precinct, containing about 292 acres; Also 60 acres adjoining which I bought of Dr Theodorus Van Wyck; Also thirty acres of upland, meadow and swamp, twenty to be meadow and swamp, and ten, upland, to be taken off the east end of my farm whereon I now live, beginning with the meadow and swamp on the bank of the Fishkill on the line of Johannis Rosekrance's farm thence running down along the Fishkill till it meets Dr. Van Wycks swamp, thence westerly along his line so far as to make twenty acres square, etc. Also I give him 113 acres of woodland off the north end of a lot which my father-in-law, Johannis Van Voorhis, gave me in Middle Bush, and 25 acres in Middle Bush joining on Guysbert Schenck's land near his meadow which my father, Direk Brinckerhoff, gave me. Also to him one half of a Mountain farm which I bought of Benjamin List; Also half of all my lands in the Township of Birlin. My said Grandson Adrian, shall possess the above during his life, and after his decease the same shall be possessed by his widow, to maintain, feed, cloath and educate all the children of my said grandson till they arrive at lawful age or marriage, and if his widow die or marry again, then

the same unto all the children of my said grandson share and share alike. I bequeath to my grandson, John Brinckerhoff Van Wyck, the farm I now live on (the 30 acres on the east side given to my grandson Adrian, and the 100 acres hereafter mentioned on the west side given to my grandson, Dirck Van Wyck, only excepted) together with my dwelling house, barn and outhouses; Also one half of a mountain farm which I bought of Benjamin List, to him and his heirs forever, Provided he shall pay to my grandchildren born of my daughter Altje, late wife of Dr Van Wyck, viz.: Elizabeth, Altje, Theodorus, Yanetje, William and Abraham, £50 each, twelve months after the decease of my wife Janetje, and if he neglects to pay this then so much land off my said farm to be sold as will pay the legacies. Also to my said grandson John, one half my right in Frankfort store house, lands and appurtenances there unto belonging. Also to him one quarter of my lands in the Township of Birlin. To my grandson, Dirck Van Wyck, 100 acres on the west side of the farm whereon I now live being in two pieces on the north and south sides of the Road leading down from Hopewell beginning with the south lot at the Blacksmiths shop, thence southerly along the road (leading from the new Bridge) to the Fishkill, thence up the Fishkill till it meets Dr Van Wyck's land, thence along said land to the road from Hopewell, thence westerly along the road to the place of beginning, containing about 50 acres; Also beginning with the north lot at the corner of Coll Dirck Brinckerhoff's orchard on the said road, thence northerly along Brinckerhoff's line to Godfrey Haynes's land, thence easterly to Dr. Van Wycks land, thence southerly to the road, and westerly along the road to the place of beginning, about 50 acres. Also to him 163 acres in Middle Bush being in two pieces, one of 25 acres was given me by my father, Mr Dirck Brinckerhoff, the other of 137 acres was given me by my father-in-law, Mr. Johannis Van Voorhis, it being the farm that William Vantine at present



possesses; Also to him half my right in Frankfort store house; Also quarter of my lands in Birlin; the above land with the houses and outhouses to my said grandson, Dirck Van Wyck, forever, provided he lives to the age of twenty-one or marriage, and if not then the above to my grandchildren by my daughter Altje, deceased, viz.: Elizabeth, Altje, John, Brinckerhoff, Theodorus, Yanetje, William and Abraham, equally divided. My executors I direct immediately at my decease to sell my real estate in Philips Precinct, and a lot I bought of Thomas Woodward on the mountains in Rombout Precinct, and my share in the mines at Kent, Connecticut, and the moneys therefrom I dispose of as follows, one half to the children of my said grandson Adrian, put out at interest till each arrives at full age or marriage; the other half to my grandchildren, Elizabeth, Altje, Theodorus, Yanetje, William and Abraham. To my wife Janetje the sole management of my estate for life. At her decease my executors to sell the residue of my estate at Public Vendue, and the moneys arising I dispose of as follows: To the Elders of the Dutch Church at Fishkill Town, £100, the interest therefrom to be for the church and no part of the principal to be used. To my granddaughter Janetje, £50, when twenty-one years or at her marriage, and if she die before then to my grandchildren Elizabeth, Altje, Theodorus, William and Abraham. To the children, born or who may be born to my Grandson, Adrian Brinckerhoff, the remaining half (not already given) of my estate; and the remaining other half to my said grandchildren born of my daughter Altje, viz.: Elizabeth, Altje, John, Brinckerhoff, Theodorus, Yanetje, William, Dirck and Abraham. My son-in-law, Dr Theodorus Van Wyck, shall have the sole management of the estate given to my grandchildren born of my daughter Altje. I make my wife Janetje, my son-in-law, Dr Theodorus Van Wyck, and my good friends, Jacobus Swartwout and Jacob Griffin, Esquire, executors.

Witnesses, Ab<sup>m</sup> Brickerhoff, Albert Adriance, Daniel Ledew, of Dutchess County, farmer. Proved, Dutchess County, March 31, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 18, 1785.

Page 481.—To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come. Whereas I, SARAH BURLING, Jr, of Flushing, Queen's County, in order to settle my affairs respecting the disposal of my estate, this 6th day of February, 1785, do make this my last will and Testament. I bequeath to my Brother, Joseph Burling, £10. To my Brother, George Burling, £10. The remainder of my property to be equally divided amongst my three sisters, Hannah, Rebecca and Elizabeth Burling. I appoint Leonard Lawrence and Hannah Burling, executors.

Witnesses, Pepperrell Bloodgood, of Flushing, shop keeper; James Mackrell, Joseph Haviland. Proved, Queens County, April 16, 1785.

Page 482.—In the name of God, Amen. With humble Resignation to the dispensations of Providence I, JOHN BURT LYNG, of the City of New York, Gold and silversmith, do make this my last will. My executors shall from time to time pay to my beloved wife, Magdalen Lyng, the nett profits of my estate, real and personal, not otherwise disposed of, till the youngest of my children now living or hereafter born shall arrive to the age of twenty-one, to be for the maintenance and education of all my children till that period; but if my executors be of opinion that the profits be misapplied I give them a discretionary power to withhold the same or part thereof from my wife and to apply the same to the proper education and comfortable support of my children. To my wife Magdalen all my household and kitchen furniture and all my Plate (that in my shop and intended for sale excepted), also my executors shall suffer my wife to have the annual profits of the lot of land for which I have a lease from the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in

communion of the Church of England, she regularly paying the ground rent for the same and keeping the buildings, fences and improvements in good repair, the above in lieu of her right of Dower. To my son Harman an "English Crown piece whereof I am at present possessed." As each of my children arrive at the age of twenty-one my executors shall pay them £50, he or she giving security to pay annually lawful interest for the same till my youngest child comes of age as aforesaid. To Catharine, daughter of Stephen Keble, of the City of New York, Distiller, £10. All the rest of my estate to my four children, Harman, Ann Jandine, Jandine and John Burt, and such others as I may have, equally divided when my youngest child comes of age. It is my will that my executors do not sell by way of Auction or Vendue my shop plate, shop goods or working tools till one year after my decease, it being my intention that during that time they be tried at private sale. I appoint my friends, James Lawrence, of the City of New York, Coach Maker, and Richard Harison, of the same City, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Attorney at Law, executors.

Dated March 31, 1773. Witnesses, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, James Wessells, of New York City, wig maker. Proved, New York, April 20, 1785.

*Codicil.* Whereas I, the within named JOHN BURT LYNG, have since making the within will purchased from James Lawrence and Ann, his wife, two lots in the outward of New York City being two of the lots conveyed by Nicholas Bayard and Catharine, his wife, to Philip Livingston, Isaac Roosevelt, Richard Sharpe, Theophylact Bache, Thomas Marston, Gabriel H. Ludlow and Levinus Clarkson, and distinguished in a map thereof by the number 449 and 1063, now therefore I declare that the said land be divided and disposed of in like manner as the residue of my estate in the within will.

Date of Codicil July 17, 1774.

Witnesses to Codicil, James Wessells, William Field,

Jr., Thomas Campbell. Administration granted to Richard Harison, April 20, 1785.

Page 484.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES KOWENHOVER, of New Malborough Precinct, Ulster County, yeoman, being sick and weak. I bequeath all my estate, real and personal, either now in my possession or which I by Birthright, heirship or otherwise might obtain to my daughter Anna, wife of David Ostrander, and my said son-in-law, David Ostrander, and their heirs forever. I appoint my son-in-law, David Ostrander, and my good friends, Peter Ostrander and Christophel Ostrander, executors.

Dated December 11, 1772. Witnesses, Daniel Freer, Jr., Wilhelmus Ostrander, Jacob Concklin, of New Burgh, yeoman. Proved, New York, April 20, 1785. Administration granted to David Ostrander the same day.

Page 486.—In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd day of July, 1783. I, HARMANUS SPRINGTEEN, late Private in the second New York Regiment, now in Poughkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick and weak in Body. I bequeath to my first son, Coenrad, all my wearing apparel and £15, as soon as my executrix can receive the wages due to me in said Regiment. To my daughter Mary, and to my other son John, £15 at the aforesaid time. To my said two sons, Coenrad and John, all my lands in this state or any other places, equally divided. To my loving wife Altje all the remainder of my estate in goods, chattels or money in lieu of her dower. I appoint my wife, Altje Springsteen, executrix.

Witnesses, Sam<sup>l</sup> Dodge, Comfort Johnson, Richard Dodge, of New York City, Gentleman. Proved, New York, April 21, 1785.

Page 487.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE DUNCAN, of the City of New York, Merchant, enjoying

my usual health and understanding. I bequeath to my sister-in-law, Sarah Ludlow, the sum of £7 yearly during her life. To my son, Thomas Duncan, my Desk and "Berrse" with glass doors, my large silver punch bowl and Ladle and Clock, also fifty guineas which I will in consideration of his Birth Right. I order the rest of my estate, real and personal, to be sold and out of the proceeds I give to my son Thomas £1,200 to make him equal with my daughter, Sarah Wickham, to whom I have given the corner house and 110 foot of the lot of ground in Broadway towards her marriage portion which I have valued at £1,200. Whereas my said daughter is chargeable for sundry sums of money over and above the house and lot advanced for her marriage my will is that whatever sums she shall stand charged for in my books at my decease be paid in to my estate, and I give the same with the residue of my estate to my son Thomas and daughter, Sarah Wickham, equally divided. I make my son Thomas and daughter Sarah executors.

Dated July 4, 1768. Witnesses, George Ludlow, William W. Ludlow. Proved, New York, April 21, 1785. Administration granted to Thomas Duncan the same day.

Page 488.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH CARPENTER, the "3th" of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being very weak in Body, do this 8th day of June, 1775, make my last will. I bequeath to my well beloved wife, Ruth Carpenter, all my beds and bed furniture, and my household stuff, and one of my best cows, and sufficient bread, corn, and meat for the support of my wife and children for one year next after my decease. Also to my wife the full priviledge of my houses and my farm whereon I now live till my son Daniel shall come to the age of twenty-one years, the better to enable her to bring up my children in case she shall so long remain my widow, and when Daniel shall come to the age of twenty-one I devise to him

all my said farm, reserving to my wife during her widowhood the priviledge of my houses and a sufficient support allowed her by my son Daniel after he shall enter into possession. The remainder of my personal estate (except my loom and tackling) to my two daughters, Hannah and Ruth, "and the child my wife is now big with if she should be safely delivered thereof whether son or daughter," and the same to be put at interest for them as soon as possible and equally divided betwixt them and paid them at the time of their full age. The loom and tackling I give to my wife. My personal estate (except that for my wife) to be sold at Publick Vendue as soon as convenient. I make Daniel Vail and John Smith, Cooper, both of Orange County, ex-cutors.

Witnesses, Michael Jackson, of Orange County, Esqr, William Oldfield, Hannah Smith. Proved, Orange County, July 11, 1775. Administration granted to Daniel Vail and John Smith, New York, April 25, 1785.

Page 490.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN LAZIER, of the City of New York, Carman, being sick and weak in Body, do this 31st day of July, 1772, make my last Will. My debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate. I bequeath to my loving wife Dinah the use and interest of all the rest of my personal estate, and of my messuage or tenement and dwelling house and lot on Batteau street, in the City of New York, and of all other my real estate, during her life. To my daughter Trientje, now the wife of Jacobus Brown of the said City, Carpenter, £10 paid her as soon as convenient after the decease of my wife out of my real estate if the above residue of my personal estate be not sufficient. To my granddaughter, Dinah Brower, £5, paid her as above said. All the remainder of my estate remaining at the decease of my wife to my said daughter Trientje and my daughter Antia, wife of John Brower, of New York

City, Carpenter, equally divided between them. I appoint my wife Dinah and my two sons-in-law, Jacobus Brown and John Brower, executors.

Witnesses, Cornelius Wyncoop, Charles Miller, John Clem. Proved, New York, March 24, 1785, when Jarvis Roebuck, of the said City, cork cutter swore to the signature of John Clem, one of the above witnesses. Also at New York, April 27, 1785, likewise appeared Jacob Wyncoop, of the City of Albany, skipper, a son of Cornelius Wyncoop, one of the above witnesses, and swore to his signature. Administration granted to Jacobus Brown and John Brower the same day.

Page 492.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GINSALIS, being sick and weak in Body. I bequeath to my son John the farm I now live on to him and his heirs forever, in the meantime my son John allowing his Mother, my present wife, the privilege of the House I now live in during her life time and likewise two cows and four Ewes sheep and two hogs kept free yearly during her life time, she likewise having the privilege of a garden spot by the house. Also to my son John £20 in money, but at present he owes me £36 in gold or silver which he is to pay to Daniel Camble, Esq<sup>r</sup>, in Scenectedy, against next October, likewise £265 he owes me for goods bought of me, £20 of which money I give him as above, the other £245 he is to pay to my other children. To John Mills, my daughter's son, £100 and my gun now at my son John's. To Imanuel Ginsalis, my son Joseph's son, £100. To Tiney Bulson two sheep. Now I have due to me in Bank in Albany £1,600, and another note, £84, at my house here. I have one cow, three yearlens, one steer, one hog and eight sheep. I bequeath £200 to my present wife of the above money to be used by her as she needs and at her pleasure. Now all the rest of my money and effects I leave equally divided between my son Peter and my daughter Hannah. I appoint my son Peter, and Cornelius Bulson, executors.

Dated April 10, 1780. Witnesses, Peter Blane, Tunes Wells, yeoman. Proved, Albany County, April 15, 1785. Confirmed, New York, April 28, 1785.

Page 493.—The following will was written in German. Translated an abstract is as follows: I, FRIEDERICH BASITER, leave my house and land to my wife Tabel. My Daughter Maria is to receive £10, daughters Eliesabeth and Margaretha a like amount. Anna, however, is to receive £20. My daughter Eliesabeth as well as my daughter Anna shall each receive a cow; the two year old ox of Anna's cow shall also go to Anna. The horses, cattle, wagon, plough, harrow, and in general everything belonging to the farm is to remain with it. From among the sheep Maria is to receive an old sheep and a lamb, and Eliesabeth is to receive likewise a sheep and a lamb, Anna is also to receive a sheep and a lamb. In regard to Johannes Lob, the land given him shall remain, viz.: from the head of the hayland to the large ruins, and from there to the boundary fence of the new hayland, so further till the end of my property. The friends invited to testify to this instrument have with their own hands subscribed to the same at Beaverdam, December 6, 1784. The legacies left to my Daughters shall not be paid out until two years after my demise.

(Signed) FRIEDERICH BASELER.

Witnesses, Cristian Sand, Wilhelm Schneider, Christian Spitner. Probated, March 22, 1785, Albany. Administration granted to Anna Baslaer, of Scohary, Albany County, widow of Frederich Baseler, late of the same place, yeoman, deceased, New York, April 28, 1785.

END OF LIBER 37.



## LIBER 38.

Page 1.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK STRAIGHT, of Rhynebeck, in Dutchess County, weak in body—on November 22, 1781. I leave to my wife Catharine all my real and personal estate for life or while a widow, after her death or marriage, the farm whereon I now dwell to son Frederick Straight; He also to have the negro man Harry, “weving loom,” “pleasure slay” and land he now owns in Charlot Precinct. Son Frederick to pay legacies as follows: To oldest son (not named) of son George, deceased, 20 shillings as birthright, to all children (not named) of son George, deceased, £50 equally divided; to children of daughter, Maddalan Bander, deceased, £12 10 shillings; to children of daughter, Mary Eckert, deceased, £12 10 shillings; to daughters, Christen Ham and Margaret Ule, each £12, 10 shillings; to son Lodawick £5, his present wife during his life to live in the new upper room in my present house and be maintained by my estate; to son-in-law, Fredrick Ham, and my daughter Cathrine that farm they now possess, for life and at their decease to their son, Counrodt Ham, he to pay his brother, Casper Ham, £100; to granddaughter, Maddleen Moore, large cupboard; to daughters, Margaret Ule and Christian Ham, and the children of daughters, Maddaleen Bander and Mary Eckert, both deceased all rest of personal effects. My old negro wench to have sufficient living out of my estate during her life.

Executors, son, Frederick Straight, and son-in-law, Counrodt Ham.

Witnesses, Peter Eckert, Abraham Fredenburgh, Hugh Willson. Proved, Dutchess County, April 26, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 2, 1785.

Page 3.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HESTER VERVEYLIE, of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County,

widow, weak in body. I leave all my estate, that is, houses, lands, money, goods, and chattels to be equally divided between all my children, namely, Gideon, Moses, John, Daniel, Jerimiah, Elizabeth, Hannah. Whereas my husband died before his father and therefore my eldest son, Gideon, becomes heir to the farm whereon I now live, it is my will that unless said Gideon immediately on my decease divide with his brothers and sisters that farm "which he heired from his grandfather agreeable to his father's will," then I dispose of my estate as above mentioned to be equally divided between all my children except Gideon, he to have £5 for his birthright. Whereas Moses and John have already received £30 each by way of out set, and Elizabeth £65 in land and out set, so much to be deducted from their portions.

Executors, friends, Moses Degraff, Jacobus Degraff and Zephaniah Platt.

(Signed) HESTER VERVELEY.

Dated February 6, 1773. Witnesses, Matthias Cook, John Rugur, Zepha Platt. Confirmed, April 30, 1785.

Page 5.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY LUDLOW, late of the City of New York but at present residing in the District of Claverack, Albany County. Executors to sell real and personal estate and dispose of the proceeds as follows: To son, William Henry Ludlow, a recompense for maintaining myself and family while I and they have or may yet remain with him; Also one eighth of whole estate; one eighth part of estate to Henry Bayley Ludlow, Peter Robert Ludlow and Mary Corbett Ludlow, children of deceased son, John Corbett Ludlow, equally divided; one eighth to son, Gabriel Henry Ludlow; one eighth to son, Henry Ludlow; one eighth to son, Thomas Ludlow; one eighth to daughter Sarah, wife of Richard Morris (deducting seven eighth value of a negro wench named Sarah, already given her); one eighth to daughter, Martha Ludlow (deducting value of a negro

wench named Peg or Margaret, and her son Robin, already given her); and one eighth put at interest and given to grandson, Gabriel Gillan Shaw (only child of daughter Elizabeth, deceased) when of age.

Executors, sons, Gabriel Henry, William Henry and son-in-law, Richard Morris, Esq. and Charles Shaw.

Dated January 8, 1780. Witnesses, George Morrell, Jeremiah D. Lamater, W. V. Wemple. Proved, Albany County, January 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, May 4, 1785.

Page 7.—In the name of God, Amen. 25th August, 1783. I, ADRIAN VOORHEES, of Flatbush, Kings County, yeoman, being at present very weak in body. I leave to my most beloved wife Adriantie the use of all estate for her support and maintenance of my children so long as she remains a widow. If she marries then £200, a bedstead with furniture, a dutch cupboard and two negro wenches named Sara and Sine; to son Lawrence all real estate in Flatbush or elsewhere upon Condition he pay to my daughter Femmetye and the children of my daughter Adriaentie, by name, Engelbart and Pheben Lott, £600, one half to Femmetye and half to the others when of age; also choice of three of my negro slaves before division is made, and all farm utensils, horses and horn cattle except 4 cows; Also bed with all its furniture; to Daughter Femmetye £200 when she marries and as much new furniture as I bought for my daughter Adriaentie; also two negro wenches, Mara and Rose, and 4 cows; to grandson, Engelbart Lott, a negro boy Jack; to granddaughter, Pheben Lott, a negro girl Bet. One third of the remainder of my personal estate to son Lawrence, one third to Femmetye, one third to children of Adriaentie.

Executors, wife Adriaentie, son Lawrence, son-in-law, Johannis E. Lott and friend, Hendrick Suydam.

Witnesses, V. Antonedes, And<sup>w</sup> Suydam, John Van

Der Veer. Proved, May 2, 1785, Kings County. Confirmed, May 6, 1785, New York.

Page 9.—In the name of God, Amen. The 17th of February, 1773. I, BARENT VAN DEVENTER, of Flatbush, Kings County, in good health. I leave to my wife Geertje for life all personal estate, use of house and land where I now live and one lot of meadow at Carnarcey between the meadows of William Axtell and Leffert Martenson and lot of woodland between Wilhelmus Stootholf and heirs of Stephen Williamse, deceased. After her death said land to go to four daughters, Femmetje, Seytje, Ida and Maria. To son Jacobus the farm he now lives on at Flatbush which I bought of the heirs of Ryck Suydam and Thomas Stillwill, also meadow in Flatlands and two lots of woodland, provided he pay for the same £400, £100 to each of my four daughters above named. To daughter Seytje instead of above bequests the yearly income or interest of her share and this share to be reduced to money so far as possible, and after her death to be equally divided among her children.

Executors, son Jacobus, son-in-law Cornelis Van Duyne.

(Signed) BARENT VAN DEWENTER.

Witnesses, William Axtell, Jacob Leffertse, Peter Antonides and P. V. Steenberg. Proved at Kings County, April 22, 1785.

Page 12.—In the name of God, Amen. I, URSULA ROOSS, of the City of New York, widow. I leave one fourth of my estate to my brother, Peter Brass; one fourth to my sister Geertie, wife of George Gordon; one fourth to children of my nephew, Capt. Henry Brass, deceased; one fourth to children now living of my brother, Adolph Brass, and to the child (not named) of his son Adolph, equally divided. To Mary, wife of Theophilus Elsworth, one fifth of all my wearing apparel.

Executors, Mary Farmer, of the City of New York, widow, and Rem Rapalye, of New York, boulder.

(Signed) URSULA ROOS.

Dated March 30, 1774. Witnesses, Catharine Benson, R<sup>t</sup> Benson, Cath<sup>n</sup> Collins. Proved, March 3, 1785.

Executors refused to serve and Theophilus Elsworth appointed by the Court, May 9, 1785.

Page 13.—In the name of God, Amen. This 20th of January, 1774. I, JOHN BOCKHOUT, of the Manor of Philipsburgh, Westchester County, in perfect health. I leave to my well-beloved wife, Debura Bockhout, all she brought at marriage and also one horse, two cows and five sheep “during my widow” and the third part of “all my housse to be divided between my weddow and my grandson, John Jewel.” To both the above “my fishing net to there one use and benifect of the famely.” To wife £40, and my “negro winch Hanna to whyt on her.” And after her death or remarriage to go to one of my children “which she lieks beest.” To grandson, John Jewel, two “horssees or mairs, feet to worck, and gears and plow, tackelen to work and one cow forever.” Remainder of moveable estate to be divided into three parts, one third part to my children and grandchildren, viz.: Matice Bockhout, Jacob Bockhout, Mary, wife of Jacob Van Wert; Anna, wife of Conrat Sedore; Elizabeth, wife of William Jewel; one and all my grandchildren (not named) to draw equal share of their father or mother. Remaining two thirds of estate to be again divided in three parts, one third to go to wife Deborah, and two thirds to be divided between children and grandchildren. To grandson, John Jewel, “my Improvements with the consent of Col. Fredrick now Lord of said Mannor,” said John Jewel to give my widow a maintenance and after her death or marriage to give and divide £100 between my children and grandchildren.

Executors, sons, Matice and Jacob, friend, William Davids.

Witnesses, Edward Couenhoven, James Hamman, John Van Tessel. Proved, Westchester County, April 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 14, 1785.

Page 16.—In the name of God, Amen. This 28th of April, 1784. I, NATHAN STURGES, of Dutchess County, being very sick. I leave to my wife Mary, the use of one third of estate while my widow. To son, Thadeus Sturges, farm and building where I now live and land in the "great swomp ginning David he Cock's land and Samuel Townsands." To daughters, Rhodaij and Sarg Sturges, the Bearsety farm, and £100 to be paid by son Thadeas two years after he comes of age. All of the above written in Fredricksburgh Precinct in the County of Dutchess.

Executors, wife Mary and Stephen Hurlbutt.

Witnesses, Humphrey Ogden, David Sturges, Humphrey Ogden, Jr. Proved, May 10, 1785, Dutchess County. Confirmed, May 16, 1785, New York.

Page 17.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC TAYLOR, of Beekmans Precinct, Dutchess County, Farmer, sick—"being Penitent and Sorry for my sins and offences against God and all Goodness," etc. I leave to wife Catharine, one third of estate. To son Thomas, that farm he now lives on. To three youngest children, Daniel, Peter, Rachel, "all born by wife aforesaid" the full sum of £10 each. To son William, one small sorrell mare; to son Richard, small brown horse. Remainder of estate, if any, to be divided between all my children.

Executors, Azariah Crandall and Jonathan Prosser.

Dated April 11, 1785. Witnesses, Benjamin Prosser, of Dutchess County, farmer; Azariah Crandall and Jonathan Prosser. Proved, April 28, 1785, Dutchess County. Confirmed, May 16, 1785, New York.

Page 19.—Know all men by these presents that I, JACOBUS MONFORT near Cedar Swamp in township of Oyster Bay, in Queens County, yeoman, being far ad-

vanced in years and being willing to set my house in order before my final change. I leave to my daughter Magdelana, wife of Peter Monfort, of Fishkill, £50. To granddaughter Dorothy, wife of Andries Hegeman, £50. To grandson, Garret Monfort, £50. To daughter-in-law Catharine, wife of my son Jost Monfort, income of all the remainder of my estate, real and personal, so long as my son Jost lives "if he be now living." If she be a widow and remarry she forfeits estate which is to be divided between my grandchildren, viz.: Peter Monfort, Abraham Monfort, James Monfort, George Monfort, Elizabeth Monfort, Daniel Monfort and Dorothy Monfort. Notwithstanding what is above written if there be occasion property may be sold by executors and money paid to legatees as above.

Executors, friends, Daniel Duryee, Helmus Hoagland, Andries Hegeman and grandson, Garret Monfort.

Dated October 8, 1776. Witnesses, Nicholas Wright, Jacob Dillingham, Henry Prior, Samuel Willis. Proved, Queens County, May 14, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 17, 1785.

Page 21.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SMITH, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, weak of body, on February 17, 1784. I leave to my son, John Hutchins Smith, all real estate in Flushing, Jamaica or elsewhere; Also moveable estate without doors not otherwise disposed of, books, a negro boy named Morris. To daughter, Margaret Beeks Smith, all moveable estate within doors (except provisions and eatables which shall remain for the use of my whole family), the use of the east room with a fireplace in my dwelling, keep of a cow and garden adjoining said room so long as she is unmarried; Also interest of £500 to be paid her when of age by my son, John Hutchens Smith, but if married the £500 to be invested in land where she shall choose and given to her forever. If above son or daughter die before they are

of lawful age or without heirs the other to inherit the whole estate, and if both die without heirs estate to go to my brother, Thomas Howel Smith, my sisters, Melicent Mackerell and Hannah Fish, all of Flushing, equally divided.

Executors, son, John Hutchens Smith, trusty brothers-in-law, James Mackarell and Ambrose Fish, of Flushing.

Witnesses, Samuel Fish, John Marston, yeoman, of Flushing; Frederick Jahn, schoolmaster, of Flushing. Proved, Queens County, May 13, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 18, 1785.

Page 24.—In the name of God, Amen. April 11th, 1785. I, MATTHEW DECKER, of the County of Richmond, having my usual senses and memory. I leave to my wife Elice, one third of my land and a cow for life; to oldest son Matthew, 40 shillings; to daughter Mary, £30, brass kittle, spinning wheel and one pair of smoothing Irons. Rest of estate equally divided between sons, Matthew and Barnet.

Executors, wife Elice, and Thomas Ridgway.

Witnesses, Chas. Decker, yeoman; Benjamin Price, Joseph Ridgway. Proved, May 6, 1785, Richmond County. Confirmed, May 17, 1785, New York.

Page 25.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM SCHRAM, of Louenburgh, Albany County, yeoman. I desire my wife Catharina to be maintained for life or till remarriage. Rest of property divided between nine children, viz.: Frederick, Peter, Clement, Veldte, Johannis, Jeremiah, Mariah, wife of William Halenbeek; Geertruy, wife of Jacob van Buskerk, Annaeje, wife of Mathys Bronk.

Executors, sons, Peter and Clement, and son-in-law, Mathys Bronk.

Dated October 23, 1784. Witnesses, Henry Knoll, Frederick Landman, farmer, and Catrina, his wife, of Coxackie. Proved, January 8, 1785, Albany County. Confirmed, May 18, 1785, New York.



Page 27.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM PERSEN, SR., of the Great Imbough, Albany County, yeoman, June 29, 1781. I leave to my wife Catharine, the room I now live in for life and to be maintained by my son Henry, who is to give her a "genteel funeral." To eldest son, John, for primegeniture, £6, horse and cow in bar of any claim he may make to my estate. To son Jacobus, the house he now lives in and the sawmill, eight acres meadow land within "Love-ridges Fly" and two acres upland. To son Abraham, house he now lives in and land. To son Henry, room he now lives in, grist mill and land on Hudson River which bounds on the land of Sybrant Van Schaicks and Frederick Marten. Three sons, Jacobus, Abraham and Henry, to pay to four daughters, £300. Remainder of my real estate to sons, Jacobus, Abraham and Henry. Remainder of my personal estate to my seven children [John omitted] viz.: Jacobus, Abraham, Henry, Hannah, wife of Egbert Bogardus; Gethroy, wife of Evert De Witt; Deborah, wife of Lucass De Witt, and Jenny, wife of Wessel Ten Broecke.

Executors, sons, Jacobus, Abraham and Henry, and sons-in-law, Egbert Bogardus, Wessel Ten Broecke and Lucas De Witt.

Witnesses, James Tattersall, schoolmaster, of Albany County; John C. Persen, yeoman; Sybrant Van Schaick, Jr. Proved, February 3, 1785, Albany County. Confirmed, May 18, 1785, New York.

Page 31.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CATHARINE MARGARET COCK, of German Camp, Albany County, spinster, being sick. I leave to my friend, Wessel Ten Brook, of Livingston Manor, all estate except six silver teaspoons which I give to my niece, Nancy Ten Brook, when twenty-one or married.

Executor, Wessel Ten Brook.

(Signed)

CATHARINA COCK.

Dated June 17, 1784. Witnesses, Abraham Bogardus, yeoman, of German Camp; Mary Bogardus, John

Fletcher. Proved, February 4, 1785, Albany County. Confirmed, May 18, 1785, New York.

Page 32.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LEENDERT WITBECK, of Hagketock, Albany County, yeoman, in indifferent health. I leave to my Eldest son, Johannes, my negro girl Diana for his birthright. To wife Catalyna all estate for life; at her death estate to be divided between my two sons, Johannes and Isaac.

Executors, wife and sons, Johannes and Isaac.

Dated October 11, 1769. Witnesses, Dirck Van Veghten, Nicolas Spoor, Henry Knoll, surgeon of Cox-sackie. Proved, Albany County, March 3, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 19, 1785.

Page 33.—In the name of God, Amen, on August 3, 1773. I, GERRIT VAN DUYN, of New Utrecht, Kings County, farmer, weak in body. I leave to my wife Aeltie use and profits of all estate in New Utrecht or elsewhere while she remains my widow; except woodland in New Utrecht adjoining that of my son Cornelius which I bequeath to him. After decease or marriage of wife all estate except said woodland I bequeath to my son John on condition he pay to my other children money as hereinafter mentioned. To son Cornelius my Dutch Bible and £6 as his birthright, also £360 to be paid by son John, also half of my “untensiles of Husbandry” and Carpenters tools, horses and wearing apparel, son John to have the other half. Son John to select my best horse besides his rideing horse, also my “holsters and Pistels.” To daughter Aeltie, wife of Anthony Holst, £270 paid by son John, and to daughter Mageltie, wife of William Bower, the same amount, and to both my household furniture, etc. Remainder of my personal estate to be divided between my four children.

Executors, friend Simon Boerum, sons-in-law, Anthony Holst and William Brower.

(Signed)

GERRIT V. DUYN.

Witnesses, Wilhelmus Van Nuys, Peter Van Der Bilt, of New Utrecht, and John Cowenhoven, of New Utrecht. Proved, Kings County, October 16, 1784.

Page 36.—In the name of God, Amen. The 19th of May, 1769. I, CORNELIS ECKESEN, of the Precinct of Haverstraw, Orange County, as touching my worldly estate I “appoint my rale and sold executors, Petrus Blauvelt and Abraham Stevesen, for to devise and dispose of the same.” To wife Lena all estate “of watt kiné nature soever ett be for in during as long as shee shall continuye my widdow for her seport to live upon as shee shall tink fitt and after shee remerrige shee shall have an aquel share with my children.” To son John £10. Rest of estate equally divided to all my children, viz.: John, Direkje, Cornelis and Jacob.

(Signed) CORNELIUS ECKERSEN.

Witnesses, Abram Kool, Johannis Hogenkamp, Johannes Isaac Blauvelt, yeoman, of Haverstraw. Proved, New York, May 19, 1785. Both executors died before the will was proved, and the court appointed as executrix the widow, Lena Eckerson, of Haverstraw, May 20, 1785.

Page 38.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TOBIAS TEN EYCK, of Schenectady, Albany County, Merchant, August 29, 1774. I leave to my oldest son, Myndert Schuyler Ten Eyck, ten shillings for his birthright. To my six sons, Myndert Schuyler, Henry, John Depeyster, Jacob, Tobias and Barent, all estate equally divided. To dear beloved wife Rachel all estate so long as my widow or till death.

Executors, wife and six sons.

(Signed) TOBYAS TEN EYCK.

Witnesses, Christopher Yates, Abraham Fonda, Esq., of Schenectady, and John Degraef. Proved, Albany County, April 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 24, 1785, when administration granted to all the executors except Tobias and Barent Ten Eyck.

Page 39.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THEUNIS VAN VECHTEN, of Catskill, Albany County, yeoman, considering the uncertainty of Human life and the settlement of the estate “which the Bountiful Providence of God has grasiouly bestowed upon me.” Debts to be paid from “my book of accounts,” not from my Bank notes, Certificates of the loan officer, Bonds, bills and notes. To eldest son, Samuel, “my large Dutch Bible and the picture of my late Uncle, Samuel Van Vechten, in right of Primogeniture.” To wife Judith the use but “not the disposing” of my large Cupboard or in Dutch called “Groote Case,” furniture including the “Looking glass she had from her father,” said effects after wife’s death to go to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Hezekiah Vanorden. To wife also a negro woman, and cattle, also the several lots of land in the Patent called “Femmen Hook Patent” bought by me from John Dies, Deceased; and after her death this to go to daughter Elizabeth. To son Samuel the farm whereon I now live in Catskill made unto me from my uncle, Samuel Van Vechten, deceased, also grist mill I erected on the same and the fall and stream I bought from Martin Garson Van Bergen, on condition said son pay £600 to my children, Jacob, Theunis, Abraham and Elizabeth. Also one third of the land to which I am entitled in the Patent of Catskill which was sold to Johannes Jansen by Dirck Wynkop, Jr., Johannes Sleght and John Dumond, Commissioners of land, appointed to divide the lands between the Van Bergens and Salisburys. To son Jacob the rest of above land in Patent of Catskill, also land in the “Hans Vossen Kill” and in the Patent of Lonenburgh sold to me by my brother, Dirck Van Veghten, and his son Hubartus, also tools for making waggons, and a horse. To sons, Jacob, Theunis and Abraham, my several lots of land on the Mohawk River, in the County of Tryon, heretofore granted to Isaac Vrooman, John Glen, Henry Glen and others and known as “Jersey field,” also land in the Patent of “Stich-

kooke" sold to me by Casparus Bronck. To Jacob, Theunis and Elizabeth £50 each. Remainder of personal estate in money I bequeathe equally divided to sons, Jacob, Theunis, Abraham, and my wife, the latter share after her decease to go to daughter Elizabeth provided she have a child by then. Remainder of personal estate in property and "negro weamen slave" to my said five children. To wife, annuity of £50.

Executors, wife Judith, and sons Samuel, Jacob, Theunis and Abraham.

(Signed) THEUNIJS VAN VECHTEN.

Dated August 7, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius Dubois, Wilhelmus Dedrick, Henry Oothoudt, Esq., of Catskill. Proved, Albany County, April 20, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 24, 1785.

Page 43.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY SANDS, of Oyster bay, Queens County, weak in body. I leave to my sister, Sarah Sands, £40, "calico gownd," "brass Candelstand," skirt and apron. To Sarah Sands, daughter Rebekah Sands, "stript calico gownd," "long camblet cloke," one lawn apron, two table cloths, six napkins, handkerchief, hat, callico bed quilt and flax wheel and one pewter dish. To Mary Sands, daughter of my brother, James Sands, £20 when 18 years old or on her wedding day, if she die before this money to be divided between her brothers and sisters. To Esther Seymour, daughter to my sister, Peggy Sands, £50, silk damask gown, "silk cloke," two table cloths, nine napkins, bed and bedstead, six pair of sheets, iron pot, one brass skinner and a pewter dish. To my sister, Peggy Sands, £50 and remainder of personal estate.

Executors, friends Pen Frost and Prior Townsend.

Dated April 12, 1785. Witnesses, John Probasco, Job Merit, Amey Bailey. Proved, Queens County, May 17, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 26, 1785.

Page 45.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, Cordwainer, being

sick. I leave to my wife Charity my best bed and such "household goods as shall be adjudged by two indifferent persons to be absolutely necessary for her to keep house with"; also the income of my estate which is to be sold and the money put at interest. After decease of wife said income to be divided between my 9 children: Mary, Elizabeth, Letitia, Peter, Francis, Charles, Sylvester, Richard and John, the sons having twice as much as the daughters. Two youngest sons, Richard and John, to be bound out to trades.

Executors, wife, and sons Peter and Francis.

Dated March 19, 1768. Witnesses, Benjamin Thurston, John Vanlien, yeoman, of Jamaica and Robert Hinchman. Proved, Queens County, May 17, 1785. Confirmed, New York, May 27, 1785.

Page 47.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB ROOME, of New York City, Tobaconest, on April 19, 1764. I leave to my wife, furniture, etc.; all estate for life or till remarriage, then said estate I bequeath to my four well beloved children and "unto such child or children wharewith my wife may be now pregnant," share and share alike. Executors empowered to sell real estate in or out of New York if proceeds are needed for maintenance and education of children.

Executors, wife, brother, John Roome, brother-in-law, Henry Roome.

Witnesses, John Clopper, And<sup>w</sup> Breested, Jr., Daniel Ten Eyck, of New York, Blacksmith. Proved, New York, May 26, 1785. Sworn to by Joanna Young, of New York, and Henry Roome, Merchant, of New York.

Page 49.—Memorandum this first day of March, 1770. I, LAWRENCE KILBRUNN, of New York City, merchant, in good bodily health. Body to be buried "amongst the departed of my brethren denominated and known by the name of the Unitas Fratrum or United Brethren." To wife Judith all estate she to act as sole executrix.

Witnesses, Daniel Mesnard, John Bancker and Louis Fangeres, Physician, of New York. Proved, May 30, 1785. Administration granted to Elizabeth Van Vleck, of New York, the only child and heir of Judith Kilburn, the widow and sole legatee of Lawrence Kilburn, May 30, 1785.

Page 50.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY JOHNSTON, at present of the City of New York and in good health. As a token of friendship I bequeath to my dear friend, Mrs. Judith Bruce, and to my executors each a mourning ring, value £3. To brothers, John and Stephen Johnston, and niece, Frances Throckmorton, daughter of my sister Barbarie, £30 each for a "suit of mourning." To sister, Catharine Skinner, £400. Remainder of estate to said sister and to my nephew, William Terrell, son of my sister, Ann Terrel, deceased.

Executors, Richard Kemble and Peter Kemble.

Dated May 29, 1784. Witnesses, Peter Mackie, of New York, merchant; Elizabeth Mackie, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Jr. Proved, June 1, 1785.

Page 52.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN SEARING, of Searing town, in the township of North Hempstead, Queens County. I leave to wife Mary, feather bed, £100 and maintenance out of my estate from my son Samuel. To granddaughter, Elizabeth Searing, my negro girl Rachel, and granddaughter, Anne Willson, a feather bed. To my daughter, Abigail Norstrand, £200. To son Samuel remainder of estate, he to maintain his mother, if he neglect this then other executor to sell land for this purpose.

Executors, son Samuel, and neighbor, Samuel Searing, Jr.

Dated January 28, 1785. Witnesses, James Searing, Gilbert Searing, yeoman; James Cornwell, yeoman, of North Hempstead. Proved, Queens County, May 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 2, 1785.

Page 53.—In the name of God, Amen. May 20, 1775. I, ROELOF SCHENCK, of Hempstead, Queens County, being at this time advanced in years. To son Martin 5 shillings; to three sons John, Abraham and Peter, salt meadow at south side of Hempstead, and my right in the undivided meadow in Hempstead, divided between them. Farm I live on to be sold and proceeds divided into four parts, one to each daughter, Ida Adriance, Elizabeth Rappelye, Sarah Schenck, and the children of my deceased daughter Neeltie, viz.: John, Susannah, Roelof and Jannetie Debevois when of age. Land I bought from Richard Seaman to be sold and £350 be paid my son Peter, he and daughter Sarah to have "a setting out equal with the rest of my children married." My horses to be divided between sons (except Martin), household stuff between daughters, and rest of moveable estate between "my six" children, only Peter and Sarah to have enough for their equal "setting out." To Phebe Schenck, daughter of son Martin, £20.

Executors, sons John, Abraham and Peter. Witnesses, Daniel Brinkerhoff, Martin Schenck, Jr., Hendrick Brinkerhoff. Proved, May 18, 1785, Queens County. Confirmed, June 2, 1785, New York.

Page 55.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH CEBRA, of Jamaica, Queens County, single woman, being sick. I leave to Sarah Cebra, daughter of my brother James, £20, also to Sarah Robinson, daughter of my sister, Mary Robinson, £20; to sister Catharine interest of £50 for life. To sisters, Ann and Catharine, and above nieces my wearing apparel. Remainder of personal estate to be divided equally between my brother William, sister Ann, nephew, James Cebra, nieces Mary, Margaret, Sarah and Elizabeth, daughters of my brother James, and Margaret, Mary, Ann, Sarah and Elizabeth Robinson, daughters of my sister, Mary Robinson, but brother James and sister Mary to receive their children's share till death. All real



estate whatsoever to sister, Ann Cebra, who is appointed sole executrix.

Dated September 30, 1781. Witnesses, Mary Ballard (widow at probate), Benj. Carpenter, Robt Hinchman. Proved, Queens County, May 27, 1785.

Page 56.—I, DUNCAN CAMPBLE, of Minefords Island, Westchester County, Manor of Pelham, "being well in helth and perfectly in my sences." To wife Elloner all estate so long as my widow, at her death or remarriage estate to devolve to all my sons and daughters (not named).

Executors, wife, and my two sons, Walter and James.

Dated October 26, 1770. Witnesses, Stephen Levinus, Theodosius Bartow, merchant, of New Rochelle; Obediah Fowler. Proved, Westchester County, May 11, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 7, 1785.

Page 57.—In the name of God, Amen. The 18th of September, 1777. I, RUBIN FOWLER, of Cortlands Manor, Westchester County, yeoman, being very sick. I leave to my wife Jane one thirteenth part of all estate, and use of all estate till my youngest child comes of age or she "remans my wedow." One thirteenth part of estate to children as follows: son Stephen less £20 he having part of his share already; son Jeremiah, son Ruben, son James, son John; daughters Abigile, Anne, Mary, Phebe, except £20 each already received; daughters Sarah, Jane and Dorety. If either son should die his share to be divided among the other boys; if either daughter her share among my other daughters.

Executors, wife, and son Ruben.

Witnesses, Jeremiah Drake, John Ferris and Leue Creesy Hughson. Proved, Westchester County, May 25, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 7, 1785.

Page 59.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK TIETER, of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County. I leave to my

wife Catharine use of estate during her widowhood subject to the following bequests: To daughter Catharine my negro girl named Sarah. Upon death or remarriage of wife executors to sell real estate and dispose of proceeds as follows: £200 to be "deemed as part of and subject to alike dispositions with my residuary estate"; £30 for son William "in consideration of his imbecillity"; remainder equally divided between sons Henry, William and Philip. Remainder of estate on death or remarriage of wife to be divided in 17 parts, one seventeenth part for son John, and two seventeenth parts each to other children, viz.: Zacharias, Abraham, Henry, William, Philip, Margaret, Elizabeth and Catharine. If I die possessed of considerable cash more than sufficient for the reasonable subsistence of my wife and such of my children as choose to remain with her the surplus to be divided at once among my children.

Executors, sons Zacharias, Abraham and Henry.

Dated September 18, 1778. Witnesses, Herman Hoffman, Philip Feller, Egb<sup>t</sup> Benson. Proved, Dutchess County, May 18, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 10, 1785.

Page 61.—Know all men by these presents that I, FRANCIS KEEN, of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Taylor, July 3, 1770, pretty well in helth of body. I leave to my wife, Martha Keen, income of all houses, lands and meadows while my widow, also forever one bed and £50; if needful for better support of my wife and family my executors to allow her a further supply out of my money at interest. To two daughters, Mary and Martha, £150, and at death of mother my household stuff. To son Isaac, £100, half of all my houses and buildings, lands and personal estate not disposed of, and to my executors the remaining half for the following purpose: "first in case my son, Thomas Keen, should forsake leave of and refrain from his loose and evil practices so as to become and continue a sober and

frugal husband of his affairs and the business of this life and that my executors are fully satisfied of his reformation by a suteable time of probation then." Executors to yield him his share as above; but if son Thomas "continues in his present loose condition," then executors to give him such help from time to time as is needful, but property to go to son Isaac.

Executors, friends, Nathaniel Whitson, Richard Powell, Jr.

Witnesses, Fry Willis, Edmund Willis, Samuel Willis. Proved, Queens County, June 16, 1785.

*Codicil.* I, Francis Keen, of Bethpage, Oyster Bay, Queens County, on the 13th day of the second month, 1771 Publish this Codicil. To my two sons, Thomas Keen and Isaac Keen, my wearing apparel, desk and high chest, and whereas by my last will I bequeathed the half part of my estate to my executors except some legacies, I now bequeath the same to my son, Thomas Keen and heirs forever, provided nothing herein contained lessen my wife's portion.

Witnesses, Phebe Post, Thos. Pearsall, Jr., Richard Powell, Jr. Proved, Queens County, June 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 21, 1785.

Page 64.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL JONES, JR., of Goshen, Orange County, farmer, April 6, 1777. I leave to my wife Hannah £100 and household furniture. To my two sons, Andrew and Samuel, my farm or plantation whereon I now live in Goshen when Andrew comes of age, but their mother to possess the share of each till each comes of age, each to pay her £50 when of age, and each to pay his sister Mary when she comes of age, £100. To daughter, Mary Jones, £300 when 21 years old or at marriage. To Martha Vachte, one feather bed, pillows, sheets, blankets, etc., and two cows, on condition she continue in my family till 21 years of age or marriage, "behaving herself well." When my sons come into possession of farm my wife to have "the full privilidge of the

best room in my dwelling house during her widowhood and to be comfortably supported by my said two sons with all the reasonable necessaries of life."

Executors, William Allison, Esq<sup>r</sup> and Capt. John Jackson, both of Goshen.

Witnesses, Michael Jackson, Michael Allison, James Sawyer. Proved, Orange County, July 5, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 22, 1785.

Page 66.—In the name of God, Amen. January 30, 1764. I, HEZEKIAH LOWRAIN, of the township of Wantage, Province of New Jersey, yeoman, weak in body. I leave to my daughter, Sarah Lorain, £40, at age of 18, unless my wife marry before, then she to inherit at once; and if my wife have another child "according to the common time after my decease" then daughter Sarah to have but £25 and the other child also £25. All other estate to wife Eddeth, who is sole executrix.

(Signed) HEZECIAH LOREEN.

Witnesses, Inman Walling, George Cimber; Jos. Barton. Proved, Orange County, May 17, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 22, 1785.

Page 68.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIAS FRITZ, of City of New York, Cartman, being in a weak state of health. I leave to my wife Margaret all estate for life, it then to be divided equally between my son Elias and daughters, Margaret and Catharine. To daughter Margaret, £20 before estate is divided.

Executors, wife Margaret, and friends, Andrew Merrell and John Shover.

Dated March 7, 1784. Witnesses, Jacob Grim, Cordwainer, of New York City; Richard Peacock, Peter Ogilvie. Proved, June 22, 1785.

Page 70.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ADOLPH PHILIPSE, of the City of New York, Gentleman, weak in body. To my honored Mother, interest of £1000. To Miss Mary Saunders, who now lives with my

Mother, £250. To Elizabeth, daughter of Jemima Ay-mar, formerly Elberson, £500, to be invested and the interest paid for her "maintenance, education, and advancement," and the principal to be paid her when of age or at marriage. To my cousins, Miss Ann Grant and Miss Margaret Grant, £150 each. To my brother, Frederick Philipse, for life, all the rest of my estate, and at his decease to his daughter Mary.

Executors, my beloved mother, Margaret Ogilvie, of New York City, widow; and friends, Thomas Belden, of Norwalk, Conn., and Richard Harison, of New York City.

Dated June 2, 1785. Witnesses, Henry H. Kip, John H. Kip and Richard Bayley, of New York City, Physician. Proved, June 24, 1785.

Page 71.—I, BENJAMIN SPENCER, of Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, weak in body, 13th day of 3rd month, 1785. I leave to my wife £100 for life, after her decease to be divided between my children. Remainder of estate "which I judge to be three hundred pounds," to my four children, in the following manner: to sons Henery and Elnathan £87, 10 shillings each; to daughters Amey and Lydia £62, 10 shillings each. "Overpluss" of estate, if any, to four children.

Executrix, wife (named Mary Spencer in probate of the will).

Witnesses, Elnathan Sweet, Samuel Whipple, Joseph Lancaster, farmer. Proved, Dutchess County, June 25, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 28, 1785.

Page 72.—These Presents witnesseth this first day of the third month in the year 1781, that I, ABIGIL POWELL, of Oyster Bay, Queens County, do make this my last will. I leave to my son, Samuel Powell, £2. To son Joshua, bed, bolster and "pillers of towicken." To daughter, Mary Cornalus, warming pan and "my biggest puter platter." Rest of estate divided between

my three daughters, Elizabeth Post, Ruth Mott, Mary Cornalus.

Executors, son in law, John Mott, and Henry Whitson, Jr.

Witnesses, John Powell, yeoman, of Oyster Bay; Elizabeth Powell, Ann Parish. Proved, Queens County, June 21, 1785. Confirmed, New York, June 29, 1785.

Page 73.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIAS CONKLING, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, weaver, in health of body. I leave to my wife (not named) all estate, house, barn, waining and farming utensils for life. To daughters Loes and Mary 5 shillings each. To daughter Amey all estate that my wife leaves at her decease.

Executors, wife and trusty friend, Ezekiel Mulford.

Dated May 29, 1780. Witnesses, John Stratton, Stephen Hedges, Jesse Dayton. Proved, Suffolk County, June 20, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 1, 1785.

Page 75.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW BOWNE, of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in perfect health. I leave to my Mother the "use of my land and moveable estate if she should want to use so much" . . . "as long as she shall remain my fathers widow and no longer." To John Crawford and William Crawford (both under age), sons of my sister, Catharine Crawford, my lands and rights of land on condition each pay to their sister, Ester Crawford (a minor), £250 one year after they are possessed of the same. My executors shall "Levy as much money out of my estate as shall purchase a "deesent" head stone for me with my age and the time of my decease cut on it." Personal estate left after my mother's use I bequeath to said John, William and Catharine Crawford.

Executors, William Crawford, Robert Hartshorn, Jarritt Wall, of Mount Pleasant, "all of Middletown."

Dated June 16, 1775. Witnesses, W<sup>m</sup> Hendrickson, Safety Bowne, Richard Crawford. Proved, New York, July 4, 1785.

Page 76.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS CHEESMAN, late of the City of New York, shipwright, but at present residing in the City of Philadelphia, being advanced in years and subject to infirmities incident to old age. Executors to sell my house and lot in Queen street, Montgomery Ward, New York City, for most money that can be gotten, proceeds to be put out at interest on land security and this interest, with the rent from hiring out my house at the “ship yards in the outward of the said City of New York,” shall be applied to the maintenance of my daughter Sarah, and of my sons, Thomas and Foreman, until the latter is twenty-one, excepting that Sarah shall have a convenient room in my house at the shipyards properly furnished with my furniture so long as unmarried. Residue of furniture my daughters may divide agreeable to their pleasure. Residue of money be put at interest for daughter Sarah and sons, Thomas and Foreman, till Foreman come of age, then he to enjoy interest of all estate till he is 24 years old, then he is to inherit my house at shipyards with conditions hereafter named, and all estate is to be valued and divided between my daughters, to wit: Ann, wife of James Brewster, Elizabeth, wife of John Arthur, Mary, wife of James Eyre, and Sarah, unmarried; if daughters share exceed the value of the house at shipyards then they to pay so much to son Foreman as to make his half of estate equal to theirs; if the house exceeds rest of estate in value, Foreman to pay a like amount to his sisters. Son Foreman to have the above house on condition that he support in a comfortable manner my son Thomas for life, and Thomas shall live in the family of Foreman unless my daughters determine he shall be in any other family; also on condition Foreman pay Sarah £25 yearly while unmarried. At di-

vision of estate one daughter shall not receive "one shilling more than the other."

Executors, son-in-law John Arthur, daughter Sarah Cheesman and son Foreman.

Dated November 9, 1782. Witnesses, Jeremiah Wool, White Matlack, John D. Crimsheir. Proved, July 1, 1785.

Page 79.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ICHABOD SAYRE, of town of Southampton, Suffolk County, Farmer, weak in body. I leave to my wife all moveable estate and improvements of my lands except the North-end lot to be sold to pay my debts. To my two sons, Ananias and Francis, all my lands and buildings divided between them, if either die before twenty-one years old then all to the other. To daughters, Eunice and Martha, £10 each. It is my will that my beloved wife should enjoy part of the house as long as she continue my widow.

Executors, Brothers Joshua and Stephen Sayre.

Dated August 12, 1783. Witnesses, Zopher Cooper, Daved Reeves, Henry White. Proved, Suffolk County, May 26, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 4, 1785.

Page 80.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY HALSEY, of Southampton, Suffolk County, sick and weak in body. I leave to my wife Elizabeth moveable estate and use of house and lands so long as my widow, at her death or remarriage real estate to go to my brother, Jesse Halsey. To my nephew, Fithin Halsey, "my ridgmental suit of cloaths and my sword." To niece, Charity Halsey, £4.

Executors, wife Elizabeth and brother Jesse.

(Signed) HENRY HALLSEY.

Dated February 19, 1776. Witnesses, Abraham Squier, Priscilla Stratton, James White. Proved, Suffolk County, June 9, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 4, 1785.



Page 81.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM SQUIRE, of Southampton, Suffolk County, yeoman. I leave to my wife Phebe, household goods she brought with her when I married her, my negro boy, Cambridge, and one cow. To daughters Elizabeth £10, Hannah £35, Sarah Fince £40, and Lucinda £40. To son Abraham all estate not mentioned above.

Executor, Jonathan Rogers.

(Signed) ABRAHAM SQUIER.

Dated February 7, 1785. Witnesses, Phebe Gelston, Elizabeth Baker, John Gelston. Proved, Suffolk County, May 30, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 4, 1785.

Page 82.—Know all men by these Presents that I, JACOB WEEKES, of Oyster Bay, Queens County, yeoman, “being advanced in years and grown infirm of body, and not knowing how long I may continue in this Outward body and through divine favor I have my understanding sound, and my memory as well as usual considering my age,” 17th day of 11th month, 1774. Executors to sell all real estate and pay debts therefrom. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all household goods and £20 a year from sale of estate, also use of house and land till sold. Rest of proceeds of estate I bequeath after my wife’s decease as follows: To my grandson, Samuel Weeks, son of my son Job, deceased, £5. To my four granddaughters, daughters of my daughter Amey, deceased, viz.: Ann, Rhoda, Phebe and Amey Colwell, £3 each. To daughter, Keziah Colwell, £5, and to daughter, Phebe Titus, £15. To sons, Jacob and Jothann, £40 each, my son Levi having had the value of £40 in the rent of my house and land near Thomas Young’s. Also to said three sons remainder of estate.

Executors, friends Samuel Townsend, Justice, John Parish and Austin Weekes, all of Oyster Bay.

(Signed) JACOB WEEKES.

Witnesses, John Willis, yeoman; Amaziah Wheeler, Tailor; Samuel Willis.

*Codicil.* June 4, 1779. Whereas I have given my son, Levi Weeks, in the use he has had of my land and house at the east end of my homestead, value £72, I will £72 to my sons Jacob and Jotham after my decease.

Witnesses to Codicil, John Wright, Jr., merchant; Jotham Weekes, Samuel Willis. Proved, Queens County, July 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 2, 1785.

The executors refused to serve and Jacob Weeks and Jotham Weeks were appointed in their places.

Page 84.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER VANNAME, of Staten Island, Richmond County, being weak in body, April 8, 1780. I leave to my brother, John Wright, £100 in lieu of a Mortgage on my place, see deed given me by Garrit Elis for 4 acres May 15, 1779. To wife, Hannah Van Name, the whole of said place for life or while my widow, and after “if she marrye a discreat person that will improve the place and make no waste upon it, but that shall be left to the Judgment of my brother, John Wright.” After death of wife said land, house and out houses to Thomas Van Name, son of John Wright, and after his decease to John Wright, Jr., son of said John Wright. Burial to be “desent and without pomp or state.”

Executors, wife, and brother, John Wright.

(Signed) PETER VAN NAME.

Witnesses, William Hughs, Daniel Salter, Innholder. Proved, Richmond County, July 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 7, 1785.

Page 86.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BROWNEJOHN, of New York City, Physician, weak in body. First, “I humbly commend my soul on its departure from my body into the Charge of my most merciful Creator.” I leave to my nephew, William

Brownejohn, second son of my brother Samuel, when of age 20 guineas, but if he die before of age said sum to my nephew Samuel, eldest son of my son Samuel. Whereas as my wife (not named) is already well provided for I give unto my beloved son, William Stiles Brownejohn, all rest of estate, but if he die before of age or married then £1000 to my brother Samuel, and rest of estate divided into six parts among the children of my deceased brother, Thomas Brownejohn (not named), my brother Samuel and my sisters, Elizabeth Barton, Mary Hurst, Catharine Templeton and Rachel Peice.

Executors, friend Gabriel W. Ludlow, of New York City, Merchant; Brother Samuel Brownejohn and William Morton, they also to be guardians of my son, and I "hereby earnestly request that they would attend to and be careful of his Education."

Dated August 8, 1784. Witnesses, John Ryason, of Brooklyn, yeoman; John Dobs, Evert Wessells. Proved, July 8, 1785.

Page 87.—In the name of God, Amen. April 20, 1785. I, PETER FLANDRAU, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my brother, Benjamin Flandrau, house and land on southeast side of the Country road, bounded on east by Nicolas Belly in a straight line to James Motts land "on the Hammocks so caled," and on south by Elias Flandrau's land. To brother, Elias Flandrau, all land I own on "the hammocks so caled" to above line between him and Benjamin Flandrau, also 10 acres north of land formerly belonging to my brother, John Flandrau, deceased, with privilege of a road near Belley's land to the Country road "he keeping a good swing gate at the County road." To Benjamin land I purchased of Anthony Lispenard bounded by Nicolas Beley and Capt. Brown, and Thomas Huntington and said John Flandrau and Anthony Lispenard, deceased. To my eldest brother, James Flandrau, house and land he

now lives on bounded by Joseph Drake and south by the Creek 3 acres for life and "his wife her lifetime," and after their death to their son, Peter Flandrau.

Executors, Brother Elias and Benjamin Flandrau, Jr.

Witnesses, Isaac Coutant, Elias Flandrau, Jr., Reuben Bloomer, of Mamaroneck.

[Additional item without date.] I order £500 of money in bonds put in care of my sister, Jane Flandrau, and divided among my brothers and their children as she shall think fit after her decease.

Proved, Westchester County, June 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 13, 1785.

Page 89.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PAUL DORAN, of Elizabethtown, Essex County, New Jersey, weak and sick of body, October 19, 1776. I leave all my estate after debts are paid to Pierre DePeyster, Esquire, of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey.

Executor, Pierre De Peyster.

Witnesses, Peter V. B. Livingston Jr., Merchant, of New York; Josiah Banks, Daniel Ball. Proved, July 13, 1785. Administration granted July 14, 1785, to Cornelia De Peyster, of New York City, widow, Mother and Attorney of Pierre De Peyster, late of Essex County, New Jersey, Esq., but now in Great Britain, sole Executor and Legatee of Paul Doran, late a Private in the American Army, deceased.

Page 91.—In the name of God, Amen. January 17, 1776. I, JACOB VAN DERHOEVEN, of Broucklin, Kings County, yeoman, weak in body. I leave to my wife Catharina whole estate for life or while my widow, if she marry then £100, her wearing apparel, bed, etc., and my Cupboard wherewith she shall quit all further pretensions on my estate. To oldest daughter, Catharina, wife of Johannes Polhemus, £5. It is my will that my children which are unmarried have an "outset" as much as their other sisters had for outset at

marriage, before estate is divided. My children, Catharina, wife of Johannes Polhemus; Mary, Neeltje and Elizabeth, after death or remarriage of wife to have full power to divide my personal estate. Real estate to be sold to highest bidder among my children if they so agree and proceeds divided, if not, to be sold by executors.

Executors, wife Catharina, son-in-law, Johannes Polhemus, and my cousin, Machiel Van Der Voort, and friend, Cornelius Van Duyn.

Witnesses, Juree Brower, Thomas Pearsall, Engelbart Lott. Proved, July 15, 1785.

Page 93.—Administration granted to Samuel B. Webb, of the City of New York, Brigadier General, who married with Elizabeth, the daughter and only Child and residuary Legatee of Richard Bancker, late of the same place, merchant, deceased. Whereas, RICHARD BANCKER made his will in 1767 appointing his wife, Sarah Bancker, sole Executrix, and soon after died, and whereas said will was proved May 12, 1775, and the Executrix died before estate was settled. Samuel B. Webb was appointed administrator of said estate, New York, July 15, 1785.

Page 94.—In the name of God, Amen. The 15th of May, 1785. I, JOHN STAATS, of Goannes in the township of Brooklyn, Kings County, N. Y., yeoman, at present not very well. I leave to my most loveing friend, Johannis Ditmarx, of "flat Bush" the farm I now live on in Brooklyn and personal estate on condition he pay sums as hereafter ordered. To Mary Holland, £100. To Jacques Denice, £55, and that he live rent free in my house where he now lives for one of a three year lease he has rented it for.

Executors, said friend, Johannis Ditmarx and Johannis E. Lott.

(Signed)

JOHN P. STRAATS.

Witnesses, Dr. Samuel Nield, Samuel Powelle, Adol-

phus Brower, yeoman, of Brooklyn. Proved, Kings Co., July 9, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 20, 1785.

Page 95.—The last will and Testament of ELIZABETH SMITH, of Weathersfield, Hartford County, widow of the Hon. William Smith, Esq., of N. Y. City, that is to say, so far as respects her estate in North America. My faithful Maria with £20 I bequeath to Elisha Williams, Esq., or any of the sons or daughters of the Rev. Doct<sup>r</sup> Soloman William, who may chuse to take her, she consenting not in the least doubting their tender care of her both in soul and body; I desire she be well clad in all my common winter apparel and one good linnen gown over and above. To Elisha Williams, Esq., my dear husband's picture, and largest glass put up in a case, my red easy chair, and six silver spoons, together with the box I gave him containing a large silver waiter for his oldest son, Samuel, and a small silver salver for his youngest son, Elisha, and other silver in said box for him and his wife Mehetabel, to be disposed of among their daughters. Also to his wife "my grograin and white damask gown," to his daughter Patty my small silver waiter tea pot. And whereas Elisha Williams is indebted pretty largely to me agreeable to his dear father's will I do hereby forgive him all on condition, as a last favor I shall ask, that should either of my Brothers in England or any of their children be by the awful providence of God driven hither by the troubles in old England, which I have had melancholy apprehensions may come upon that land, that he would accommodate them in his own house till they can provide for themselves. To Rev. Eliphalet Williams and wife Mary, eight black chairs, a large mahogany table and hair trunk containing my red and white flowered silk gown, watch and chain, long scarlet cloak and silver knives and forks for Soloman Williams, his son; rest of contents of trunk to be given to his daughters. To Ezekiel Williams, Esq., furniture in my room except my bureau, bookcase and folding table for Anne,

daughter of Eliphalet Williams, and except other articles for her sister Mary; Also my two silver candlesticks, diamond ring, and trunk containing a flowered satin gown for his wife Prudence, muff and sable tip-pet and other articles for his daughters (not named); Also said Ezekiel to send my dear father's picture to my brother, Mr. John Scott, merchant in Norwich when public affairs permit. My books to Elisha, Eliphalet and Ezekiel Williams and their families; Also those proper to the poor, but French books to those of their children who may first and best learn the language. To Mrs. Elizabeth Brownell, one calico gown. To the Rev. and dear Doc. Soloman Williams, £30, and to his son, Col. William Williams, Esq., £20, and his son, Dr. Thomas Williams, £20, and his daughters, Mrs. Mary Salter, £25, and Mrs. Christian Salter, £20. To Mrs. Eunice Stone, £20. To Yale College in Connecticut, £60. To Rev. John Marsh, £10; to Mrs. Lockwood, £10; to Mrs. Stoughton, £10; Rev. Joshua Belding, £5; Rev. Burrage Merriam, £5; Mr. John Newson, £10. To John Treat, £5, and his daughter, £10; to Mrs. Margaret Hancock, £10. Whereas I promised my late husband, William Smith, Esq., that if his children behaved well to me and him and I died before him I would give £200 to them, notwithstanding said promise by his death is no longer in force, I did ever design them that sum from the William Smiths estate, and bequeath it as follows: To the Hon. William Smith, Esq., Thomas Smith, Esq., John Smith, Esq., Joseph Smith, Mrs. Livingstone, widow, Mr. Torrence, Mrs. Margaret Smith, £10 each for rings; to Rev. Abraham Kettletas and wife, £30; to Mrs. Katherine Gordon, £20; Mrs. Hay, £20; Mr. Andrew Bostwick and wife, £30; Mrs. Mary, granddaughter to my husband and daughter of Mr. John Smith, Merchant, £30; the above to be paid by Mr. Vandervoort; Also £30 to said Vandervoort and £10 to Miss Elizabeth Ledyard, his wife's sister, and the remainder of my husband's estate I will that he pay to my executor. Whereas I have

1700 acres of land in the hands of Thomas Smith, Esq., I give 500 to Rev. Abraham Kettletas, 500 to Rev. Andrew Bostwick and 700 to son of the Rev. Bostwick, late Pastor of the church at New York. All my money to Elisha, Rev. Eliphalet and Ezekiel Williams, equally divided, unless otherwise disposed of. Legacies to the poor and Rev. John Brainard, Missionary to the Indians. Mourning rings for friends following: Col. Israel Williams, of Hatfield, Mrs. Ashley, of Deerfield, Mrs. Livingston, widow of Judge Livingston, Rev. Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Sarah Chester, wid. of Col. Chester, Mr. Eckley, Col. Wyllys, of Hartford.

Executor, Ezekiel Williams, £25.

Dated June 12, 1776. Witnesses, C. W., P. B., I. N. (only initials given). Proved, Hartford, March 3, 1778. Confirmed, New York, July 23, 1785.

Page 99.—In the name of God, Amen. Sept. 25, 1764. I, JACOBUS DEPUY, of Rochester, Ulster County, N. Y., weak of body. First I revoke all former wills, and order my debts to be paid. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sara, so long as living and unmarried possession of all my estate inherited by me jointly with my brothers by the will of my father, Jacobus Depuy, deceased, dated July 2, 1756. To my eldest son, Jacobus, my real estate on condition he pay £100 each to my other children, viz.: Simon, Moses, Jacob, and Sara; if Jacobus die before of age, real estate to go to Simon under same conditions. If my wife dies or remarries before Jacobus is of age then executors to maintain my children and cause them to be taught in the first principles of the Christian Religion. My personal estate to my five children, viz.: Jacobus, Simon, Moses, Jacob, Sara. To sons Jacobus and Moses each a seat in the "pue" in the Church at Rochester to them or their heirs forever; to Jacobus, seat in pue No. 16 and Moses, No. 10. Mentions land inherited from his father commonly called "Het Groot hano-poort."



Executors, wife Sara, brother, Cornelus Depuy, brother-in-law, Soloman Van Wagenen, and cousin, Jacob Hoornbeek.

Witnesses, Moses Miller, Jacobus Bos, Jr., Blacksmith; Annatye Van Wagenen (wife of John Depuy at proof of will). Proved, Ulster County, May 20, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 26, 1785.

Page 102.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT EVERITT, of Precinct of New Marlborough, Ulster County, N. Y., farmer, seriously considering the uncertainty of human life in the best and more particularly of my own in my declining state of health. I leave to my wife Esther, for life or while my widow one good beadstead, etc., two good cows and six sheep to be kept by my son Daniel for her use; Also flax ground which said son is to sow and dress for her not exceeding one bushell of seed to be sown yearly, full priviledge of my house to live in with my son Daniel, six apple trees, and a decent maintenance out of my estate; Also my negro wench Bell. To my son John, £2, "if paradventure it should so happen that he live in this place again." To son Daniel, the farm I live on, two yoke of good working oxen, "one note of hand of £100 from Barnabas Maney dated Dec. 17th, 1776, and one of £20 from William Brown dated the sixth of March, 1777," also my silver watch and my gun. To my daughters, Nancy, Francis, Patty, Esther and Jane, my moveable estate, equally divided "except as is hereafter excepted": To my daughter Sarah, £5; to my daughter Francis, £5, above that already given her "in consideration of her being an infirm and weakly woman"; to my daughter Jane, £50 and a cow, above her equal share of estate, in consideration of her having lived with and served me longer than any of my daughters. I order my son Daniel to teach my grandson, John Manna, the trade of shoemaking or weaving, and if he remain with him till of age £30, two suits of good clothes, and a horse.

Executors, wife, sons, John and Daniel, and son-in-law, Elezer Freer.

Dated Sept. 28, 1781. Witnesses, William Car, Jehiel Semour, Benjamin Ely. Proved, Ulster County, June 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 26, 1785.

Page 104.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES TRUMBOUR, of Ulster County, farmer, weak. Burial to be decent but without pomp at discretion of wife and executors, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. To my first born son Nicolaus, for his birthright, £5. To my wife Christine, all my estate for life and while unmarried, if she die or remarry then real estate to such of my sons as my "wife shall think most fit, most prudent or convenient."

Executors, wife and sons, Nicolaus and Jacob.

Dated March 3, 1783. Witnesses, Stephanus Fiero, John Dods, Ludwigh Roessell, yeoman, of Saugerties. Proved, Ulster County, June 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 26, 1785.

Page 105.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIJAH ROSAKRANS, of Rochester, Ulster County, N. Y., weak in body, December 3, 1783. I leave to my wife Hannah, as much of the beding as she pleases and one chest. Remainder of my estate to my wife and my four children, Antje, Maria, Sarah and Peternella, if one or more die before of age her portion to go to the others, but if there should remain one only alive I give the whole to her.

Executors, wife, friend Derick Wesbroock, Cornelius Hardenburgh and my brother, Zachariah Rosakrans.

Witnesses, John Depuy, Jr, Jacobus Devenport, Jr., John Evans. Proved, Ulster County, July 5, 1785. Confirmed, July 26, 1785, New York.

Page 107.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NEHEMIAH FOWLER, of Newburgh, Ulster County, N. Y., in

good health. February 12, 1785. I leave to my wife, Abigail Fowler, all debts due me, and all my estate except £5 which I give to "my beloved brothers Samuel sons Samuel."

Executors, wife, and friend, Nehemiah Smith.

Witnesses, Henry Terbush, Thurston Wood. Proved, Ulster County, May 6, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 26, 1785.

Page 108.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BALTUS VAN KLEECK, of Flushing, Nassau Island, N. Y., yeoman, March 18, 1783. I leave to my well beloved wife Ann £50 for her immediate use, all my feather beds, "all my linnen which I have with me or in whose possession soever it may be," my silver spoons, silver sugar cup, silver tea tongs, all my china and glass, negro woman Nell, riding chair, swine and poultry, and all furniture except that given to son Baltus, 50 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of shelled Indian Corn, and all provisions she judge sufficient for her family use for the first year, also £450 to be paid her when son Baltus comes of age unconditionally whether wife marries again or not. Also wife to have use of my house, barn and out houses, farm and salt meadow in Flushing, negro man Joe, my two best horses and six cows, till Baltus comes of age provided she support him till of age and give him as much schooling as she conveniently can, but if she remarry "then she my said wife shall quit." To son Baltus my silver tankard, best desk, plain framed looking glass, clock, second best andirons, gold stock buckle and sleeve buttons, silver watch, best gun, best bay horse, etc., all real estate in Flushing except wife shall have choice of best room "and have a priviledge in the kitchen and the use of the fire in the said kitchen, and have her choice of one part of the cellar," son Baltus to keep a "good chair horse" for my wife and "fire wood ready cut by the door." Executors to sell real estate in New York and elsewhere not disposed of above and

give proceeds as follows: To my grandson, James Van Kleeck, £20 and the "reversion" after debts are paid one fourth to son Baltus, one fourth to my daughter, Jacoba Carman, one fourth to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Wiltse's daughter, one fourth to my deceased son, Lawrence Van Kleeck's two youngest children, Sarah and Baltus. If son Baltus die under age and without children, his share of estate to be sold and divided, one fourth to my wife, one fourth to daughter, Jacoba Carman, one fourth to deceased son Lawrence's three children, viz.: James, Sarah and Baltus, one fourth to granddaughter Wiltse.

Executors, wife, friends John P. Van Kleeck, of Poughkipsey, Dutchess County, and John Allen, of Great Neck, Queens County, husband to Philip Pells daughter (not named).

Witnesses, Peter De Lancey, Martia Rodman, of Flushing, spinster; Frederic Jahn. Proved, Queens County, March 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, July 27, 1785.

Page 111.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH STOLLARD, of City of New York, spinster, weak in body and contemplating the necessity of Death. I leave to my uncle, Michael Lourier, of N. Y. City, Cooper, £50, but if I survive him said sum to be divided between his son Edward and daughter Mary. To my Aunt, Sarah Otis, widow of James Otis, who (if now alive) resides in the Colony of Connecticut, £100, two silver table spoons and my damask gown. To my Executor £50 to be for the use of my Aunt, Theodosia Gale, now living at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. To my kinsman, the Hon. John Tudor, Esq., £20 for a suit of mourning. To my Cousin Jane, daughter of Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D., £10. To the wife of William Bull and her daughter-in-law, Lucy Bull, £10 between them on account of the tenderness and attention they have shown me during my residence with them. To my beloved Couzen, Mary Auchmuty, two

silver table spoons, my silver shoe buckles, gold sleeve buttons, and three silk gowns. To my beloved Couzen, Jane Harison, widow of the late George Harison, Esq., two silver table spoons. Residuary estate real and personal to my Executor for his own use or any purpose he think fit.

Executor, Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D., Rector of Trinity church.

Dated January 30, 1775. Witnesses, Catharine Heysham, William Corbey, Michel McAnd. Proved, July 29, 1785, when Lucy Bull, spinster, swore she witnessed the signing of above will and relinquished her legacy therein. Administration granted the same day to Elisha Adams as the Executor had died.

Page 113.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM VER PLANCK, of the Colony of Renselaerwyck, mariner, being perfect in my memory and understanding. I leave to my wife Helena one fourth of a certain sloop which I hold in partnership with Gysbert Van Sante and William Groesbeck, and £65 to be paid me by Frans Stoop, also half of my shop goods, and such furniture as I got by my said wife; Also she shall have the income service and profits of my negro Jack during her widowhood, Also the use of my house in which I now dwell on the west of the highway from Albany to Water Vleet together with my daughter, Adriantie Ver Planck, and my cattle, waggon, sleighs, etc.; and if my wife shall not agree to live with my daughter then she shall have one of my upper rooms. All rest of estate to my daughter Adriantie, if she die under age without children her estate to go to my brother, William Ver Planck's children (not named).

Executors, wife Helena, brother William, friends, Peter Dox and Jellis Winne.

Dated March 8, 1784. Witnesses, John Van Sante, Jac Winney, Rutgart Bleecker, merchant, of Albany. Proved, Albany County, March 23, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 2, 1785.

Page 115.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL CHAPMAN, of Stephentown, Albany County, being very sick. I leave to Olive, my dearly and beloved wife, my farm which formerly belonged to Thomas Cone in East Haddam, the buildings, orchards, etc., and two cows that her father gave her, and the household furniture. To my brother Daniel one third of the farm I now live on. To my sister Mary one third of said farm, and the other third to my sisters and brothers, that is: my sisters, Susannah, Temperance and Chloe, and my brothers, Robert and Nance. My debts are to be paid out of the above mentioned estate given to my brothers and sisters, each paying in proportion, and my remaining moveable estate is to be divided equally amongst my brothers and sisters. My sole Executor is Jonathan Niles.

Dated June 28, 1785. Witnesses, Joel Curtis, Ichabod Cone, Cordwainer; Caleb Chapman, of Rensselaerwyck, Blacksmith. Proved, Albany County July 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 2, 1785.

Page 117.—Administration granted on the estate of JACOB HENRY CHABANEL to Daniel Jacob Chabanel, of New York City, Merchant, son and attorney of Mary Ann Chabanel, of Amsterdam, within the Dominion of the states General of the United Netherlands, widow and Executrix of Jacob Henry Chabanel, late of same place, merchant, deceased. Whereas Jacob Henry Chabanel with his wife, Mary Ann, did make a joint will bearing date August 21, 1760, appointing the survivor of them Executor, and Jacob H. Chabanel soon died, and whereas said will has been proved at Amsterdam, and translated, and whereas the testator had property within this state and Mary Ann Chabanel, the Executrix, was absent beyond the seas, administration was granted to Egbert Benson, of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, Esq., attorney of said Executrix, and whereas she has since constituted Daniel Jacob Chabanel and Jacob Leroy her attorneys, and whereas said

estate is not yet administered, administration is hereby granted to the above New York, August 3, 1785.

Page 118.—Administration granted on the estate of GARRIT COSINE to Jacob Harsen in the outward of New York City, yeoman, and Catharine his wife, a daughter and residuary Legatee of Garrit Cosine, late of the said City, deceased. Whereas said Garrit Cosine made his will February 16, 1759, and appointed his wife Jane sole Executrix and soon after died, and whereas the will was proved at New York, October 22, 1773, and administration granted to said Jane, who has since died also, the estate not being settled, administration is hereby granted to the above. August 5, 1785.

Page 119.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANS KLAUW, of Kinderhook, Albany County, yeoman, in-disposed in body. I leave to my wife Maritie all my estate during her life or widowhood; at the death or marriage of my wife, to my daughters Judith, wife of Johannes Legrange, and Rachel, wife of Casper M. Hallenbeek, my household furniture, and two cows. Rest of my estate to my son Jurjie Fr<sup>s</sup> Klauw.

Executors, son Jurjie, and Gerrit Van Hoesen.

Dated July 16, 1778. Witnesses, Peter Vosburgh, Joggum Jog<sup>s</sup> Van Valkenburgh, Peter Van Schaack. Proved, Albany County, June 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 9, 1785.

Page 120.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELSE Boos, of N. Y. City, widow, weak. I leave to my daughter, Mary Thompson, "the Westermost Department together with the kitchen, Lott and stable, thereunto belonging." To my daughter, Sarah Hardman, "the middle apartment adjoining my daughter Mary together with the lott and stable thereunto belonging." To my daughter Else, the wife of Barent Christopher, the eastermost apartment adjoining Sarah, Lott and stable. The families of each of my said daughters

shall have free access through the yard for water from the pump as also to their respective stables. Rest of estate between my daughters above, but £8 8s. to be deducted from Sarah's share and £40 from Else's.

Executors, friends, Peter Vanderhoof, of N. Y. City, Cartman, John Lowell, of N. Y., House Carpenter.

Dated July 20, 1785. Witnesses, Josiah Holmes, William Peneycad, ship wright; James Riker, Attorney at Law. Proved, August 11, 1785.

Page 122.—In the name of God, Amen. April 18, 1785. I, HENRY STOCKER, of Great Neck, township of North Hempstead, Queens County, N. Y., Farmer, sick. I leave to my grandson, Benjamin Wooley, my large silver bowl, my horse called Chance, my silver watch, silver headed sword, two guns. To my granddaughter, Jane Wooley, my silver tankard and all my silver table and tea spoons. To my daughter Mary, 5 shillings. To my son-in-Law, Benjamin Wooley, one half my farm on great neck where I now live, the other half to my daughter Susannah, his wife; Also to him the rest of my estate he paying my debts. To my negro slave Jim, a small black horse.

Executors, Benjamin Wooley and Susannah his wife.

Witnesses, Abraham Schenck, John Mitchell, Jr., Daniel Kissam, Attorney. Proved, Queens County, August 9, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 12, 1785.

Page 124.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GAMALIEL BADCOCK (no locality), weak in body. I leave, after my debts, Doctors bills and funeral charges be paid, all my estate to my surviving brothers and sisters (not named).

Executors, my friends, John Nicols and Moses Gale.

Dated August 8, 1785. Witnesses, Abel Gale, Mich<sup>l</sup> Connolly, Will<sup>m</sup> McClure, of New York City, yeoman. Proved, New York, August 13, 1785.



Page 125.—To all Christian People to whome these Presents shall com or aney ways concern Know ye that I, GARRET SNEADEKER, of township of Oyster bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, N. Y., being this 11th of May, 1784, in a good State of helth my mind and understanding quick and good, desirous to sett my outward house in order before my final change, do therefur make my last will and testament. I leave to my wife, Caseltna Snedker, her choice of a bed and furniture, and I will my son Boarnt to support her in a good decent and Christian manner and to bury her in the same Christian manner for considerations I have already confirmed on him. To my son John, 5 shillings; Also to my sons Jacobus, Garret and Borant. To my daughter Elenor Sneadker, £40 and all furniture she claims “for the servises she hath don in my famely.” After above “Leaguseas” are paid all my estate, real and personal, to be sold. Mention of my sons John and Jacobus of “Hententon township of Bedding Provice New Jersey.” Proceeds from sale of property to be divided, one sixth to my daughter Effellanis Keshow, wife of Jehonas Keshow, for life, then to their son John; one sixth to my son Abraham; one sixth to my grandsons, sons of Joost Snedker, deceased, when of age; one sixth to my son William, one sixth to my daughter Elliner Snedker; and one sixth to my grandchildren, heirs of my son Christian, when of age.

Executors, my grandson, John Keshow, and friend and neighbor, Jacob Van Wickley, Harmon Lefford, and John Wright, of Norwich, Merchant, all of the township of Oyster Bay.

Witnesses, Jacob Kashow, Samuel Mott, John Wortman. Proved, Queens County, August 12, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 15, 1785.

Page 127.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANN DAVIS, of Fishkill Landing, Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., widow. I leave to my daughters, Elizabeth and Ann, my wearing apparel. The rest of

my estate to be disposed of immediately on my decease and the money therefrom divided between my four children, John, Andreas, Elizabeth and Ann, but the oldest John to have £5 more than the rest.

Executors, Richard Snediker, of Poughkeepsie, Gentleman; Peter Bogardus, Jr., of Fishkill Landing, skipper, John McAbe, of Stony Kill, Rombout Precinct, yeoman.

Dated February 4, 1782. Witnesses, John Young, of N. Y. City, schoolmaster; Petrus Bogardus, Shibboleth Bogardus. Proved, New York, August 17, 1785.

Page 128.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY JAGGAR, widow, of the town of Southampton, County of Suffolk, N. Y., spinster. I leave to my daughter, Abigail Harris, my double calico gown, a blue quilt, two shifts, two checkared aprons and handerchiefs, etc. To my son, Benjamin Cooper, my great Bible and Psalm book, one little table, and one shift for his wife. To my daughter, Mary Jaggar, my tea kettle, canister, nettle tea pot, peutar and earthenware utensils, and "all my intrest not otherwise disposed of in this my last will." To my son, Silas Cooper, my "book Stoddard," and to his wife one dark worsted gown. To my granddaughter Prudence Crittenden, the desk now in her possession. To my granddaughter, Clarissa Jaggar, my bed, etc., rug, English blanket.

Executrix, Mary Jaggar.

Dated August 20, 1783. Witnesses, Silas Hallsey, Jr., M.D., Hannah Hallsey, spinster. Proved, Suffolk County, July 25, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 17, 1785.

Page 129.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSIAH DIBBLE, of North Castle, Westchester County, N. Y. I leave to my wife Esther my buildings, lands and orchards and all my estate not given to some other. To my nephew, George Dibble, of Stanford, Conn., £5.

Executors, my wife and John Mackay, of Stanwich.

(Signed) JOSIAH DABBLE, his mark.

Dated December 29, 1783. Witnesses, John Loder, Joseph Wood, David Brown, of Bedford, weaver. Proved, Westchester County, August 8, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 19, 1785.

Page 131.—Know all men that I, RICHARD WILLETTS, of Musquito Cove, Queens County, N. Y., make my will. I leave to my youngest daughter, Hannah, such articles of furniture as she shall fix on not exceeding value of £100. My real and personal estate to be sold and proceeds divided after my debts are paid among my four children, Isaac, Anne Underhill, wife of Samuel, Deborah Underhill, wife of Andrew and Hannah Willetts, deducting £853 from the share of Isaac, £862 from the share of Anne, £1100 from the share of Deborah, these sums having been advanced to them, and the money so saved by the several reductions to be divided between my said four children.

Executors, friends, Thomas Pearsall, of Bethphage, James Parsons, of New York, and son-in-law, Andrew Underhill.

Dated December 31, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Underhill (of N. Y. City, silversmith at proof), Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Jr. Proved, August 19, 1785.

Page 132.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VEDDER, of Schenectady, Albany County, Gentleman. I leave to Andries Van Petten, Geertruy Robison, wife of John, Annatie Cuyler and Harmanis Cuyler, my house and land in Schenectady, bounded north by John Cuyler, on the East by a street leading from the Dutch Church to the market house, West by a lot late the property of John Cuyler, and North by another street; Also two morgen of land called the Weyland on the east of Schenectady, bounded on the north by the Mohawk river, east by Jacob Fonda, south by street and west by Cornelis Van Der Volgen; Also two morgens of land on the "Couland" or "Schonectady flats," bounded north by highway, east by Hendricus Folk<sup>t</sup>

Veeder, south by Reyver Schermerhorn, west by Albert Vedder; Also my residuary estate. All my "Bouland" that now is under the plow on north of the road from Schenectady to Claas Veelen, adjoining my hay pasture to John Jac<sup>s</sup> Peck, Jacobus Harm<sup>s</sup> Peck and Harmanus H. Peck. To Margaritha Van Slyck, daughter of Harme Van Slyck, deceased, my field bed and 3 silver spoons; Also £25, and to Ham. Peterse, £10; Annatie Meldrum, £10; Arientie, wife of Neclaus Van Petten, £10; Margaret, wife of James Shuter and Anthony Van Slyck, each £10; Harmanis Bradt, £10; Albert S. Vedder, £5.

Executors, Andries Van Petten, Albert S. Vedder.

Dated, October 6th, 1784. Witnesses, Francina Van Ingen, Betsy Van Ingen, Dirk Van Ingen, of Schenectady, Esq. Proved, Albany County, August 13, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 24, 1785.

Page 134.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB HELLICOT, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, N. Y., weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Mary the use of my estate for life "especially while she remains my widdow," "if she ceases to be my widdow through death or any manner of way or act then she is not to have use" of estate. In such cases I will "that she deliver every part of my estate found in her hands or conveyed by her into the hands of others for any fraudulent purpose unto my kinsman, Isaac Coutant, Jr., for him to manage" for my children till they come of age.

Executors, wife, and Isaac Coutant, Jr.

(Signed) JACOB HILLCOTT.

Dated September 11, 1776. Witnesses, Isaac Coutant, yeoman; John Coutant, Josiah Coutant. Proved, Westchester County, August 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, August 25, 1785.

Page 135.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGRET WILLIS, of New York City, spinster, weak in body. I

give to my youngest daughter, Jane Willis, £25; to my four daughters, Margret Dow, Phebe Willis, Nancy Willis, Jane Willis, each an outset of furniture equal to the outset of my eldest daughter, Sarah Somerindyke, and whatever my daughter, Margaret Dow, hath received shall be charged to her as part of her outset. Rest of estate to be divided between my said five daughters.

Executors, my true and loving friends, Adrian Dow and George Peck.

Dated November 19, 1784. Witnesses, William Dow, Andrew Losye, Carpenter; John Reins, Constable. Proved, July 27, 1785, New York.

Page 137.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM LUDLOW, at present resident at Flatbush, Kings County, N. Y., Merchant, in my usual health. Whereas I have given to my children, Gabriel, Cary, George, William, James and Mary, each £1000, my will is that before any division of my estate my daughters, Frances Sarah, Sarah and Martha, each receive £1000. And "as the present Commotions in America" has disabled me to pay to my said daughters their usual allowance for "pin money" I further bequeath £650 to be divided between them. Executors to pay interest of £1000 to said three daughters during their respective natural lives or celibacy. Whole of my real estate to be sold. Whereas my son James is considerably indebted to my sons, George and William, for cash advanced and goods sold him at my request, I order that said debt be paid them out of said James share. All the rest of my estate to all my children, Gabriel, Cary, George, William, James, Frances Sarah, Sarah, Mary, wife of Thomas Ludlow, and Martha.

Executors, sons Gabriel, Cary and Thomas.

Dated April 19, 1783. Witnesses, Abr<sup>m</sup> Ogden, Nicholas Hoffman, merchant, Peter Ogden. Proved, July 19, 1785.

Page 139.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANN VAN DYCK, of N. Y. City, shopkeeper. January 27, 1773. I leave all my estate to my dear and loving nephew, Rudolphus Van Dyck, and nieces Cornelia Van Dyck, Lena Van Dyck, Mary Van Dyck, and Sarah Oudenarde, of the City, shopkeeper.

Executors, the five above legatees.

Witnesses, Thomas Hazard, Merchant, Nathaniel McKinly, Andrew Hamersley. Proved, May 25, 1785. Administration granted Sarah Oudenarde, August 29, 1785.

Page 140.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RUDOLPHUS VAN DYCK, of N. Y. City, Merchant, in good health. June 17, 1778. I leave all my estate: one third to my sister, Cornelia Van Dyck; one third to my sister, Lena Van Dyck; one third to sister, Mary Van Dyck.

Executors, said sisters.

Witnesses, William Beekman, Esq., Timothy Cooper Ward, Abraham Beekman. Proved, May 26, 1785. Administration of above granted to Sarah Oudenarde, of New York City, widow, sister of Rudolphus Van Dyck, Merchant, deceased, as the executrices, Cornelia, Lena and Mary Van Dyck, died before the Probate of will, August 29, 1785.

Page 141.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LENA VAN DYCK, now of township of Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey. I leave one half of my estate to my sister, Cornelia Van Dyck, and the other half to my sister, Mary Van Dyck.

Executrixes, said two sisters.

Dated June 9, 1780. Witnesses, William Beekman, Ab<sup>m</sup> K. Beekman, Peter Oudenarde. Proved, May 26, 1785. Administration granted August 29, 1785, to Sarah Oudenarde, of N. Y. City, widow, sister of Lena Van Dyck, late of Morris County, N. J., but formerly

of New York, shopkeeper, deceased, as both executrices of above will, died before its probate.

Page 143.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIA VAN DYCK, now of Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey, August 26, 1780. I leave all my estate to my sister, Mary Van Dyck, who is sole executrix.

Witnesses, William Beekman, John H. Kip and Abraham Beekman. Proved, May 26, 1785. Administration granted to Sarah Oudenarde, of New York City, widow, sister of Cornelia Van Dyck, August 26, 1785, as the executrix, Mary Van Dyck, died before the Probate of above will.

Page 144.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY VAN DUYCK, of the City of New York, Shopkeeper. I leave all my estate to my sister Sarah, widow of Hendrick Oudenarde, late of New York City, Merchant, she being sole Executrix.

Dated May 2, 1785. Witnesses, Cornelius Clopper, Merchant, of New York City; William Beekman, Jr., Abraham K. Beekman. Proved, May 26, 1785. Administration granted Sarah Oudenard August 29, 1785.

Page 145.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD RODGERS, of the Island of St. Croix, but at present in the City of New York, in America, being very sick and weak, April 9, 1785. I give and bequeath unto the Danish Church in the Island of St. Croix "five pieces of eight," and to the English Church in said Island the like sum. Of the rest of my estate one third to my brother William, resident at Anguilla, one third to brother Manning, also at Anguilla, one third to sister, Elizabeth Gumbes.

Executors, said William, Manning and Elizabeth.

(Signed) RICH<sup>d</sup> ROGERS.

Witnesses, George Codwise, merchant, of N. Y. City; A. W. D. Peyster, Christopher Codwise.

*Codicil.* I bequeath to Rebecca Rodgers, daughter

of my uncle, John Rodgers, of the Island of St. Croix, £100.

Dated June 18, 1785. Witnesses to Codicil, John Augustus Graham, of N. Y. City, Physician; Christopher Codwise, A. W. D. Peyster. Proved, September 3, 1785.

Page 147.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LAWRENCE ROOME, of Richmond County, N. Y., being very sick and weak. My will is that all my estate be sold within six weeks of my decease. To Elizabeth Parker, wife of Dr. Benjamin Parker, £25. My servant Catherine to be maintained for life. My negro man Michael shall be free three months after my decease, provided he bring to my executors a sum sufficient in case of casualties or old age. Rest of estate to my daughter Ann, and my grandchildren, Lawrance, Cornelius and Mary Mersereau, equally divided, to be paid Ann at her return to this Island, and to grandchildren as each comes of age; but if Ann do not return before youngest grandchild is of age, or if she die a minor then estate to be divided between surviving grandchildren.

Executors, friends, Cornelius Corsen, Esq., Dr. Benjamin Parker and Aris Ryersz.

Dated August 23, 1785. Witnesses, Cornelius Van Boskerk, yeoman; Mary Parker and John Butler, Mason, of Richmond County. Proved, August 31, 1785, Richmond County. Confirmed, September 5, 1785, New York.

Page 148.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK REEGER, of New York City, at present sick and weak. I leave all estate consisting of houses, Cattle, household furniture, Cloaths or bodily apparell, and money to my beloved wife, Margret Reeger, for her to enjoy without hindrance from her or my children as long as she shall live and after her death to be divided among my children, namely: Frederick, Adam, Leonard, Lodwick, Magdalene; but if my wife marry



again she to have "but an equal child's part" with my children.

Executors, wife, Michael Nestle, Sen<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Resler.  
(Signed) FRIDERICH RÜGER.

Dated October 21, 1768. Witnesses, Paul Heck, Georg Simon Tampler, David Embury. Proved, September 9, 1785.

Witnesses above did not appear but instead John B. Desh, Tinman, and Deederich Heyer, Sugar Baker, both of N. Y. City.

Page 149.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GREEN, of the Wallkill, Ulster County, N. Y., weak in body. Executors to sell land enough to pay debts; not of land, moveable estate (except farm utensils) I leave to my wife Patience for life, after her decease lands to be divided between my four sons, Israel, Ebenezer, John and Daniel. To son John all farming utensils. Moveable estate to be divided between daughters Patience and Elizabeth.

Executors, sons, Israel and John, and friend, Henry Wisner, Jr., Esq., Surrogate of Ulster County.

Dated December 12, 1784. Witnesses, Timothy Smith, tailor; Samuel Wickham, yeoman; and Daniel Green, Carpenter. Proved, Ulster County, June 17, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 10, 1785.

Page 151.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL TRAVERS, of Precinct of Pienpack, Ulster County, N. Y., sick. I recommend my soul to God in humble hopes of its future happiness and for such substance wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I give my large Bible and my gun to my son Nathaniel, and my money I give to my beloved friend and house-keeper Elizabeth for the maintenance of my youngest children, ordering all that is fit to be bound out as soon as possible.

Executor, friend, Joseph Ketchum, of Wallkill.

Dated April 3, 1784. Witnesses, James Finch, Will-

iam Denn, yeoman. Proved, Ulster County, June 23, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 10, 1785.

Page 152.—In the name of God, Amen. This 6th of July, 1785. I, JOSEPH KETCHAM, of Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., yeoman, being sick. Debts to be paid from proceeds of my "out doores movable effects" and possessions of land. I leave to my son Joshua £20. To my sons, Samuel, Daniel, Micah, Abijah and Youngs Ketcham, 5 shillings each. To my daughters, Isabel, Ruth and Rebeccah, 5 shillings each. To my daughters, Sarah and Abigal, my "indoores movable effects." To son Joseph my wearing apparel, all remainder of estate, and bills due me.

Executors, Jonathan Dennis, Esq., and Major William Clark, both of Beekman's Precinct.

Witnesses, Brittan Tallman, Farmer; Nathaniel Sole, Mary Sole. Proved, Dutchess County, September 6, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 12, 1785.

Page 154.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL WRIGHT, of South Hempstead, Queens County, N. Y., sick. Executors to sell such real estate as necessary to pay debts, as shall seem of least damage to my estate. I leave to my wife Mary while my widow the income and use of my estate until my children arrive at age for maintaining my children, but if she marry then she is to quit my estate and have one third thereof. Remaining two thirds of estate to "my two sons now living (not named) when at lawful age"; if both die before of age then one half their share to my wife and one half to the children of my brother, David Wright.

Executors, my wife Mary, my brother-in-law, Walter Skidmore, and Joseph Skidmore.

Dated May 5, 1785. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, of Jamaica, schoolmaster; John Nostrand, of Jamaica, George Doughty. Proved, Queens County, Septem-

ber 10, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 12, 1785.

Page 156.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MOUWRIS LOTT, of New Lotts, township of Flatbush, Kings County, N. Y., yeoman, weak. Estate to be sold and proceeds to go as follows: To my sister, Maria Lott, £1,000. To Catrina, daughter of my late sister Catrina, the wife of Jacob Rapalje, deceased, £150. To my nephew, John Polhemus, son of my brother, Tunis Polhemus, deceased, £50. To my nephew, Peter Polhemus, son of my brother, Johannes Polhemus, £50. To my Executors £30 each if they well and faithfully execute the trust reposed in them. Residuary estate, one half to the children of my said late sister Catrina, and the children of Angenietje, deceased, late the wife of Martin Schenck, of Cowneck, divided so that the children of said Catrina, viz., Peter, Jacob, Sarah and Catrina Rapelje, shall each have one fifth thereof, and the other fifth be divided between children of said Angenietje (not named) by their father when they come of age. Other half shall be held by Executors during life of my brother, Hendrick Lott, who shall pay him £20 yearly and at his death said portion to children of said Hendrick Lott then living. To my sister Maria my large Dutch Bible. If any legatee shall find fault about any Legacies given them such legatee shall be cut off from any share.

Executors, friend Nicholas Schenck, of Flatlands, and my two cousins, Johannis I. Lott and Hendrick Lott, both of New Lotts.

(Signed) MOUWERIS LOTT.

Dated October 11, 1784. Witnesses, John Van Der Veer, Esq., Hendrick Eldert, Isaac Eldert, yeoman, of New Lotts. Proved, Kings County, September 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 14, 1785.

Page 158.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM COEVERT, being weak of body. I leave to my daughter,

Catharine Covenhoven, £40 with all her deceased mothers Clothes. All my estate to be sold six weeks after my death, and the money, except for £15 reserved for oldest son, Jeremias, as his birthright, to be divided between my two sons, Jeremias and Johannes, the formers share to be kept by my Executors and given him as necessity may require.

Executors, friend Jacobus De Bevoise, and son Johannes.

Dated December 13, 1782. Witnesses, Mich<sup>l</sup> Vandervoort, Harman Andresse, John Hutchins. Proved, Kings County, September 9, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 14, 1785.

Page 159.—Administration granted to Thomas Bibby, of New York City, Captain, who intermarried with Margaret Johnson McEvers, granddaughter and residuary legatee of SIMON JOHNSON, late of the same place, Gentleman, deceased. Whereas Simon Johnson made his will August 14, 1770, and appointed Margaret Johnson, Robert G. Livingston, Gerrard Beekman, Sen<sup>r</sup>, William Nielson and Charles McEvers Executors of said will and soon after died, and whereas said Margaret Johnson has since died, and Gerrard Beekman also died, and Robert Gilbert Livingston, William Nielson and Charles McEvers the surviving Executors relinquished the Executorship, said Thomas Bibby is hereby appointed to administer the estate, September 21, 1785. Said will is recorded in Vol. 28, page 312.

Page 160.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIS SMIT, being weak in body, May 22, 1785. I give to my son John 20 shillings for his birthright. To my sons Peter and Yacobus the land I live on. To my wife (not named) my bed and “all what she has brauht in my hous when she first came to live with me,” she to live with Peter and Yacobus and they must find her a good living or else £40 if she remains my widow, and

“ she must have her close that belongs to her.” To my daughters, Altye and Rateshel, my “ neger Sam,” he to be sold and the money divided, Rateshell to have £10 more than Altye of said money; Altye to have the land between Tuenes Ruyper and Are Blauvelt Forder. To Peter and Yacobus my moveable estate, but Yacobus to have his bed and two sheep before the estate is divided. They must pay £40 to my sisters, my demands from Jacobus Demarest to come to said sons.

Executors, my son John, and Harmen Van Reype.

Witnesses, Harmen Van Reÿpe, David Eckeson, Yacob Eckesin, both of Bergen County, New Jersey, yeomen. Proved, September 21, 1785.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIS JANSEN, of Rochester, Ulster County, N. Y., yeoman, being in good health, May 25, 1774. I leave to my son Mathewis my “ fusee or gun Called Boomtjes hook as a legacy for his eldest birthright.” I leave to my wife Cattriena possession of all my estate during her widowship with our children or such of them as chuse to continue with her assisting to clear the estate from debt. In case any of the children chuse not to continue with her, then such as do shall after the death of their mother render an account to my executors of the money they advanced for the debts on the estate and this shall be returned to them. If none of my children continue with their mother for the purpose above specified then my personal estate to be sold and the proceeds applied for the debts of the estate and the over plus if any used as will serve to the best advantage of my children, and in that case my real estate to be let during the life of my wife, she to have yearly £15 of the fund arising. After the death of my wife my whole estate, real and personal, shall be divided equally among my children named: Matthewís, Teunis, Cornelis, Benjamin and Aentje. If any die before of age without issue then my estate shall be divided among the others. My Executors are my wife and my

sons, Mathewis, Teunis, Cornelis and Benjamin, and my friend, Johannis Snyder.

Witnesses, Adam Swart, Wilhelms Swart, both of Kingston, Carpenters, and Petrus Swart. Proved, Ulster County, September 15, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 22, 1785.

Page 163.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ALEXANDER TRIMBLE, of Montgomery, Ulster County, being weak in body but of sound judgment made to reflect upon my mortal state have thought proper to make my last will. I allow all money due me to be collected by my sons-in-law, viz.: Rev. Andrew King and Peter Hill, and my son, William Trimble, who are my Executors, they to sell my moveable estate and pay my debts and funeral expenses therefrom. I bequeath to my two youngest daughters, Elizabeth Trimble and Sarah Trimble, £80 each, and the rest of the money from said moveables to be divided between my undernamed children: John Trimble, George Trimble, Isebal Hill, Jane King, Elizabeth Trimble and Sarah Trimble. The land I now live on, 200 acres, with buildings and improvements (which is all my real estate) to my sons, William and Alexander Trimble, to be either divided or enjoyed in common, they first paying £200 for my above named children. Said William and Alexander Trimble also to pay out of said devised estate to my youngest son, Timothy, when of age, £100, and to keep, school and clothe him until of age. And the house and lot at Floraday which I purchased for my son William and is deeded to him, if he choose to let my son Alexander equally share it then William shall have an equal half of the farm I live on as already mentioned, but if he will not divide said lot then he shall pay the sum his deed shows he paid for it, this to pay a part of the £200 I have left my other children. If any of my children that are unmarried die leaving no issue their share to be divided among my surviving children.

Dated August 3, 1785. Witnesses, Patrick Barber, of Montgomery, Esq., James Caldwell. Proved, Ulster County, September 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 26, 1785.

Page 165. In the name of God, Amen. The 9th of May, 1781. I, GARRET SCHOTLER, late of the City of New York, Painter, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to Prescilla, my dearly beloved wife, whom I make my Executrix, all my messuages and tenements, viz.: my two houses the ground of which I leased from the Protestant reformed Dutch Church, one being in the North Ward of New York City and leased to me for thirty years, and the other also so situated and leased to me for fifteen years, to be by her and her heirs possessed and enjoyed; also my goods and furniture, provided she pay my just debts.

Witnesses, Martin McDonnell, Jonathan Conrey, of N. Y. City, Cartman, and James Black. Proved, September 26, 1785.

Page 167.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB HEREMANSE, of Red Hook, Dutchess County, weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Andrew, 20 shillings, to my daughter Cornelia, the wife of David Van Ness, 10 shillings, to my son John £150, to my son Jacob £60, to my son Martin £150, and to said son Andrew further £60, all above sums to be paid by August 1, 1787. To my daughter Neeltie, the wife of Peter Cantine, £30, to my daughter Annatie, the wife of Isaac Stoutenburgh, Jr., £60, to be paid them respectively in three months after my decease; I also give to my daughter Dorothea £60, when of age or married. If any child die before receiving said sum, this to revert to my estate. That my Executors may pay the above legacies I empower them to sell my lot of woodland in the swamp, known by lot number nine, about 65 acres, given me by my father-in-law, John Vosburgh, or to dispose of such part of my horses, cattle, etc., as

may be necessary. It is my will that my beloved wife Catherina, and my sons, John and Martin, shall live on and improve the farm I now live on (lot no. nine above not to be considered as part) until my son Martin shall attain the age of twenty-one years, for their benefit and that of my daughter Dorothea during that time they to have the use of the house, barn and other buildings, farming utensils, waggon, sleighs, plows, harrows, and such horses, cows and cattle as not disposed of; as soon as my said son come of age, or if he die sooner, then my Executors to sell my farm, farming implements, etc., to any one or two of my sons, the eldest having preference for £1200, or if they shall not purchase then to sell at public vendue or otherwise, and to divide the proceeds among my wife and all my children equally. All my furniture, and my negro wench Jane, and her son Adam, to my wife and Dorothea, and if Dorothea die before of age or unmarried her part of the furniture to go to my other three daughters. Residuary estate to be sold three months after my son Martin come of age and the proceeds divided between my wife and all my children. My Executors are my sons, Andrew, John and Jacob.

(Signed) JACOB HERMANS.

Dated March 9, 1784. Witnesses, Martin Vosburgh, Johannes Klum, William Wheeler, of Dutchess County, Physician. Proved, Dutchess County, July 8, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 26, 1785.

Page 169.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES HUEY, of the Precinct of Montgomery, Ulster County, being through the attendant mercy and goodness of God tho. weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding. I leave to my dear and loving wife, Mary Huey, £15 yearly, during her widowhood. I also give and bequeath fully and amply unto her all my household furniture, two cows and the gray mare, also the use of the north room of my house I dwell in so long as my widow, and if my wife is now with child



and should bring forth a living child I bequeath to said child and to my daughter, Mary Huey, the remainder of my estate I now live on. And as to my estate in Germantown it is to be disposed of in the same manner as the estate I live on, as also the piece of land on the road in said Germantown near Honsyerry Smith. My estate in New Windsor, said County, to be disposed as my foregoing estates, also my money in the Continental Treasury or Treasury of this state, I will it be divided and disposed of in the same manner, Also a seat in the Paltz meeting house I will and order as before; and if any of my children before mentioned die before of full age then the "surviving liver" shall inherit the whole, and if neither live to enjoy it then I dispose of it as follows: I leave to my sister Ann's two youngest children, Leah and Rachel Dubois, the whole of my before mentioned estate forever and ever. I order my Executors to sell my stock and moveable effects, not already disposed of, to pay my debts, except two hogs and two sheep for my wife, and also my grain of all kinds, in barn and barrick, and field, and that coming to me at Germantown, and all my hay to be sold, except so much hay as will support the cattle I left my wife, and so much grain as will support her family for one year, namely, thirteen bushels of wheat, and so much corn and rye as my Executors think necessary. I make my trusty friend, Nicholas Hardenburgh, of Shawangunk Precinct, and Abraham Coldwell and William Cross, of Montgomery Precinct, my Executors and trustees for my wife and children.

Dated August 11, 1785. Witnesses, Henry Rump, yeoman; John Colter, and William Roos, laborer. Proved, Ulster County, August 27, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 27, 1785.

Page 171.—In the name of God, Amen. August 22, 1785. I, WILLIAM BOERUM, of Brooklyn, Bolter; I leave to my beloved wife Anne one of my best beds

with the furniture thereof, one large cupboard, one horse and chair, a half dozen new silver table spoons, and tea spoons, the largest silver cream pot and smallest silver sugar pot, the best looking glass, and my negro wench named Phillis to be at her use and disposal. To my eldest son, John, my gold watch, eight silver table spoons, six silver tea spoons, silver tea tongs, and my negro boy named Joe. To my second son, Martin, my clock, eight silver table spoons, six silver tea spoons, and my negro boy named Ben. To my son Simon my silver tankard and my negro boy named Tone; Also £200 to be kept by my Executors and used towards educating him, which is to be in lieu of £200 left in my hands for Education by my Uncle, Simon Boerum, deceased. To my daughter Catharine my silver tea pot and smallest silver cream pot, the largest silver sugar cup, sugar pot and largest silver sugar tongs, and my negro girl named Mary. Remainder of estate after sold as directed hereinafter to my wife, my sons, John, Martin and Simon, and daughter Catharine equally except that the share of Simon shall be £100 less than the others, the part of my wife and John to be paid as soon as convenient, of Martin and Simon when of age, and of Catharine when of age or married, if any child die before of age without issue his or her share to be divided between my other children, the share of each before of age to be put at interest for their respective use. My Executors are ordered one year after my decease to sell all estate, real and personal, but if necessary sooner to sell part of my real estate to pay my debts they are to sell a lot in Brooklyn township which I lately bought of Comfort Sands, as also a lot of woodland near a place called Flatbush Hills, Kings County. I make as Executors my son John, my brother-in-law, Jacob Ryerson, of Brooklyn, and my friend, Hendrick Wyckoff, of New York City, Merchant.

Witnesses, John Middagh, Jacob Sharpe, of Brooklyn, Esquire, and Abraham Stoothoff. Proved, Kings

County, September 30, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 7, 1785.

Page 173.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EDWARD SPRAGGE, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in an advanced age and infirm in body, not knowing how soon it may please the Almighty to remove me from this Transatory life, October first, 1780. I direct my Executors to sell all my estate, real and personal, and first to pay my debts and funeral expenses, then the legacies hereafter mentioned. I give to my Grandson, John Spragg, son of my Eldest son, Edward, deceased, 20 shillings. To my daughter Mary, wife of John Smith, £20, to my daughter Pheaby, widow of Daniel (Wale) Smith, £20, to my daughter Peggy, wife of Caleb Southard, £20, to Sylvanus and Elijah, the two youngest sons of my son Elijah, deceased, £20, that is £10 each. Of the rest of my estate one third to my son William, one third to my son Thomas, and one third to my said grandsons, Silvanus and Elijah, if either of said grandsons die before receiving their legacy the part of each to go to his children, if any, otherwise to the survivor. I order my executors not to pay my son Thomas his legacy till he has paid off a bond that I am security for him to Valentine H. Peters, and also one to Stephen Lawrence. My will is that my real estate be not sold till after my wife's decease she (not named) to have entire use thereof for life. I appoint as Executors my loving friends and neighbors, Christian Snediker and Samuel Pettit, Jr.

Witnesses, Ustina Lawson, William Peters, Valentine Hulett Peters, of South Hempstead, Esquire. Proved, Queens County, September 26, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 7, 1785.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM WINTERTON, of New York City, Mason. I leave all my estate to my dearly beloved wife Ann, unto the full end of her natural life provided she will not marry any

other husband, should she so do my estate to be sold and divided between my wife, my son William and my daughter Jane, wife of John Johnston, share and share alike. But if my wife shall not marry but shall die in her viduity then my estate to be divided between my said son and daughter, and if my said son or daughter die without issue before my wife then his or her share to go to the other survivor, and my will is the said John Johnston, husband of my daughter, shall not have any power whatsoever over any portion of my estate devised to her but that it shall descend to the children of the said Jane by the said John Johnston or by any other after taken husband, or as it may be disposed of by her will. Executrix, my wife Ann.

Dated July 23, 1780. Witnesses, Terence Kerin, Lewis Morgan, of Philadelphia, Physician, Joseph Cary. Proved, October 8, 1785.

Page 177.—Administration granted to Henry Waddell, of Monmouth County, New Jersey, Esquire, a son and one of the residuary Legatees of JOHN WADDELL, late of the City of New York, deceased. Whereas John Waddell made his will October 9, 1760, and appointed Anne Waddell, Peter Van Brugh Livingston and John Vanderspiegel, Executors, and soon after died; and Whereas the will was proved June 9, 1761 and administration granted to Anne Waddell; and Whereas she is since deceased, the estate not being fully administered, and the said John Vanderspiegel is also deceased, and the said Peter Van Brugh Livingston, the surviving Executor, on the same date as these Presents did relinquish his Executorship, administration is granted to the above October 11, 1785.

Page 178.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS TIEBOUT, of the Outward of the City of New York, Gentleman, being though at an advanced age in sound and disposing mind. I leave to my beloved wife, Mary Magdalene Tiebout, my whole estate except is herein

devised otherwise. I give my Lotts of land adjoining the land I sold John Read, and James Farquerson in Hardenbergh's Patent, Ulster County, about 1200 acres to my wife, and to Cornelius Herttell, son of John Herttell, share and share alike. To my wife my Country Seat or Farm, called Roxborough, on the east side of the Bowry Lane in the outward of N. Y. City, for life; and in case my wife shall at any time have issue then I bequeath the said farm to my said wife and her heirs forever. In case my wife die without issue and in the lifetime of John Kortright, son of Lawrence Kortright, then I leave my said farm to John Kortright. I appoint my wife as Executrix.

Dated February 14, 1785. Witnesses, John Ousterman (of the outward N. Y. City, farmer), John Herttell (of New London, Conn., Merchant), John McKesson, of N. Y. City, Esquire. Proved, October 11, 1785.

Page 170.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DEGREE, of the City of New York, altho in a comfortable state of health. My will is that all my estate, real and personal, in the State of New York or elsewhere if it can be come at by my Executor, be sold at Public Vendue within six months of my decease; the proceeds to be divided equally between my following children or their heirs, William, Susannah, wife of Samuel Page; Doshea, wife of Richard Edwards, and Sarah, wife of William Jacobs, except I give to John Degree (son of my son John, deceased) £20; if so be that each of my said children have £20 when the estate is divided, but if there be anything less than £20 left after my said children have each £20, then said John Degree is not to have the £20 let my estate be what it will. If the said John Degree be not of age when my estate is divided then the £20 be put at interest and given to him with the interest when of age; if he die before of age without issue then the money to be divided between my aforesaid children. Lastly,

whereas my sons, Thomas and Charles, have had as much as is their share of my estate they are to have no more. My sole Executor is my son-in-law, William Jacobs.

Dated January 20, 1783. Witnesses, Andrew Thompson (of N. Y. City, Mason), Peter Thompson, Valentine Arnold. Proved, October 14, 1785.

Page 181.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HUNT, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, being infirm of body but of perfect sense. "As touching my worldly affairs I suppose my estate to be worth six hundred pounds, the use and benefit of all which I give to my beloved wife, Esther Hunt, while she remains my widdow." To my son John, £300, to be paid him when twenty-one or at the discretion of my executors. To my two daughters, Francis and Ann, each £60 when sixteen years of age. To my wife's daughter, Esther, £40, to be paid in six months after my death. If after my debts are paid my estate should prove more or less than is supposed, then the above legacies to be raised or diminished in proportion thereunto, and the remainder of my estate I give to my wife forever, and each legacy to each Legatee or their heirs forever. If my son John die before twenty-one without heirs then his legacy to be divided between his sisters, Frances and Ann. My Executors are my wife and Charles Roe and Phillip Rylander, of New Rochelle, and Lawrence Hewlet, of Great Neck on Long Island.

Dated August 14, 1785. Witnesses, Abram Guion (of New Rochelle, Esquire), Josiah Le Conte, John Betts (of New Rochelle, sadler) and R. Williams. Proved, Westchester County, September 19, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 19, 1785.

Page 183.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EDIE VAN EVERA, of the City of New York, Cartman, being weak in body do this 16th day of September, 1762, make my will. I leave to my son, Mindert Van Evera, ten shil-

lings as an acknowledgement of his being my eldest son to be deducted out of my estate after my debts are paid. The Rest of my estate to my loving wife for the support of herself and her children during her widowhood or till my youngest child comes to be of age, then my estate to be sold and the proceeds divided equally between my wife and children that remain alive. I appoint as Executors my brother, Myndert Van Evera, and brother-in-law, John Clarck.

(Signed) EDEI VAN EVERA, his mark.

Witnesses, John De Peyster, Jr. (of N. Y. City, Esquire), William Cobb, John Blagge. Proved, October 19, 1785.

Page 184.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BROWN, of Southold, Suffolk County, being well. I leave to my beloved wife Dorothy, one third of my moveable estate after my debts are paid. To my daughters, Anna and Hannah, the remaining two thirds equally divided. To my grandson, David Terry, £20 when twenty-one, to be paid by my son, James Brown, as hereafter directed. To my son James all my lands, meadows and buildings in Southold or elsewhere, he paying my said grandson, David Terry, £20 when of age. I appoint my wife Dorathy and son James, Executors.

Dated June 30, 1784. Witnesses, David Tuthill, John Youngs, Jr., Mary Youngs. Proved, Suffolk County, October 8, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 22, 1785.

Page 186.—In the name of God, Amen. May 15, 1776. I, SAMUEL CORWIN, of Southold, Suffolk County, yeoman. I leave to my beloved wife (not named) all my household goods except one bed and bedding for my son Stephen, and after her decease, my said household goods to my two daughters, viz.: Phebe Tuthill and Mary Norton. To my eldest son, Samuel, my

dwelling house and three lots of land adjoining, about 70 acres more or less, except the priveledge of the back room in said house for my son Stephen for his use in person only, for the space of seven years. Likewise to Samuel, my barn and adjoining land bounded northerly upon the road from Sylvanus Davis Line, etc., etc., also one half of two lots of "Chrickthatch Meadow" lying down Little neck; Also two thirds of my Mill-creek meadow "to be divided quantity and quallity" between my sons, Samuel and Stephen. To my second son, Stephen, all my field lands and meadows on the road bounded Easterly by Thomas Hutchinson's land, Northerly by the road, Westerly by land of Samuel Corwin and Silvanus Davis, and Southerly by the Creek; Also one half of two lots of "Chrick thatch meadow" Little Neck. My husbandry Implements to my sons, Samuel and Stephen, also to each one horse and one yoke of oxen, and the remainder of my live stock after sufficient is sold to pay my debts. To my two sons, Nathaniel and James Corwin, the remainder of my Mill-Creek. I appoint my sons, Stephen and James, and son-in-law, John Tuthill, Jr., my Executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Davis, Daniel Terry (of South-old, weaver), Thomas Hutchinson. Proved, Suffolk County, July 16, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 22, 1785.

Page 187.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM NEATE, of London, Merchant. I desire to be buried in the Parish Church of Chippenham, County Wilts. I order my Executors to put out at interest in Government Bonds or other good security £2000, and pay the interest thereof to my dear wife Christina for life over and above what my wife may be entitled to by virtue of a bond entered into by me previous to our marriage, and to my wife also £200 for her own use. To my daughter Christina, wife of Mr. Henry Chapman, all my real estate at Chippenham, and £7000 to be paid as soon as convenient after my decease, and



meanwhile £50 yearly, after my death. To my other three daughters, Mary, Jemima and Phillis Neate, £8000 apiece when respectively twenty-one years of age, and £100 apiece yearly till of age. If any of my said three daughters die under the age of twenty-one then her share and interest to be divided equally between the survivors of all my said four daughters. To my grandson, William Neate Chapman, £250, when twenty-one years of age, it meanwhile to be put out at interest which is to accumulate for his benefit and be paid with the principal. To my niece, Mary Evans, £10 yearly, from the time of my death for life for her support quarterly or otherwise, and her receipt only to be a good discharge of the same, my executors to place out a sufficient sum for securing this payment. To my brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Appleton, and Susannah, his wife, £50 apiece, and to John and Susannah Appleton, their children, twenty guineas apiece, and to my brother-in-law, Thomas Shirley, and Martha, his wife, 20 guineas each. To the church wardens of the Parish of Chippenham, £250 in trust, to be laid out in Government and the yearly dividends to be applied in purchasing good warm great coats to be distributed at the discretion of the Wardens yearly forever upon St. Thomas's Day, to so many poor broadcloth weavers of that Parish as such dividends will purchase, and the coats to have no mark or badge upon them, and to be given only to such persons as do not receive alms from the said Parish. To my Executors for their trouble, £50 apiece. To Mr. John Prothero as a reward, for his long and faithful service, £100, besides his legacy as an Executor. To my clerks, William Gale and Michael Touray, as reward for their faithful services, £50 each. To Mr. Samuel Stapleton, of Wandsworth, £10, all of which last mentioned legacies to be paid as soon as convenient. To my said daughter Mary, my large and best diamond ring, and my daughter Jemima my other diamond ring. All my household goods, furniture, plate, china, linen,

watches and jewels, and my horses and harness, etc., and my liquors in cash, to be sold, and all the residue of Moneys, effects, etc., not heretofore disposed of, I give to my four daughters. If by means of any losses or misfortunes my Estate shall not be sufficient to pay all the above legacies, then the deficiency to be deducted from the legacies so given to my four daughters and not from the other Legatees. I appoint as Executors my good friend, John Platt, the elder of Cornhill, London, Linen Draper; my brother-in-law, Henry Appleton; Sampson Wright, of Northumberland Street, in the strand, Esq.; my son-in-law, Henry Chapman, and John Prothero, and together with my wife, guardians of my younger children. And whereas it may be necessary that some person go to America to collect my debts and adjust my outstanding accounts and concerns there, and having proposed and intended to take said Henry Chapman and John Prothero, my old and faithful clerk, into partnership with me that they might succeed me in my business, therefore I will that they undertake the care and trouble of going to America with full powers.

Dated April 10, 1775. Witnesses, Jas. Hutchinson Leathers<sup>s</sup> hall L<sup>o</sup>, Edward Middlecott Salthill, Francis Knight, Serv<sup>t</sup> to Mr. Neate.

*Codicil.* Whereas I have by my will desired that Mr. Henry Chapman and John Prothero go to America to settle my affairs, but have not provided any recompence for their time, I do by this Codicil will that they be paid £300 yearly each for two years commencing from their departure from London and so in proportion for a longer time if necessary till their arrival in London; over and above their charges incurred in my affairs.

Dated April 10, 1775. Witnesses, Jas. Hutchins, Edw<sup>d</sup> Middlecott, Francis Knight. Proved on May 4, 1775, at London, before Sir George Hay Knight, Keeper of the Prerogative Court, Canterbury, when the above William Neale is mentioned as "late of Par-

ish of St. Mary at Hill, London, Esquire, deceased." Administration on above estate granted at New York to Henry Chapman, one of the Executors, October 4, 1785.

Page 192.—In the name of God, Amen. I, REUBEN NELSON, of Charlotte Precinct in Dutchess County, yeoman. I leave to my eldest son, Francis Nelson, the choice of my horses, a new saddle and bridle and my wearing apparel for his birthright. To my beloved wife Elizabeth, my real estate, farm and lands I now possess while my widow and after she shall marry or die the same to my sons, Francis and Reuben R., equally divided. To my wife and my daughters, Zeba, wife of Smith Rowland; Susannah, of Henry Neely; Mary Nelson, Ann Nelson and Elizabeth Nelson, all my moveable and personal estate (except that given above) equally divided, except my said daughters, Zeba and Susannah, shall each have £15 less than my wife and daughters, Mary, Ann and Elizabeth. If any of my daughters at my decease are under age or unmarried then her share shall be sold and the money put out at interest till such daughter be of age or marry; and if any daughter die before of age unmarried, her share to be divided among my surviving daughters. My Executors are my wife and sons, Francis and Reuben R. Nelson.

Dated April 30, 1776. Witnesses, Peter De Witt, John Pawling (of Dutchess County, farmer), and Albartus Sickner. Proved, Dutchess County, October 22, 1785. Confirmed, October 24, 1785.

Page 194.—In the name of God, Amen. Be it known unto all by these presents that this 25th day of May, 1765, I, the underwritten ROELOF KIP, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, being advanced in years but yet retaining my perfect knowledge and senses. As for my temporal estate of "lands, build-ings, Negroes, debts, horses, cattle, gold and silver

coined or not coined," etc. I order as follows, viz.: that all my debts be paid at the right time; that my dear and loving wife Sarah, so long as she remains my widow, remain in possession of my whole estate, real and personal. To my oldest son, Jacob, 20 shillings for his birthright and he shall have no further claim on that account. To my son, John Baptist, freely and absolutely, all my real estate whatsoever, and that he or his heirs pay to the remainder of my children £250, as follows: £125 one year after my or my wife's decease which last shall happen, and £125 two years after the same, which sums to be divided among my children and children's children as hereafter ordered. All my personal estate to my seven children, viz.: Jacob, John Baptist, Isaac, Ignas, Abraham, and my two deceased daughters, Grietje, late wife of Philip Van Ess, and Sarah, late wife of Baltus Van Cleek, equally divided; the seventh part thereof belonging to my daughter Grietje, deceased, to go to her son Gerrit, and her daughter Catatyntje; the seventh part belonging to my daughter Sarah, deceased, to go to her six children, viz.: Peter, Frans, Sarah, Chatarina, Grietje and Elizabeth. My Executors are my five sons, viz.: Jacob, John Baptist, Isaac, Ignas and Abram. Whatsoever children are indebted to me shall after my wife's decease be accounted as a share or part of their heirship of my personal estate.

Witnesses, Jan Pir, George Trimper, Christian Schultz (of Rhinebeck, schoolmaster). Proved, Dutchess County, March 9, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 25, 1785.

Page 196.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY BURKE, of the City of New York, Spinster, being in good health. I leave all my estate, real and personal, whatsoever none in the world excepted to my sister, Susannah Marshall, her heirs and assigns forever. I appoint my said sister Executrix.

Dated May 10, 1781. Witnesses, James Barclay (of

N. Y. City, Merchant), Philip A. Schuyler, Benjamin Birkett. Proved, October 27, 1785.

Page 198.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNE BURKE, of the City of New York, Spinster, in good health. I leave to my sister, Mary Burke, my right and title to the Corner house and lot purchased by my father, Mr. Derrick Agbers, and further I devise all my estate, real and personal, none in the world excepted, to my two sisters, Mary Burke and Susannah Marshall, equally divided. My executors are my two said sisters.

Dated April 21, 1781. Witnesses, Philip A. Schuyler, James Barclay, Thomas Duncan. Proved, October 27, 1785.

Page 199.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH SMITH, of Smithtown, Suffolk County, June 5, 1783. I will that all my just debts be paid by my "tow" sons, Joseph Smith and William Smith, out of my real estate which I give to them and by no means out of my moveable estate which I give to my "fore dafters." To my son Elefilet the land eastward of his house and on which the house stands containing twenty acres within the fence, with the priveledge of coming to the meadow for water and salt for his "creturs," also ten acres in the fifty acre lot timber land where most convenient. To my two sons, Joseph and William, all my land and meadows in Smithtown and Stonebroock Harbor, with buildings and improvements exclusive of the two lots before given to my son Elefilet, also one yoke of oxen, and a pair of three year old stears, and all my farming "youtanchals," they giving to my wife Sarah "a desant and comfortabell maintenance" so long as she remains my widow; also I order them to pay to Selah Smith £50, to Daniel Smith £50, to Samuel Smith, £50, my three sons to be paid in five years after my decease, if they conveniently can, the whole of my legacies and debts to be paid equally by them.

I give to my four daughters, Cathrine Smith, Ruhamah Smith, Sarah Smith and Mary Smith, all my moveable estate except that given above, equally divided between them, excepting also the dung in the yard, grain on the ground, in the house or barn at my decease which are for Joseph and William Smith. My Executors are my sons, Joseph and William, and Epenetus Smith my nephew, with power to sell so much of my land given to Joseph and William Smith as they shall think necessary for my debts and legacies if they refuse to pay them as above directed.

Witnesses, Micah Smith, of Smithtown, yeoman; Jacob Hawkins and Epenetus Smith, of Smithtown, yeoman. Proved, Suffolk County, September 26, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 28, 1785.

Page 201.—In the name of God, Amen. The 10th of September, 1779. I, HAZEKIAH SMITH, of Huntington, Suffolk County, Nassau Island, Blacksmith. I leave to Hannah, my beloved wife, all the house furniture and one cow to her own disposal. To my son Hazakiah, Jun<sup>r</sup>, the "deephole field" be it more or less lying upon the south side of the road that runs from Thomas Scidmore's to Thomas Taylor's and one quarter of the meadow. To my son Jacob my house and all my upland including that "deephole field" aforementioned, and half my meadow, also my horse and the use of the mare till she has a colt, and the hogs, and grain for the family's use, the rest of the stock he is to sell for debts, and what is over he is to give my daughters, the farming tackling I give him for his own. To my son Matthew the other quarter of the meadow and when he is twenty-one then my son Jacob to give him £20, and to give him a trade, and if Jacob refuse to pay the money my Executors are to sell as much land as the value of it. I make as Executors my trusty friend, Melancton Bryan, and my son, Jacob Smith.

Witnesses, Epenetus Wood, Jr, of Smithtown, weav-

er; Jonas Wood. Proved, August 16, 1785, Suffolk County. Confirmed, October 28, 1785, New York.

Page 202.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MEHITABLE SMITH, of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, sick in body. I leave to my well beloved brother, Jonah Tooker, the third part of £210 which is my lawful dowry, to my brother Jonah Tooker's daughter, Mehetable Tooker, my household goods and moveables that is in my possession except such a part of my "wareing cloaths" as may suit my well beloved sisters, Mary and Dinah Tooker, to ware. I appoint my brother, Jonah Tooker, and Benjamin Smith and Dinah Tooker, my Executors.

(Signed) MEHETABLE SMITH, "wido," her mark.

Dated January 6, 1785, in the ninth year of the Independency of the America. Witnesses, Isaac Hulse (of Brookhaven, yeoman); Israel Sexton. Proved, Suffolk County, September 24, 1785. Confirmed, New York, October 28, 1785.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EBENEZER JONES, of Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York, this 8th day of August, 1785, make my last will. To my sons Ebenezer, Abraham, Silvenus, James and Lewis Jones all my lands and buildings in Pound Ridge equally divided. At the marriage or decease of my wife Sarah, the half of the house and land on the east side of the road which I deeded to her, is to be divided between my said sons. My personal estate to be sold to pay my debts. I do give to my loving wife the cow that she brought to me and to have an equal part of the yarn and cloth that hath been made since she came to me, with my three youngest sons and my daughter Deborah. Executors to pay to my daughter Rhuamy Dans daughter Rhuamy, £5; Also to my daughter, Levine Runnolds, £18; Also to my daughter Deborah £18 when eighteen or married. I make my sons, Ebenezer and Silvenus, Executors.

Witnesses, Thaddeous Semer, John Hait, William Fansher. Proved, October 14, 1785.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. The 20th of June, 1783. I, JOHN KORTZ, of the German Camp, Albany County, being very sick and weak. It is my will that my wife Elizabeth shall stay in my dwelling house for life and shall be decently maintained out of my estate, that is to say in clothing, victuals and drink, “but in case she should prove childish enough to alter her condition and marry again she shall move out of my dwelling as quick as my Executors shall think proper.” My oldest son, Christopher, shall have for his birthright £200. My sons, Christopher and John, shall have an equal share of all my real and personal estate, that is to say: lands, dwelling house, store house, barn, out houses, gardens, orchards, etc., in German Camp, Albany County, also my estate in the City of New York with the rents due thereon, and to hold said estates forever; also my negro men servants, named Jacobus, Peter and Jack, as also my black women servants, named Mary, Susan and Mary the younger, also my farming utensils, also my cattle, horses, sheep, also all my money. It is my will that my estate in New York be sold as quick as conveniently can be done in order that my two sons, Christopher and John, may be enabled to pay to each of my daughters, Margaret and Christina, £400 each or goods to the amount thereof, provided that they shall not be compelled to make immediate payment thereof but at leisure. My sons, Christopher and John, are to collect all debts due to me by bonds, notes or books. My daughter Christina shall have liberty to stay in my house while unmarried and that unmolested in consideration of her infirmities. As my affairs are at present in a declining state and as I consider it reasonable that each of my heirs above should partake of the decline in proportion, there must be a regular account kept from the date of this my last will and testament



that each bare a proportionate burthen. Also should any addition be made either by good management or otherwise, then a proportionable addition shall be made each of my heirs. The Execution of my will shall not commence until six weeks after my decease.

(Signed) JOHANNES KORTZ.

Witnesses, Pitter Blass, of German Camp, yeoman; Johannes Salbach, Johannes Salbach.

This is to certify that I, JOHN KORTZ, of the German Camp, Testator, do hereby constitute my sons, Christopher Kortz, Jun<sup>r</sup> (no other named \*) my Executors, and should one of my sons above mentioned fail by sickness or death I empower the remaining party to appoint some creditable person as an Executor to act with him.

Dated June 20, 1783. Witnesses, Johnes Salbach, Pitter Blass, Johannes Salbach. Proved, Albany County, June 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 1, 1785.

Page 208.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE DEAN, of the City of New York. I leave to my wife Anne my whole estate, real and personal, all goods, chattels, moveable or immoveable for the sole use of her and my children (not named) by her the said Anne. I make John Portious, of New York City, my Executor.

Dated January 8, 1779. Witnesses, Alexander Ogsbury, of N. Y. City, shopkeeper; Wendel Boos. Proved, October 31, 1785. Administration of above estate granted to Stewart Dean, of the City of Albany, Mariner, a brother of George Dean, late of the City of New York, Mariner, deceased, the Executor, John Portious, being absent from this state, October 31, 1785.

Page 209.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD SHARPE, of the City of New York, Merchant, in good

\*The administration shows that the other Executor was John Kortz, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

health. I leave my whole estate to my dearly beloved wife Anne her heirs and assigns forever. I appoint my said wife Anne Executrix.

Dated July 22, 1778. Witnesses, Charles Nicoll, Benj<sup>n</sup> Kissam, Thomas Marston, merchant, of N. Y. City. Proved, New York, October 31, 1785.

Page 211.—In the name of God, Amen. The 17th of September, 1783. I, WILLIAM RHINELANDER, of New York City, being weak in body. All my debts and funeral charges to be paid and for this my outstanding debts to be collected and if necessary as many of my shop goods sold as may be necessary. I leave to my wife Esther my wearing apparel, plate, and household and kitchen furniture, also the rent, use or income of my house from the time of my death till my daughter, Mary Magdalen Rhineland, shall arrive at the age of eighteen, but if my said daughter should die sooner then my wife to have the use of the above for life; My wife to retain in her hands as long as my widow and no longer the residue (after my debts are paid) of my shop goods and moveable estate, an inventory of the same first being taken, but if she marry again she to deliver into the hands of my Executors said shop goods, etc., and I order my Executors to sell them and the money therefrom, with such other moneys as may be in her hand belonging to my estate, to be put out on interest in as secure hands as they can, and the interest to be paid to my wife yearly till my daughter, Mary Magden, is eighteen, but if said daughter die sooner, then the interest to be paid to my wife yearly so long as she lives. I leave to my daughter, Mary Magden, all my estate (except such part hereinbefore willed to my wife) to be paid to her when eighteen, for her heirs and assigns forever; if she die before eighteen leaving lawful issue, then said estate to go to her child or children; but if she die before eighteen not leaving issue, then if at the death of my wife she my said wife do actually leave behind her

alive any lawful child or children by any other husband or husbands, then I give the whole of my estate to said child or children; but if my wife die not leaving issue then I give all my estate to my two brothers, Jacob and Philip Rhinelander or the survivor of them. I will that my Executors keep account of the time they spend on the settlement of my estate and retain in their hands a reasonable compensation for the same. I appoint as Executors my wife Esther, my brothers, Jacob and Philip Rhinelander, and my brother-in-law, Frederick Davoue, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Witnesses, Daniel Bowne, Stephen Sands (of N. Y. City, Watchmaker), Henry Mitchell. Proved, January 26, 1785. Confirmed, November 2, 1785.

Page 213.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD LOWDEN, of New York City, Tailor, weak in body. I leave to my daughter-in-law, Ann Row, £10, to be paid as soon as convenient or as soon as my son Richard is twenty-one. To my beloved son Richard, all my real and personal estate now in my possession or that may hereafter become due to me or my heirs by will, deed, bond or any other conveyance reserving the £10 above mentioned. If Richard die before twenty-one leaving no issue my estate to go to my brothers and sisters that are now living in Scotland, them or their heirs that may be living at the time of my decease or at the time my son is twenty-one. I make my trusty and loving friends, John Hendrickson, and his son Isaac now living at Foster Meadows, Queens County, my Executors. In case my decease should happen before my son Richard is twenty-one he not being bound to trade, my desire is he shall be bound to what trade he thinks most suitable.

Dated December 28, 1783. Witnesses, George Barwick (of N. Y. City, Tallow Chandler), Patrick Wood, Thomas Duncan. Proved, November 5, 1785.

Page 215.—Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS FOULGER, of Currysbrook or last in the district

of Schenectady, Albany County. I give my soul to God the giver, my body to the grave to be interred in a decent manner by my wife in the English Church yard in Schenectady. To my only daughter, Reb<sup>h</sup> Fuller, wife of William Fuller, now of Albany, all my wife's wearing apparel. To my son Benjamin my watch; To my two sons, Thomas and Benjamin Foulger, my household furniture of every kind, my wearing apparel, farming utensils equally divided. To my three children (Reb<sup>h</sup> Fuller, Thomas and Benjamin Foulger) the remainder of my estate. My Executor is Charles Martin, Merchant, in Schenectady.

Dated March 16, 1784. Witnesses, Thos. Thornton (of Schenectady, yeoman), James Wasson, John Wasson. Proved, Albany County, October 10, 1785. Administration granted to Benjamin Foulger, of Schenectady, Albany County, Carpenter, son of the above Thomas Foulger, deceased; Charles Martin having relinquished the Executorship, New York, November 9, 1785.

Page 217.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS LITTLE, of Corries Borough, Albany County, New York, yeoman, being well. I leave to John Wason and my daughter Dorothey, all my estate during their life, they to pay my legacies hereinafter bequeathed out of my personal estate, or if not sufficient, then out of my real estate. My real estate after the decease of the above I leave to Thomas Wason, son of John Wason, and my daughter Dorothy, his heirs and assigns forever. If my grandson, Thomas Wason Jun<sup>r</sup> should die without heirs, then my estate after the death of the above I give to all the children of John Wason which he has got or shall get by my daughter Dorothy, equally divided. To my loving wife Jane, the third part of my real estate, and one room in my house for life provided she gives or grants unto my use the sum of £100. To my daughter Jane, wife of John Glefford, £10. To my daughter Unice, wife of Duncan Quinten,

£20. To the four youngest children of William Thornton, to wit: Thomas, John, Mary and Samuel, £5. To my grandson, Thomas Little, son of my son William, £20. To Sarah, daughter of my son, William Little, £10. To my sons, Thomas Little and James Little, £5 each. To my daughter Elizabeth, wife of James More, thirty shillings. The above legacies to be paid two years after my decease. My Executors are Mr. Daniel Campbel and Mr. Reynier Mynderse.

Dated March 19, 1771. Witnesses, Caleb Beck, Benj<sup>n</sup> Young, Seth Young (of Schenectady).

*Codicil.* I, Thomas Little, of Corry's brook, do by these presents ratify my last will, dated March 19, 1771, and give to my grandson, John Little, of Corry's brook, one pound.

Dated April 10, 1772. Witnesses, Will<sup>m</sup> Johnston, William Butler, Thomas Thornton.

*Codicil.* Dated April 13, 1772. The legacies left to be paid are to be reduced in proportion to the decrease of my estate since making my will. Witnesses to second Codicil, John Duncan (of Schenectady, Esquire), Will<sup>m</sup> Johnston, Thomas Wasson. Proved, Albany County, June 13, 1785. First Codicil proved July 2, 1785. Second Codicil proved September 1, 1785. Administration granted to John Duncan, of Schenectady, Albany County, Gentleman, a creditor of Thomas Little, late of Corries Borough, yeoman, deceased, as the Executors mentioned in above will refused to serve, New York, November 9, 1785.

Page 220.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WARNER, of Kings District, Albany County, weak in body, on this 20th day of April, 1784. I leave to my dear wife Abigail, one third of my estate, real and personal, after my debts are paid to use so long as she remains my widow, and I wish that she receive (as her own) the full value of the household furniture and other personal estate she brought with her when I married her, and I give to my daughter Cloe and my son

John all my real and personal estate equally divided, except what is above written, if either decease before of lawful age then the whole to go to the other, but if both die before of lawful age, the whole to be equally divided "between my natural brothers and sisters." My executors are my brothers, Jonathan Warner and Elijah Bostwick.

Dated April 20, 1784. Witnesses, Rev<sup>d</sup> John Camp, Asa Douglas, Daniel Warner. Proved, Albany County, July 6, 1784. Confirmed, New York, November 9, 1785.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNE HENDRICKSON, of the Township of South Hempstead, Queens County, weak in body. I leave all my wearing apparel to my two daughters, Elizabeth Hendrickson and Phebe Hendrickson. The rest of my estate I order to be sold and after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I give all to my three children: Elizabeth, Phebe and Smith Hendrickson, equally, to be paid them when they come of lawful age, the girls eighteen and son twenty-one, or at marriage day, and if either die before of age then the survivors to have it. I make my good friends, John Hendrickson, my father and Richard Valentine, Esq., of North Hempstead and Benjamin Everit, Esq., of South Hempstead, my executors.

Dated October 7, 1785. Witnesses, Susanna Welch (spinster), Abigail Bunce (spinster) and Lewis Davenport (Cooper), all of South Hempstead. Proved, Queens County, November 8, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 10, 1785.

Page 223.—Know all men by these Presents that I, JOSEPH COLES, of Cedar Swamp in the township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, Weaver; being this 22nd day of May, 1785, very weak in body, not knowing how soon the messenger of death may be sent to me, so I am willing to set my house in order. I leave to my son Benjamin Coles £5. To my beloved wife Abigail all my household furniture, my stock, and

farming utensils. All my money on hand and that is due me to be collected and put to use by my Executors who are to pay to my wife so much as she shall require for her support until my grandson, Coles Field, shall arrive at the age of twenty-one, then I leave to him all the money that remains provided he give sufficient security for so much as my wife need for her support if she be yet alive, as long as she doth live, and then to remain to him and his heirs forever; in case said Coles Field die before twenty-one without lawful issue, then the money that remains after the decease of my wife to go to my grandchildren, the children of my son, Benjamin Coles, equally divided among them. My Executors are my brother-in-law, William Cock, at Metenecok in township above said, and my friend and neighbor, Isaac Coles, of Cedar swamp.

Witnesses, Ananias Downing, William Hopkins, Jun<sup>r</sup> (of Oyster Bay, yeoman), and John Downing (of Oyster Bay, yeoman).

*Codicil.* Having this 31st day of May, 1785, duly considered the above will, and have it in my mind to make some small alteration, as follows: Whereas I have a bond against my son-in-law, John Field, dated May 17, 1783, with the interest at five per cent, I order that the £400 with interest remain in the hand of said John Field as long as his wife, my daughter Charity doth live, and if he die before her to remain with her for life, and after her death to be paid as the above written will doth direct, therefore I empower my Executors to deliver up the said bond, and take the said John Field's bond for a true performance of this present instrument.

Witnesses to Codicil same as to the will. Proved, Queens County, November 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 10, 1785.

Page 225.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK TAREPENING, of Shawangunk Precinct, Ulster County, husbandman, being weak in body. I leave all my es-

tate to my beloved wife, Maria Tarepening, so long as my widow, to take to her own use and behoof the rents and profits therefrom immediately after my decease, without impeachment of waste upon this trust, and to the intent that she shall out of the profits therefrom maintain and bring up my children. After my wife's marriage or death I leave to my five sons: Levi, Morenis, Eleazer, Moses and David, and their heirs, each one fifth of all my real estate, to hold to them as tenant in common till my youngest son is of age, and if any die under age without issue such shares to be divided between the surviving sons equally. I give to my four daughters: Margaret, Jeseintie, Rachel and Elizabeth, £20 apiece to be paid by my sons after the youngest son is of age, and if any daughters die without issue such shares to be divided among the survivors. My will is that before my real estate be divided the sum of 20 shillings be paid to my son Levi, he being my oldest son living. Notwithstanding what I have heretofore willed to my wife I will that my real estate be divided among my sons after my youngest is twenty-one, provided if my widow be then living that they provide a comfortable maintenance for her. I make my wife Maria, son Levi, and beloved friends, Bowdewine Tarepening and Eliphaz Van Auke, my Executors.

Dated December 13, 1783. Witnesses, Bodewyn Terpenning, William Ralyea (of New Marlborough, yeoman) and Jacob Concklin. Proved, Ulster County, October 18, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 14, 1785.

Page 228.—In the name of God, Amen, and in the 17th day of August, 1767, I, ISRAEL ROGERS, Sen<sup>r</sup>, of Ulster County, Province of New York and Precinct of the Walkill, yeoman, in perfect mind but weak in body. I leave to Sarah, my dear beloved wife, the proper use of my house, land and moveables as long as my widow. To my eldest son, Israel, ten shillings; to my daughter Elizabeth, ten shillings; to my daughter Mary, ten



shillings; to my son Daniel, after the decease of my wife, all that land with my house and buildings thereon lying in the Precinct of Wallkill whereon I now live, during his life, and after his death to my grandson, Daniel Graham Rogers, his heirs and assigns forever, the land beginning at the east side of the Wallkill bounded as follows: running easterly along the line of my son-in-law, William Wilkin, to the land of Charles Booth, Sen<sup>r</sup>, then northerly along the said Booths line to the land of James McBride, then northwest to the Wallkill and up it to the place of beginning. To my daughter Rachel, 10 shillings; Also to my son James. I make my wife, son James, and son-in-law, William Wilkin, my Executors.

Witnesses, David Clarke, William Reynolds, Pet<sup>r</sup> Berry. Proved, New York, November 15, 1785, when William Wilkin, Esq., of Wallkill, swore that he witnessed the will.

Page 229.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EPHRAIM PAINE, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County. I leave to my dearly beloved and faithful wife Mary, two beds such as she shall choose, with all the appurtenances and furniture thereto including two pair of linen sheets and two pair of woolen sheets to each bed; Also one of my horses, and two of my cows, and ten of my sheep, and five of my swine, all such as she shall choose; Also my woman's saddle, one half of my other household furniture except beds; Also £200. To my beloved daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Chloe and Lucy Paine, each £50 respectively when eighteen. To my sons, Ephraim, Jr. and Abijah, all my farm in Amenia Precinct on which I now live, divided equally between them both to respect to quantity and quality as near as may be. To my above named five daughters that certain lot at a place called Whiteborough in Montgomery County, between the Cocquago branch of the Delaware and the Susquehannah Rivers, containing 982 acres, known as lot number three, equally

divided. To my two sons above named, 150 acres each out of lot No. six in said Whiteborough, and the remainder of lot No. six, except one fourth thereof which I have sold to Peter Garnsey, I give to my wife and my said five daughters; and if there should be any "surplussage" not disposed of in this will it is to be equally divided between my wife and my said sons and daughters. I appoint my beloved friend, Ezra Thompson and Peter Garnsey, Esq., and my wife Mary, my executors.

Dated August 3, 1785. Witnesses, Ephraim Paine, Sam<sup>l</sup> Thompson, Rebekah King (widow) and Barnabas Paine. Proved, Dutchess County, October 27, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 16, 1785.

Page 231.—I, ISAAC LEVY, of New York, do declare this to be my last will and testament. All my real estate of every kind and Denomination shall at my decease become the property of my son Asher and my daughter Esther, otherwise called Henrietta, as also my personal estate to both the same, "both borne of Elizabeth Pue," equally divided between them at the times they respectively become of age, on conditions hereafter mentioned. In case of the death of either my said son or daughter before aged twenty-one, I give my estate to the survivor, if both die before of age then to my brother, Samson Levy, and my sister, Rachel Seixas, wife of Isaac Seixas, equally. My will is that neither my son nor daughter shall marry or enter into matrimonial contract before the age of twenty-one years, but if either so do he or she shall have no share in my estate, but the share of he or she that doth marry or enter into matrimonial contract shall be given to the other that doth not marry contrary to my will; and if both marry or enter into matrimonial contract before twenty-one then I give my whole estate to my brother, Samson Levy, and my sister, Rachel Seixas. My executors are my said brother, Samson Levy, his son Moses, and my son Asher.

Dated October 22, 1776. Witnesses, Walter Shee, Benja<sup>a</sup> Condy, Edmund Nihell.

The Register for Probate of Wills, Philadelphia. Certified November 8, 1785, that the above will was a true copy from the original filed in the office at Philadelphia. Administration on the above granted to Joshua Isaacs, of the City of New York, a creditor of Isaac Levy, formerly of the same place but late of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, deceased, whereas the executors, Samson Levy, Moses Levy and Asher Levy are absent from this State, New York, November 16, 1785.

Page 233.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN FANSHER, of Poundridge, Westchester County, being in good health, this 1st day of February, 1779. I leave to my sons John, William, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Daniel and Elijah, all my lands and buildings thereon, to each an equal share; Also my moveable estate except two cows and one heifer, equally divided. To my three daughters, viz.: Abigail, Unice and Marcy, two cows and one heifer equally divided among them, viz.: that is, to each of them an equal proportion; Also all my beds, bedsteads, and furniture belonging to said beds, equally divided, etc. To my said seven sons all my undivided lands in Poundridge. I make my sons John and William my Executors.

Witnesses, William Budd Lucas, Nathan Albeen, Elizabeth Green. Proved, Westchester County, November 12, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 17, 1785.

Page 234.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTOPHER BROWN, of Upper Salem, Westchester County, being weak in body. My executors to sell as much land as needed to pay my debts. I leave to my beloved wife Lucy my moveable estate and the use and profits of what remains of my farm, after my debts are paid, for the cost and trouble of bringing up my children till my

oldest son, Isaac, arrives at lawful age, and then said Isaac to draw half the profits of the farm in partnership with his mother, both equally providing for the rest of my children until my youngest son Frederick arrives at age, provided his mother remains a widow, but if she marry before my son Isaac is of age, it shall be left to my executors to put the profits of the farm to the best use for my children. To my son Frederick, 75 acres of land on the west side of the road where my executors shall see fit after selling enough to pay my debts. To my son Isaac the remainder of the farm, provided he pays his sister Phebe £100 as soon as he is twenty-one, and pays my son Aaron £120 when he is of lawful age; my son Aaron to be brought up to some trade provided it be agreeable to himself, and provided my son Isaac provides a reasonable maintenance for his mother after the division of the farm if she remains a widow; it is my will that there be no division of the land till my youngest son is of age, and if any child die before of age without issue his or her share to be divided between the rest. I make my brother, Thomas Brown, and James Bailey, Executors, and my wife Lucy, Executrix.

Dated August 1, 1785. Witnesses, Oliver Bloodgood, Elijah Lee (of Cortlandts Manor, Esquire) and Samuel Roff. Proved, Westchester County, November 10, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 17, 1785.

Page 236.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARTHUR BEATTY, of Little Britain, Ulster County, Weaver. March 9, 1774. I order that all my stock of cattle (two cows excepted) shall be sold immediately after my decease to pay my debts and funeral expenses as far as it will go, the remaining debts and legacies to be paid by my four eldest sons, John, Archibald, Alexander and William Beatty, that is John, Alexander and William are each to pay their proportion of two thirds of said debts and legacies, and Archibald to pay one third. The legacies are: to Joseph Beatty, £16; Ar-

thur Beatty, £16; Mary Beatty, £12; Lilly Beatty, £12. Also to my beloved wife, Lilly Beatty, two milch cows and a horse to be kept by my son Archibald upon part of my farm. Likewise to my wife and my brother-in-law, Joseph McMichael a room in the house wherein I now live, while they live, my son Archibald to sufficiently to maintain and clothe my wife during her life. I give to my said three sons, John, Alexander and William, one hundred acres of land equally divided, being part of my farm adjoining Thomas Neely, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Also to my son Archibald fifty acres of my said farm with all the building whereon I now live; my farming implements to my said four oldest sons equally divided. I make my sons John, Archibald and Alexander Beatty and Samuel Sly, executors.

Witnesses, Patrick Barber (of Montgomery Precinct, Esquire) John Young, Charles Clinton. Proved, Ulster County, November 23, 1785.

Page 238.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN McLEAN, farmer, of Montgomery Precinct, Ulster County, sick and weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Margrett forever or to her assigns all my real estate, together with the house I now live in, barn and outhouses belonging to the same as they now are together with all my stock and moveables now in my possession only the following articles: To my son John one horse, known by the name Eagle, and a mare called the old Fox, my plow and its tackling; to my son Cornelius one young sorrel mare two years old with a bald face; my son Jonas to be put out to a trade and when of age I leave him £20 to be paid by my wife. Likewise to my daughters, Charity and Sarah, each £5, and my daughters Hannah Sutherland, Peggy Lewis, Catharine Moor and Mary Moor, each 40 shillings, paid at the discretion of my executor and executrix. I make my wife Executrix and James Barklay, Executor.

Dated March 24, 1785. Before signing the above I order the land that was left to my wife by her father

to be sold or as much as will pay my debts, by and with the consent of my wife Margrett. Witnesses, John Blake, George Smith, Christian Rockefeller (of Montgomery Precinct, Blacksmith). Proved, Ulster County, October 21, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 26, 1785.

Page 239.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTIAN BOLL MIER, of the City of New York, Barber, being sick and weak in body. After my debts are paid I leave to my loving brother John Godfreed, now of the City of London, in the Kingdom of England, baker, 50 guineas to be paid him soon after my decease. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my wife Dorothy so long as my widow, which bequest is in full bar of her right of dower power of thirds which she may or can in any wise claim. Immediately after the decease or remarriage of my wife all my estate to be divided equally amongst the children of my said wife, namely: Michael, Anne, Maria, Dorothy, Barbara and Margaret, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. I make Christian Schultz and Michael Nestle, both of New York City, my executors, firmly relying upon them that they will take every method for the support of my widow.

Dated October 4, 1785. Witnesses, William Kirby, John F. Vacher (of N. Y. City, Physician) Jacob Resler (of N. Y. City, Tallow Chandler). Proved, November 26, 1785.

Page 241.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CATHARINA LYNSEN, of the City of New York, widow of Abraham Lynsen, of the said City, merchant, deceased, being weak in body. It is my will that I be buried in the family vault in the New Dutch Church yard, without pride or ostentation. I leave to my two grandchildren Catharine Sands and David Lynsen each £100. To my grandson, Abraham Rutgers Lynsen, son of my son Cornelius, deceased, £350, to be paid him at such

time as he shall be out of his apprenticeship or be twenty-one years old, to be advanced to him by my Executors from time to time as they think most for his benefit, and if he die sooner without lawful issue then the said sum shall sink into the bulk of my estate and be divided among my three daughters Elizabeth, Catharine and Hester. To my said grandson, Abraham Rutgers Lynsen, my silver watch, formerly the property of his father. To my three daughters, Elizabeth, Catharine and Hester, all the rest of my estate, equally divided, and nothing in this will shall be construed so as to prevent them from possessing their equal proportions of my estate as of their own private interest and estate, and the estate hereby devised to them shall not in any wise be subject to the payment of any of the debts of their respective husbands (not named) but shall be held by them in their own right. I make Isaac Roosevelt and Gabriel William Ludlow, of the City of New York, Merchants, Executors.

Dated November 2, 1785. Witnesses, Ab<sup>rm</sup> L. Smith, James S. Smith, James Bayne Clarke (of New Milford, Conn., Gentleman). Proved, November 28, 1785.

Page 242.—I, OBIDIAH GRIFFIN, of the Nine Partners, Dutchess County, N. Y., being this 6th day of the 6th month, 1782, weak in body. I leave to my son, Edward Griffin, all my lands except thirty-five acres hereafter mentioned, to him and his heirs forever. To my well-beloved wife (not named) all the goods she brought me, and the side saddle I got for her to her own free disposal; Also, as long as she remains my widow, all the room in my house that I now possess, and my household goods and her choice of a horse and cow, and five good sheep, and one good hog, which I order my son Edward to fat well for her, and Edward to find her 100 weight of good "beaf," and privilege in my orchard, and two hogsheads of "sider," and firewood "cut drand," and Edward to make her fires, and

to find her a sufficiency of "bred corn," all the above I give to her yearly as long as my widow. Thirty-five acres of my land shall be sold soon after my decease off the west end of my farm, two lots, and running southward into the woods so far as to make 35 acres, and the money to be put at interest for the use of my wife at the discretion of my executors, and after her decease the money shall be divided, £5 I give "to the meeting" for the use of the poor, and £15 to Bartholomew my son, and £15 to my grandson, Obediah Hallock, and the rest to be equally divided between my three children, Mical, Bartholomew and Dorrity. At my decease my outdoor moveables shall be sold and my just debts paid and the rest divided between my said three children, and after my wife's decease till my household goods to be divided between my four children, Mical, Bartholomew, Dorrity and Edward. My two friends, Jonathan Holms and Nathaniel Brown, to be my Executors.

Witnesses, Jonathan Griffin, Samuel Doughty (farmer of Dutchess County), Ann Loockwood. Proved, Dutchess County, November 21, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 29, 1785.

Page 244.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SMITH, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, being in a weak state of health, and calling to mind that according to the course of Nature my dissolution draweth nigh. I leave to my son Daniel, £150; to my son Robert, £150; to my son George, £150; to my son Samuel, £80, to be left in the hands of my son Daniel to be dealt to Samuel at his discretion; to my daughter Cattrain, £10; all the remainder of my estate to my four sons, Daniel, Robert, George and Samuel Smith, their heirs and assigns forever. My sons Daniel and Robert, and my trusty friend, Samuel Mott, to be my Executors.

Dated June 17, 1785. Witnesses, James Valentine, William Gay (both of Dutchess County, farmers) and



John Laroy. Proved, Dutchess County, November 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 29, 1785.

Page 246.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CROOKE, of the City of New York, considering the uncertainty of this life. I leave to my loving sister Cornelia all my right and title in the house, lot of ground and garden thereunto adjoining, scituate in Wall street, now in my possession. All the rest of my estate real and personal in my possession, reversion and remainder I give to my brother, Charles Croke, and my said sister Cornelia equally divided. I make my said brother Charles and said sister Cornelia, Executors.

Dated May 24, 1770. Witnesses, John Smith, Thomas Barclay, Abraham Ferdon. Sworn to by Jarvis Roebuck, of New York City, Cork cutter; Cary Ludlow, of said City, Esquire, who swore to the signatures of above John Smith and Abraham Ferdon, and also James Barclay of said City, Merchant, who swore to the signature of above Thomas Barclay. Proved, October 26, 1785.

Page 247.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CONSELYE, of Bushwick, Kings County, do make my last will as I lay very weak and in poor state of health. I first give to my Executors, Peter Conselye and William Conselye, both of said County, my real and personal estate to be sold to pay my creditors and the remainder to be divided amongst my children, two parts to my dear son John, and one part to my dear daughter Sary, I now on my last dying day do sign this my last will and testament this 12th of Sept<sup>r</sup>, and in the ninth year of the Independency of estate of America in the year of Our Lord, 1785.

Witnesses, Andrew Van Horne, David Gibson (of Bushwick, Cordwainer) Sam<sup>l</sup> Provoost. Proved, November 29, 1785.

Page 248.—In the name of God, Amen, the third day of June, 1767. I, JOHN KLAWE, of the Flats of

Loonenburgh, in the County of Albany, husbandman, being weak in body. All my debts to be paid and all due me received by my Executors. I leave to my beloved wife Mary during her life or so long as my widow, all my estate, real and personal, reposing great trust and confidence in my wife touching this my last will. To my eldest son, Jury, one mare colt, or 10 shillings. To my three daughters named Rachel, Cornelia and Leah, to wit, to each two cows and two sheep; Also one feather bed each, two blankets, two pairs of sheets, two pillows and pillow cases each, and one green rug to each; Also three iron pots to each, of three sizes, large, middling and small; Also two pewter dishes, half a dozen pewter plates and half a dozen chairs to each, to be given them at the time of their coming of age or on their marriage day, at the discretion of my wife or not till the death of my wife as she thinks proper. To each of said daughters £30, to be levied out of my estate after the decease of my wife and not before. To my son William £40, after the decease of my wife, also to my son Francis, also to my son John, these three sums of money as also those given to my above daughters to be paid by my son Casper. To my daughter Leah my black Stallion, to my granddaughter Elizabeth one cow and two sheep. To my four sons named, Casper, William, Francis and John, all my horses, mares and colts on the demise of my wife and not before. My negro Prince to my son Casper and his heirs forever. To my three sons, William, Francis and John, equally divided between them that tract of land now in the possession of my brother, Francis Klawe, in Clavarack, Albany County, with all the profits therefrom. The remainder of my personal estate left on the demise of my wife, such as household goods and cattle of all and every sort, to be equally divided between my four sons, Casper, William, Francis and John. To my son Casper all that farm or bowery whereon I now dwell on the flats in the County of Albany to him and his heirs forever, with the tools

of husbandry upon condition and in hopes he will be careful of his brothers and sisters doing the best he can for them till they arrive at the age of maturity to do for themselves. I make my wife Mary, Executrix, and my son Casper, Executor, and my trusty friends, William Hallenbeek and Captain Jacob Hallenbeek of the County of Albany, overseers of this my will and for their pains I hope they will meet with a reward from above.

Witnesses, Jury Van Loon (of Coxsackie, yeoman) Hans Koning, Casper Hallenbeek (of Coxsackie, yeoman). Proved, Albany County, January 22, 1785. Confirmed, New York, November 30, 1785.

Page 251.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CAMBRIDGE, late servant of John Wright, watchmaker, in Flushing, being of sound mind. I leave to my well-beloved daughter, Dinah, £25; to my son George, £25. To my friend Mink, now servant to Mr. John Murray, my best coat and £4. To my friend, Sarah Williams, £5. The moneys I have herein bequeathed to be paid into the hands of Stephen Rapalje, merchant, New York, twelve months after my decease, and kept by him till my children are at lawful age, he to have the interests due thereon for his trouble. The overplus of my estate, if any, to be divided between my two children, Dinah and George, and if there is not sufficient for what is bequeathed, the loss to be equally deducted from the shares of said children. I make Silas Lawrence, of Flushing, my Executor.

Dated December 16, 1778. Witnesses, Barnardus Lagrange, Charles Lowe. Sworn to by Stephen Rapalje, of N. Y. City, Merchant. Proved, October 29, 1785. Administration granted December 1, 1785, to the above Stephen Rapalje, the Executor Silas Lawrence being thus deceased. The testator was called in the proof "Cambridge late of the City of New York aforesaid a free Negro."

(Signed)

CAMBRIDGE.

Page 252.—I, JOHN BURLING, of the City of New York, “being thro favor in health and of sound memory,” do this 8th day of the 8th month, 1783, make my last will. I leave to my loving wife Ann for life my house in Queen street where I at present live and my household goods. To my son, John Burling, £7. To my sons Peter, William, James and Philip, and my daughter, Phebe Burling, all estate equally divided. I make my wife Ann, Executrix, and my sons Peter and William, Executors.

Witnesses, Andrew Underhill, Edward Lawrence (Gentleman), Effingham Embree (watchmaker). Proved, December 1, 1785.

Page 253.—In the name of God, Amen. The 29th day of July, 1785. I, SARAH FERRIS, daughter of Moses Fowler, deceased, of Eastchester in Westchester County, widow, being very sick. I leave to my son, George Ferris, now living at Nova Scotia, ten shillings, as a bar against him, his heirs, Ex<sup>rs</sup>, Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns so that they shall be forever prohibited from any part of any of my estate, and the said sum of ten shillings I do give to him his heirs or assigns forever. To my well-beloved daughter, Elenor Davis, £20 out of my estate. To my daughter, Susanna Angevine, £10. To my grandson, James Haynes, the son of my daughter, Abigail Munday, £10, when twenty-one. I order my Executors some short time after my decease to sell all my real and personal estate as they shall think most advantageous, and after my debts are paid, the money I give equal alike, that is, to my sons Soloman, Richard, John and Stephen Ferris, share and share alike, when they come to twenty-one years or have lawful issue, and if any should die before twenty-one without issue then their shares to be divided between the surviving brothers, and the shares of those who shall be under age to be put at interest for their maintenance and schooling. I make my trusty friends, Samuel Tredwell of Eastchester, and Peter

Bonnet, of New Rochelle and John Barker \* my Executors.

Witnesses, Mary Robertson, Daniel Bonnet (of New Rochelle, yeoman). Proved, Westchester County, November 23, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 2, 1785.

Page 255.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HANNAH MUNNIL, of New Windsor, Ulster County, being weak in body, do this 1st day of September, 1785, make my last will. I leave to John Munnil one half of my farm in the Precinct of Walkill, Ulster County, on that side next the farm of said John Munnil for which he and his heirs are to pay yearly forever to the trustees of the "Prispeterin Meetin' house" at Nealy Town fifteen shillings, for the use of said church. To Rosanna Dinnastan the other half of my said farm, and her heirs are to pay yearly forever to the trustees of the said church fifteen shillings. To William Weare, Jun<sup>r</sup>, son of Rachel Sparks, and his heirs, my house and lot of land in New Windsor, Ulster County, and if he die without lawful issue then to his brother, John Weare, for which the said Weare and his heirs to pay yearly forever to the trustees of the "Prispeterin Meetin house" at Little Britten thirty shillings. To Mary McCoy the place where I now live during her life, with all the use and profits, and at her death to William Weare, Jun<sup>r</sup>, son of Rachel Sparks, and if he die without issue then to his brother, John Weare. To "my Mary McCoy" one feather bed and bedding, "one bay hors fore years old," one black cow with white face. Further the rent of my farm at the Wallakill for "tue" years or the time I have rent it is to remain with my Executors who are to pay out of it to George Munnil twenty-two pounds, ten shillings, if he live till the said rent comes due, if he die before then to his daughter, Jane Hill. Further to Martha Pennear, my looking glass, one feather bed, and if she die then to

\* Called James Barker in the proof.

her daughter Betsey. The rent of my house at New Windsor till William Weare, Jr, come of age shall be equally devided between William Weare and Martha Pinnear, William's part to be put at interest till he is of age and then paid to him, and Martha's part to be put at interest till the said William is of age, but if Martha should be a widow or in want of the said money, my Executors may pay it to her before, if she die, then to her children. Further my seat in the "Prispeteran Meating house" at New Windsor to be left to whosoever shall live in my said house, "tha" paying the "minnasters sallery," and if not paid by them then the trustees of the said house to rent it out for the ministers salary. Further the rest of my "persanable estate" to be sold, and the money left after paying my debts and legacies to be equally divided between Martha Pinnear, Hannah McCoy, Nansey Weare, Jennet Weare and Jane Hill. My friends John Robbison, Esq., George Harris and William Jackson, my Executors, with power to appoint if any of them die any other person Executor if they belong to the same church.

(Signed) HANNAH MONNELL.

Witnesses, Benjamin Smith, Caterain Smith, Leonard D. Nicoll.

*Codicil*, October 1, 1785. I give to my sister, Mary McCoy, the place where I now live in New Windsor Precinct, Ulster County, containing ten acres; and also one half of my wearing apparel, and the other half to Martha Pinnear. One half of the rent of my place in New Windsor to Mary McCoy and Martha Pinnear, equally divided, till William Weare, Jr., come of age, and the other half to be laid out in repairing the said house; my desk to Mary McCoy for life and at her death to William Weare, Jr.; to my said sister Mary McCoy, one "bibal" one Psalm book and the Confession of faith; to William Weare, Jr., "Flavil's works."

(Signed) HANNAH MUNNIE, her mark.

Witnesses to Codicil, Benjamin Smith, Caterine Smith, Leonard D. Nicoll. Proved, Ulster County, November 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 3, 1785.

Page 258.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN YEOMANS, of the Precinct of Haverstraw, Orange County, Carpenter, being very sick. I leave to my well-beloved wife all my household goods and furniture, forever, all my estate in lands, goods, and chattels shall be at the command of my wife as long as my widow, and when she marry or depart this life then my estate to be equally divided among my children (not named) except two milch cows which I will she shall have with her if she marry. Notwithstanding the above my eldest son, Jonathan, shall have five pounds more than the rest for his birthright whom I also constitute my heir at law. I make my wife, my beloved brother-in-law, Jacobus Blauvelt, and my trusty friend, John Jersey, my Executors.

Dated December 13, 1773. Witnesses, James Waring, Elbert Onderdonk, James Anson. Proved, December 3, 1785.

Page 259.—I, WILLIAM BENNET, of the township of Oyster Bay, Queens County. My debts to be paid out of my moveable estate, if not sufficient then my Executors to sell such of my real estate as to discharge my debts and no more. If my moveable estate should be likely to overpay my debts my Executors to save the best of my household goods and let my family have the use of them till my youngest child be eighteen if she lives, if she die before, then till my son be twenty-one, if he die before then till my youngest daughter be eighteen then living. If after said sales there should be some "overplush" money after my debts are paid, then it to be put at interest for the benefit of my children. I order my Executors to sell my real estate when my youngest daughter is eighteen or when my youngest child is eighteen or twenty, as

life is uncertain, the proceeds to be divided as follows: To my beloved wife Elizabeth, one third of the money; to my son Henry, £50; the remainder equally divided between all my children, Elizabeth, Abigail, Phebe, Henry and Sarah, at the time my place is sold; also the household goods that my family have the use of to be divided between all my children living when my place is sold. I make my friend, James \* Carpenter, Executor, and my neighbors, William Mudge, Isaac Coles and Jordan Coles, all of the township above mentioned, my Executors, they to be reasonably paid for their time and expence.

Dated 7th day of the 10th month, 1780. Witnesses, James Armstrong, Robert Russel, Jacob Coles (of Oyster Bay, yeoman). Proved, Queens County, December 9, 1785.

Page 261.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH WRIGHT, of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being far advanced in age, but in good health. I leave to my son Joseph (my eldest son), £20. All the residue of my estate, real and personal, to my son Samuel, except such articles as I herein give away, but it is on condition that he pay to my grandson, James Wright, son of my son Hallett, deceased, £80 as soon as my grandson is of lawful age; also that he pay my son Joseph the said £20 above given him within one year of my decease, also that he pay my grandson, John Day, £30 when of age or married; also that he pay my granddaughter, Hannah Day, £20 when of age or married; also that he pay my granddaughter, Ann Day, £20 when of age or married; also to my grandson, Joseph Wood, £20, and to my grandson, Samuel Wood, £5 within two years after my decease. I give to my granddaughter, Hannah Day, a feather bed, one silver tablespoon, one pewter platter, half a dozen pewter plates and four sitting chairs. To

\* The proof of will states that the name "my loving brother Jame Bennet" was erased and that of James Carpenter here inserted.



my granddaughter, Ann Day, a feather bed, etc., same as to Hannah. To both the above my gold sleeve buttons and my "turtle shell snuff box set in silver, one to have the buttons and the other the snuff box, but Hannah to have her choice." I make my son, Samuel Wright, and my friends and neighbors, John Burling and John Roe, Executors.

Dated October 23, 1784. Witnesses, Gilbert Field (of Flushing, shoemaker), Daniel Tuthill, Fanney Wright (spinster). Proved, Queens County, December 6, 1785.

Page 263.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RACHEL HICKEY, late of the City of New York, but at present residing in Harington Township, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. I give "all my goods, chattles, effects and otheres of whatsoever kind" to my five grandchildren, viz.: Hickey Bates, John Bates, Rachel Bates and James Gitfield, children of my daughter Rachel, at present the wife of Benjamin Gitfield, and Elizabeth, "a natural child of my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Arthur Dingwell," equally divided; if any die without lawful issue before receiving the estate, his or her share to be divided among the survivors. If my daughter Elizabeth shall, before the division of my estate, have any more issue, then every child hereafter born shall share in my estate equally with my grandchildren hereinbefore named. I make my daughter Rachel, Executrix, my friend, John Riker, Executor.

Dated June 2, 1783. Witnesses, John De Lameeter, Abraham Delamater, John Haring (of New York City, Esquire). Proved, December 13, 1785.

Page 264.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD HOLSTEAD, of Goshen, Orange County, New York, being now in health of body. Concerning my worldly estate, I give and bequeath in the following manner, desiring every one concerned in the distribution there-

of will be contented and satisfied therewith. I give to my Executors so much of my moveable estate for them to dispose of for my debts and funeral charges. To my beloved wife Esther the remainder of my household furniture, excepting my large cupboard, and sufficient room in my dwelling house, and the benefit of half my homestead lot adjoining my said house; also one riding horse, two cows, six sheep; the above said benefit of my house and lot shall remain to her no longer than she shall remain my widow, and the furniture and creatures be hers forever. To my son Michael my whole farm that I now live on, lying on the west side of the "drowned land," and the Wallakill, within the Patent of Wawayandea, in the County aforesaid, which I lately purchased from Henry Davee, his deed will give the boundaries of said tract, which shall remain together with the "improvements and appurtenances thereunto," and my working horses, mares, and all other creatures, and farming utensils, to him, my said son Michael and his heirs forever. To my daughter, Sarah Seely, my above mentioned large cupboard, and half of my right to a certain tract of land which was set off, containing about 3,000 acres, for the benefit of those persons having town rights belonging to the township of Goshen, within the Patent of Wawayandea, which said half of my whole right shall remain to my said daughter and her daughters forever. To my grandson, Samuel Holstead, my other half of my whole right as above mentioned, for him and his heirs forever. To all my sons, Richard, Joseph, Isaiah, Benjamin and Michael Holstead, the remainder of all my town right of lands in the Wawayandea Patent. To my son Benjamin the remainder of my southeast division lot of land in the town of Goshen, supposed to be about ten acres. To my sons Richard and Isaiah, each 5 shillings out of my moveable estate. I order my son Michael to provide sufficiently with all necessaries and firewood for my wife Esther and for her creatures during her widowhood. I make my wife

and sons, Joseph and Michael, or the survivors of them, my executors.

Dated May 5, 1774. Note before signing the above, my will, is that my "Pue" in the "Presbeteran" meeting house in Goshen shall remain for the use of my family till they shall see cause to dispose of it. Witnesses, Henry David, Daniel Everett (of Goshen, Esquire), Susanna Huge. Proved, Orange County, December 1, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 14, 1785.

Page 267.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL ROE, of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, New York, farmer, being in good health, do this 7th day of August, 1770, make this my last will. My debts to be paid out of my personal estate a short time after my decease. I leave to my son Jonas all the farm I now live on at Florida, in the Precinct of Goshen, containing 100 acres, also 200 acres on the long ridge in the said Precinct; and I order my son Jonas, his heirs or assigns, to pay to my daughter, Elizabeth Davis, £25 within six months after my wife's decease, and in like manner to pay to my daughter, Mary Dekey, £25; and to my daughter, Abigail Allison, £25; and to my daughter, Deborah Knap, £25; Also I order my said son Jonas, his heirs or assigns, shall well and sufficiently take care of and support my well-beloved wife Mary in all necessaries during her life; the remainder of my personal estate to my four said daughters (above named) within six months after my decease. I make my two sons, to wit, Jonah and Nathaniel, Executors.

Witnesses, Michael Jackson (of Goshen, Esquire), John Thompson, Mary Jackson. Proved, Orange County, October 20, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 14, 1785.

Page 268.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LARENCE VANDERHOF, of the City and County of New York Car, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. My

debts to be discharged out of my personal estate. I leave to my son Larrence £5, to be paid out of my personal estate. To my said son Lawrence £10, to be paid out of my estate before any division be made. To my son John £10 paid before any division be made. All my real and personal estate in New York and elsewhere shall be equally divided among all my children, namely: Mary, wife of Stephen Allen; Caterin, wife of Thomas Outwater, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of John West; Lawrence, John, Jain Vanderhof, Angenitia Vanderhof and Sarah Vanderhof, "shair and shair alyck." It is my will that my dear and loving wife Angenietia shall remain in full possession of my real and personal estate for life or while my "wedue," and I give her full power, lawful "atoraty" to sell any of my estate as she shall "tink" fit for the maintenance of the family during her unmarried life. I make my wife Executrix and my trusty friends, Abraham P. Lott and Peter Cortenius, my Executors.

(Signed) LAWRENCE VANDERHOFF, his mark.

Dated September 6, 1775. Witnesses, Cornelius Vanderoef, John Vanderhoef, John Outwater (of Bergen County, N. J., yeoman). Proved, December 15, 1785. Administration granted to Angenetia Vanderhoff.

Page 270.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM TAPPEN, of the County of Richmond, New York, Shipwright. To my nephew, David Tappen, £5. Unto my dearly beloved wife Leah the use of all my estate while my widow. After her death or marriage all my estate to my daughter Mary, wife of Garret Ellis. Should she die without issue then my estate to the two daughters of my brother, Asher Tappen, namely, Elizabeth and Ellinor, equally divided. I appoint my wife Leah, Executrix and my son-in-law, Garret Ellis, Executor.

Dated February 24, 1783. Witnesses, Jacob Spragg, Mary Spragg and Isaac Doty. Proved, October 15, 1785.

Page 271.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, BARENT VISSCHER, of the City of Albany, Indian trader, being in health, considering the frailty of life, the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time. To my beloved wife Sarah the mean profits of all my estate, real and personal, for the support of her and my children (hereinafter named) and that so long as my widow with this restriction that she is not to “Aliene waste nor imbezle” anything thereof but only to have the mean profits or income thereof. And after her death or marriage I give to my beloved children, Anna Visscher and Sarah Visscher, and the child or children that my wife may hereafter bear unto me all my estate, real and personal, equally divided, as well the estate I may have at my decease, as the estate which I am to have by virtue of the will of my deceased father, all my estate in possession or reversion equally divided among my children by my said wife Sarah. Executors, my stepfather, Joh<sup>s</sup> Roorback, my brother-in-law, Bastiaen H. Visscher.

Dated —tenth (gone) of April, 1769. Witnesses, Staats Van Santvoord (of Half Moon District, Blacksmith), James Dole, Anna Shuyler. Proved, November 22, 1785, Albany County. Administration granted New York, December 19, 1785 to Sarah Visscher, of Albany, widow of Barent Visscher of the same place, Indian Trader, the Executors, Johannes Roorback and Bastiaen H. Visscher having relinquished the Executorship, November 22, 1785.

Page 273.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOACHIM JANSEN, of Lonenburg, Albany County, being at present in “midling good bodily health.” Whenever it shall please Almighty God to take me out of this transient world I will that my body be buried in a decent and Christian manner, and my debts paid by my three sons Johannis, Peter and Ruloff. I leave to my son Johannes one of my best horses in consideration of his being my first born son and to debar him from any

other claim in consequence of his birthright. To my son Coenraed the exact quarter share of the woodland purchased by me from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Van Berghen and Salsbury as by the deeds for said land to him and his heirs forever. To each of my five daughters, viz.: Fytje, Mary, Geesje, Eytje and Lena, £30, to be paid them within two years after my decease by my three sons, Johannes, Peter and Ruloff. To my son Coenraed £30, to be paid him as above. In case my son Johannes die before his wife Mary she shall have her maintenance out of my estate she continuing to live with either of my other sons Peter or Rulof. To my daughter Eytje on her marriage day, a good outset, a good horse and cows and sheep, as my other daughters have had, and if she should not marry then to have her maintenance out of my estate she continuing to live with either of my sons, Johannes, Peter or Ruloff. To my daughter Eytje the Negro girl Kate. To my son Coenraed the Negro named Harr. To my daughter Lena the Negro girl Jane. All the rest of my real and personal estate to my three sons, Johannes, Peter and Ruloff. I make my two beloved sons, Johannes and Peter, my Executors.

Dated August 2, 1778. Witnesses, Henry Knoll (of District of Coxackie, Surgeon), John Burghedt, Rulif Ryan. Proved, Albany County, November 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 24, 1785.

Page 275.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHAWAY GREEN, of New Lebanon in Kings District in the County of Albany, being about sixty years of age. I leave to my son Daniel and his heirs ten shillings, and all my wearing apparel except shirts and stockings; to my son, Jones Green, all the farm known as the "Cabeneer farm" which I bought of Elijah Owen, with one half of my cart and one half of my "Croo bar," grind stone, dog chain, etc. To my son Joshaway that known as the "huff farme" with the buildings and all the moveable estate I leave at my decease

-except one old bed, "tew blancits," one coverlid, five sheep, one old side saddle. To my daughters, Mary Fox, Catharine Tabor, Abigill Hochings, Elizabeth Sciner, Susanna Fox, one bed, etc., as above, equally divided to the above daughters. I "apint" my son-in-law, Josiah Skinner, sole Executor.

Dated May 5, 1783. Witnesses, Robart Havens (yeoman), Richard Thurber, John Bivins.

*Codicil*, May 5, 1783, ratifying the above but reserving to my beloved wife Alce, a good riding beast, one cow, and all other necessaries for her support for life out of the estate bequeathed by me to Joshuway Green Jr. (Signed) JOSHUA GREEN.

Witnesses to Codicil, same as to will. Proved, Albany County, September 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, December 24, 1785.

Page 277.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MERIAM SMITH, of North Hempstead, Queens County, being weak in body, having desire to settle my temporal affairs while I have reason so to do, do this 30th day of August, 1785, make my last will. I leave to my loving sister, Hannah Smith, £100 in cash, my half or part of the rideing chair, one feather bed and bedding thereunto belonging the second best. To my sister Phebe her daughters, namely, Hannah and Salley Barton, £40 each, to be put out at interest for the use of the said children till they come of age or marry. To my sister, Sarah Smith, £100 in cash, my best feather bed, etc., and all the residue of my estate to her and her heirs forever. My brother-in-law, John Barton, and Thomas Williams, Executors. Witnesses, Elizabeth Ludlam, Joseph Denton, James Cornwell (of North Hemstead, yeoman). Proved, Queens County, December 28, 1785.

Page 278.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD CHARLTON, Rector of St. Andrews, Richmond County. I give my soul to the Omnipotent God that gave it in

stedfast hope of pardon and forgiveness of my numerous sins thro' his mercy and the merits of Jesus Christ, my body to be interred with decency and frugality. I leave to the respective children of Thomas Bayeux of New York and Henry Bayeux of Poughkeepsie, £300; £100 of which I bequeath to Thomas Bayeux, son of Thomas Bayeux, of New York, who served his time to my son, John Charlton, the other £200 to be divided between the other children. The remainder of my personal estate I bequeath as follows: one third to my son, John Charlton; one third to my grandson, John Charlton Dongan when twenty-one, or if he dies sooner then half to my son John and half to the children of my daughter, Catherine Bayley, deceased, share and share alike; the remaining third to the children of my daughter, Catherine Bayley, share and share alike, in case they all die before eighteen or married the said third to be divided between my son John and my grandson, John Charlton Dongan, if he live to twenty-one, otherwise to my son the whole. I authorize my Executor to advance what sums out of the interest of said bequest as he shall deem to the advantage of the said children of my daughter. Notwithstanding the above bequests I leave to my granddaughter, Mary Bayley, my Negro girl Bett, and to her two sisters (not named) my Negro Boy, formerly named Brennus. To my grandson, John C. Dongan, my Negro man, Adam; in case the above Legatees do not arrive of age then the said Negroes shall become my son John's property, he directing the management and employment of said Negroes until the times above specified arrive. To my son John, my Negro boy, Titus, my Negro wench, Phebe, and Negro man, Carlos, but if said Carlos be disposed of before my decease I hereby give him his choice of my remaining servants. To my son John also my gold watch, stock button, and sleeve buttons, with my silver spurs. To Elizabeth Nicolls my Negro wench, Nan, and £30 to be paid twelve months after my decease upon this ex-



press Condition that she shall live with me till my decease, if not, the wench and £30 to be joined to the rest of my estate. It is my positive will that no legacies be paid before my debts are paid. My son John my sole Executor.

Dated June 23, 1777. Witnesses, Thomas Frost (Doctor), Joseph Guyon (farmer), Isaac Doty. Proved, Richmond County, October 10, 1777. Confirmed, New York, October 30, 1777. Recorded, January 7, 1786.

Page 280.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DEBORAH SNETHEN, of Mosquito Cove in the Township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, being this twentieth day of January, 1785, weake in bodey. My Executors to sell the "whole of the fast estate that I died seised of" and the money therefrom to be divided in manner following: To my grandson, John Nair, £10, the remainder to be equally divided between my four grandsons, Nicholas, John, Carlton and Gregory Snethen. My moveable estate to be divided in manner following: to my son, Barak Snethen, one horse; to my grandson, John Nairn, one heffer; to my grandson, John Snethen, one cow; to my grandson Charlton, one Cow; all my farming utensils to my grandson, Nicholas Snethen, such as, waggon, plow, harrow, hose, axes, etc. To my granddaughter, Deborah Snethen, all my household goods, that is, four beds and bedding, curtains, one cupboard, one desk, three tables, one dozen chairs, my brass, iron and pewter, etc., and my "weairing apperril." I make my beloved son Barak Snethen and my nephew Willet Weaks my Executors.

Witnesses, Mordecai Beedel (of Oyster Bay, Carpenter), Jacob Carpenter, Tillot Colwell (of Oyster Bay, Carpenter). Proved, Queens County, January 5, 1786.

Page 282.—In the Name of God, I, JONATHAN LEWIS, of Staten Island, Richmond County, being sick

and weak. I will that my Executors shall dispose of all my goods, chattels, lands, mills, and tenements as they in their discretion think fit within two years after my decease except such articles as shall hereinafter be bequeathed, and I give them full power to sell all my lands, mills, and tenements within the County of Richmond to any persons and their heirs forever by all such lawful ways as to my Executors or their Council learned in the law shall seem fit. To my dearly beloved wife Mary, my best horse and riding chair, two of my best cows of her own choosing, with sufficient of my household furniture to furnish her room together with the sum of £100 to be first taken out of my estate, and that in lieu of her dowry or power of thirds upon my estate. Also she to have the use of my negro wench and the yearly interest of £50 for life or while my widow. I will that my Executors use £10 for the further education of my son Joseph. After my debts, funeral charges and the above legacies are paid, the remainder of my estate shall be divided among my children in manner following: To my son Jonathan, one eighth of my estate, to my son David one eighth, to my son James one eighth, to my son Israel one eighth, to my son Joseph one eighth, to my daughter, Sarah Degroot, one sixteenth part; to my daughter, Catharine Hutchinson, one sixteenth; to my daughter, Mary Lewis, one sixteenth; to my daughter, Frances Lewis, one sixteenth; to my daughter, Elizabeth Lewis, one sixteenth; to my daughter, Phebe Lewis, one sixteenth; none of the said legacies to be paid to any of my children till they are twenty-one years old, but if my Executors have money on hand and shall think proper to make a dividend thereof amongst those of my children that are of the above mentioned age, those of them that are under that age shall have the interest of their dividend yearly for their support till they arrive of full age to receive such dividend or their full legacy. If any of my children die under age their part to be divided among my surviving children. I recom-

mend my Executors at the sale of my houses and lands to reserve such part as they think convenient for the reception and continuing of my family together during the life or widowhood of my beloved wife Mary, and after her decease or discontinuance of widowhood such house or land reserved shall be sold as also my Negro wench and the money divided as aforesaid. I appoint my wife Executrix, my trusty friend and brother-in-law, David Latourette, my sons Jonathan and David, all of Staten Island, Executors.

Dated October 28, 1785. Witnesses, John Latourette, Abraham Vail (weaver) and Edward Hall (schoolmaster). Proved, Richmond County, January 5, 1786.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL MARSTON, of the City of New York, Merchant, being at present in health of body. I leave to “the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in communion of the church of England as by law established the sum of £500 New York Money to be by them applied to and for the use of the Charity school under their care in the City of New York” and to be paid them six weeks after my death. To my daughter-in-law, Ann Van Home, the wife of Augustus Van Horn, £100, for a suit of mourning. To Stephen Kibble and his heirs the house he now lives in and the lot on which it stands as far as to the well in the same lot, and the stable upon the lot adjoining the same house, standing on the front of a lot on the rear of which there is a Still House, to hold the same house and stable during my right in the same; Also to Stephen Kibble £100 to be paid him within six weeks after my death. To my daughter, Margaret Ogilvie, the house and ground where she now lives, and one half of the Coach house and stables lately built in Smith street for life, and upon her death the same to her son Nathaniel Phillipse and his heirs forever. But if said Nathaniel Phillipse die in the lifetime of his mother, without law-

ful male issue, then after her death I give the same to his brother, Frederick Phillipse; if said Frederick die in the lifetime of his mother leaving no lawful male issue, I give the same, after her death, to his brother, Adolph Philipse; if the said Adolph die in like manner I give the same to my son, John Marston. To my said daughter, Margaret Ogilvie, my negro girl named Nancy, being the daughter of my negro man, George, at Prospect farm. To my son, Thomas Marston, the house he now lives in and the house David Matthews now lives in, with the store houses and water lots thereunto belonging; Also my farm called the Prospect farm, with the still house and all the building thereon, and all the furniture and utensils belonging to the farm, still house and outhouses, and the Negroes living thereon, by name George and his wife Violet and her youngest child, and Negro man named York, and all the cattle and horses on the said farm, and the boat, sails and furniture belonging to her, except that part of the farm adjoining Jacob Le Roy, about eight acres, formerly belonging to Waldron of Horn's hook and bought of him by John Brown. Also to said Thomas the Coach, Coach house and stables and the lot they stand on in King street, adjoining the lot late of James Jarvis, deceased, and also my coach and chariot horses. To my grandson Nathaniel, son of my son Thomas, my negro boy named Prince, the son of my negro man George, at the Prospect farm. To my son John the dwelling house I now live in with the store house adjoining, and the land belonging to the same as now possessed by me, and the still house on the rear of the lot now possessed by Stephen Kibble; Also that part of the said Prospect farm above excepted, adjoining Jacob Le Roy; Also the remaining half of the land and Coach house and stables lately built thereon in Smiths street. To my grandson Nathaniel, son of my son John, my Negro boy named Bill. To my granddaughter, Frances Marston, one of the daughters of my son Nathaniel, deceased, the house and lot on Han-

over Square formerly occupied by Ann Grant and adjoining to a house of John Troup, deceased. To my granddaughter, Mary Marston, the other daughter of my son Nathaniel, the house and lot on Hanover Square now occupied by Sebring and adjoining the house given to her sister Frances, and if either die before marriage then the survivor to have both houses and lots. It is my will that my children divide what plate and furniture I have equally between them, and that my slaves not already given away shall be at liberty to go to such of my children as they shall choose and shall not be valued but given to them clear of any charge. The rest of my estate, real and personal, I give to my children and grandchildren, Thomas Marston, John Marston, Margaret Ogilvie, Francis Marston, and Mary Marston, the said Thomas, John, Frances and Mary Marston to hold each one fifth part, their heirs and assigns forever, and the other fifth part to Margaret Ogilvie for life, and at her death to her said sons Adolph, Frederick and Nathaniel equally divided. But if the said residue of my estate should exceed £40,000 then all above that amount to go to my said sons Thomas and John, besides their equal share in the £40,000. My Executors to sell the residue of my real estate that a just division may be made, and to put at interest the share of my daughter, Margaret Ogilvie, and pay her the yearly interest for life, but at her death the same shall go to her three said sons, if any of them die before their mother his third part to go to my sons, Thomas and John. My said granddaughter's shares to be paid them at their Marriage days and not before, if one should die before marriage half her share to go to her surviving sister and the other half to my sons John and Thomas. I make my said sons, John and Thomas, Executors, and I recommend them to support my two sisters, Mary Marston and Ann Grant, for life, in a handsome manner.

Dated February 8, 1776. Witnesses, Jas. Jauncey

(of New York City, Gentleman), Evert Bancker, Zacharis Sickels.

*Codicil*, September 12, 1778. Whereas I have given to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York for the charity school £500 to be paid within six weeks after my decease, now I order that the said sum be paid as soon as convenient after my decease out of monies due me upon bonds from Beverly Robinson, and from no other part of my estate. I give to my grandsons, Nathaniel, son of my son Thomas, and Nathaniel, son of my son John, £500 current money of the Island of Jamaica when they are twenty-one, out of monies due me on a bond or mortgage dated July 1, 1773, executed and given me by Nathaniel Grant, late of the Parish of Kingston, County of Surry, in the said Island of Jamaica, Esquire; if my said grandson Nathaniel, son of John, die under age the said £500 to my grandson Thomas, son of my son John, when twenty-one; and if my said grandson Thomas die under age to my grandson John, son of said John, when twenty-one; and if my grandson John dies under age then to be equally divided between all the other children of my said son John when respectively twenty-one years. I will that my said sons, Thomas and John, shall have the interest of their children's shares during their minority, and apply the same for their maintenance and education. I hereby ratify every article of my will not hereby altered.

Witnesses to codicil, Beverly Robinson, Robert R. Waddell, Samuel Jones. Proved, February 1, 1779. Administration granted to Thomas and John Marston by William Tryon, Captain General and Governor in chief of the Province of New York. Provided nevertheless that these Presents shall not be construed to the prejudice of a certain Instrument dated October 3, 1778, purporting to be a codicil of the above will, against the proving whereof a Caveat hath been interposed in the Prerogative office of the Province of New York, the merits of which Caveat remain as yet un-

heard "by reason that my duty as Major General in his Majesty's Army will not afford me leizure duly to hear and determine concerning the same"; And the granting of these presents shall at no time hereafter preclude me or my successors from hearing and deciding upon the said Caveat or proving the said Instrument if upon hearing the merits of the said caveat it shall appear that the said Instrument ought to be proved as a Codicil of the last will of Nathaniel Marston, deceased.

Dated Fort George, New York City, February 10, 1779. Recorded, January 16, 1786.

(Signed)

W<sup>M</sup> TRYON.

Page 292.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS DUSSOSWAY, of Staten Island, Richmond County, yeoman, being weak and sickly in body. I leave to my dear and loving wife Mary all the farm in the township of Woodbridge, New Jersey, about 900 acres, bounded southerly by the Highway, Westerly by land belonging to Michael Long, Richard Wright, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and land formerly belonging to John Pierson, deceased, Northerly by land belonging to Moses Bloomfield, and Easterly by land formerly belonging to Nathaniel Fitz Randolph, Esq<sup>r</sup>, deceased, to the only proper use of my said wife for life, and after her decease to be divided between my two sons, Cornelius and Israel, when they attain the age of twenty-one or marry; if both or either of my said sons at my wife's decease be minors then his part to be rented out for his benefit till he arrive at Manhood, if either die before he is twenty-one or married then his part to be equally divided between my surviving daughters. To my wife a Negro Man named Jack, a Negro woman named Ambo, my riding chair and her choice of one of my horses, for life, and at her decease to be divided among my sons and daughters then living by my said wife Mary. To my wife £200, to be paid within two years after my decease. To Israel Dussosway and Mark

Dussosway, the sons of my brother Mark Dussosway, deceased, 450 acres on the west end of Staten Island, part of the plantation on which I at present reside, beginning at a spring inclosed with a gum Barrell below the bank near the old Mansion house which shall be ceded to them or the survivor of them at my decease, and if both shall die before my decease the land to be divided between my surviving sons. To said Israel and Mark half of an Island of salt meadow called the Big Island, lying near Buckwheat Island in the sound that separates Staten Island from the Main Continent of New Jersey, the division line to begin at the river and to run toward the upland easterly, in case they should not live to inherit it the land to go to my sons Cornelius and Israel. To my sons, Cornelius and Israel, when twenty-one years of age, all the residue of my land, salt meadows, etc., in Richmond County, viz.: that plantation or farm on which I reside on the west side of said Island, nearly opposite the City of Perth Amboy, except that bequeathed already, then being after the said deductions about 600 acres, which with the houses, barns, mills, outhouses, etc., I bequeath to them and their heirs forever; Also that piece of salt meadow called the sunken Marsh nearly opposite to the place occupied by Abraham Woglom and contiguous to the Jersey shore, about 14 acres; Also two pieces of salt meadow at Freshkill, and another piece opposite Merrills Mills next the meadow of Abraham Prall; and one half of the Big Island, near Buckwheat Island, to be divided into two equal parts, if either die before possessing the above, the share of the defunct shall belong to the survivor. If both my sons die before twenty-one the lands they were to inherit to be equally divided between my daughters, Anna, Charity, Catharine, Mary, Violetta and Susannah or the survivors. To my son Cornelius my gold watch with the chain and trinkets thereto to be by him preserved in remembrance of the love and affection I bear unto him. To my son Israel, a pair of gold sleeve buttons, and a



silver tankard as a token of my regard towards him; the rest of my silver plate to be divided amongst my daughters Catharine, Mary, Violetta and Susannah, in such manner as my wife shall please. To my daughter Catharine a Negro wench, Phebe; to Mary a Negro wench, Dinah; to Violetta a Negro wench, Peg, and to Susannah a Negro wench, Jenny, when they shall attain the age of eighteen years; Also to my above said four daughters when eighteen £200 each. The remainder of my personal estate shall be equally divided between my sons, Cornelius and Israel, and my daughters, Anna, Charity, Catharine, Mary, Violetta and Susannah. My Executors to dispose of my stock and Negroes or such parts as they think advantageous and the monies to be divided among my sons and daughters, but my household furniture shall not be sold but divided among my wife and daughters Catharine, Mary, Violetta and Susannah equally. Whereas the Education of my children will be of great importance to them in life I order that those deficient in that respect shall at the time of my decease be educated from my estate. My wife shall be permitted to reside in the Mansion house for five years and my youngest daughters till they marry or are eighteen. I make my sons-in-law, Isaac Prall and Joseph Guyon, and my trusty friend, Abraham Bancker, Executors, and my wife Mary, Executrix.

(Signed)

CORNELIUS DISOSWAY.

Dated October 13, 1785. Witnessss, Gilbert Jackson (Esquire), Samuel Skinner (yeoman), Caty F. Randolph. Proved, Richmond County, January 4, 1786.

Page 297.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WHITE, of the City of New York, being weak in body. I give the use of my dwelling house with the whole furniture thereof to my beloved wife Ann during her widowhood. My Executors to place at interest £1000 for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, my wife to receive the interest thereof for life, and after her

death the principal to such child or children of mine as she by her last will shall direct, and for no other purposes whatsoever. To my said wife Ann £200 annually, in quarterly payments so long as my widow in lieu of her right of dower which she must discharge my Executors from by a release explanatory of this my intention and her assent thereto on the first payment thereof; in case of her Intermarrying I give her £500 in consideration of which she is to relinquish half of the said annuity of £200. To my son, Thomas White, £500 and my dwelling house and lot of land and other buildings in Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, in which house Broughton Reynolds heretofore lived, forever in right of his Primogeniture. My children shall be clothed and educated out of the rest of the interest of my estate till they attain the age of twenty-one, or days of marriage, and are to live with their mother till such time arrive if it should be their respective choice, they paying her for such living a reasonable compensation, and such education shall be as good as can be procured in the opinion of my Executors in whose candor and integrity I repose the utmost confidence. It is my desire that my sons be brought up to some profession or business in the choice of which I would have their natural inclinations consulted, and if my youngest son be inclinable to a Military life I would have him indulged therein. The rest of my estate, real and personal, to my five children, Thomas, Matthew, Daniel, Charlotte and Amelia equally divided when twenty-one. In case of the death of any child under age and without intermarrying then the share of him, her or them to revert to the survivors. Nevertheless if either of my said daughters marry before twenty-one years of age with the approbation of my Executors then £1500 be paid to her, the same deducted out of her share of my estate if the same will admit thereof after the losses I have already sustained and my property may hereafter sustain by the Calamities of the present war. I make my wife Ann, my

son, Thomas White, and my friends Alexander Wallace, Robert Ross Waddell, John Thurman and John Kelley, all of New York City, Executors, authorizing them to dispose of any of my real estate (except the house I now live in which is not to be sold till the death or marriage of my wife) whenever they conceive it to the advantage of my family; and I authorize them to settle by arbitration any disputes that may arise respecting my estate.

No date. Witnesses Honorable Hugh Wallace (Esquire), John Marston (Merchant), John Miller (Merchant), all of New York City. Proved, August 15, 1781, finish this. Recorded, January 20, 1786.

Page 300.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB DUYCKMAN, of the Outward of the City of New York. I leave to my son Jacob £400, which sum he now owes me by bond dated the 26th day of July, 1765, intending hereby that this bequest shall be a full release, and I give him this as a full bar against any claim as my eldest son, and I think it proper here to declare that this together with what I have already paid to and am bound for, for my said son I conceive to be his full share of my estate. All the rest of my personal estate to my dearly beloved wife Jannitie to her sole use forever. To my wife all my real estate for life she maintaining thereout John Kere, Abraham Kere and Elizabeth "Haskins" in the same manner that I have done. After the death of my wife all my real estate to my son, William Duyckman, his heirs and assigns forever, he paying therefor as here directed, £800, after the death of the said John Kere, Abraham Kere and Elizabeth "Hastings" (for whose support my real estate shall remain as security); out of this my debts shall be paid and of what remains of the said £800 I give one fourth part to my son William, and the remaining three fourths I direct my son William to pay in five years after the death of the longest liver of the said John Kere, Abraham Kere and Elizabeth Hastings, to

my three daughters, Charity, the wife of John Vermil-  
lier; Rebecca, the wife of Abraham Odle, and Mar-  
garet, the wife of Jonathan Odle, that is to say, one  
fifth of the said remaining three fourths of the said  
£800, after the payment of my debts, in one year after  
the death of the longest liver of the said John Kere  
(etc.), one other fifth thereof in two years after the  
same, one fifth in three years, one fifth in four years,  
and the remaining fifth in five years after the death  
of the said longest liver, which remaining three fourths  
of the said £800. I give to my said three daughters  
equally divided between them. And to prevent dis-  
putes among my children I here think proper to in-  
form them that I am bound for my son Jacob in two  
bonds, and in case he should not pay them off in my  
lifetime, my will is they should be considered as my  
debts and paid out of the said £800, this clause shall  
be a complete discharge for my son Jacob for the mon-  
eys due and to grow due on the said bonds. I make my  
friends, John Nagle and Jacob Nagle, Executors.

Dated August 10, 1767. Witnesses, Richard Morris,  
William Nagel (of New York, yeoman), Benjamin  
Corser, Jr. Proved, June 16, 1774. Administration  
granted December 23, 1785.

Page 303.—In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd  
day of January, 1782. I, PETER PRALL, of Staten  
Island, Richmond County, being sick and weak of  
body. For the payment of my debts my Executors  
are to sell the necessary part of my moveable estate,  
and with the same and with what monies I shall have,  
or be owing to me at my decease, to pay my said debts.  
My wife Abigail shall have the benefit and income of  
all my land during her life or widowhood for the main-  
tenance of my children during their minority, but if  
she die or marry then my land to be sold and the pro-  
ceeds to be divided amongst my three daughters,  
Mary, Elizabeth and Abigail, viz.: to Elizabeth £100  
more than to her two sisters, to be paid them as they

shall severally arrive at the age of eighteen. My wife to have the furniture of her room for life, but if she marry then it to be sold and divided among my three daughters or the survivors of them. I make my wife and Isaac Prall, Executors.

Witnesses, John Totten, Joseph Totten (yeoman) Isaac Prall. Proved, Richmond County, January 4, 1786.

Page 305.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY BIRD, of Staten Island, Richmond County, being weak in body. All my estate, real and personal, shall be disposed of by my Executors and the monies due and arising from such sale to be put out at interest for the benefit of my children, to wit: My son Anthony shall receive £20 when twenty-one years of age, and the remainder of my estate shall be equally divided amongst my children, that is to say, my son Anthony, one seventh part, my daughters Catherone, Elizabeth and Judiah, and my sons, Abraham, Joshua and Thomas, each one seventh respectively as they come of age. "My will is that my children be put out by my Executors till they shall respectively come of age and be maintained and edicated out of such moneys as shall be the parts or share of each." If any of my children die before twenty-one without issue, the share of such to be divided among the survivors. I make Wilhalmus Vreeland and Thomas Seaman, my trusty and well-beloved friends, my Executors. No date.

Witnesses, Peter Amerman (Gent.), Joshua Mersereau, John Mersereau (Esq., Clerk of Richmond County). Proved, Richmond County, January 6, 1786. At the Proof it was sworn that Anthony Bird signed the above will on the 17th or 18th of May, 1785.

Page 307.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WALTER QUACKENBOS, of the City of New York, Baker, being weak in body though of sound and disposing mind. My body to be interred in a Christian like and decent

manner as my beloved wife shall think meet. I leave to my son, Garrit Quackenboss, £5, in consideration of his birthright and as a bar to his pretention of being my heir at law. To my wife Sophia the profits and use of all my estate, real and personal, either in possession or reversion at the time of my decease so long as she remains my widow, with full power to sell my personal estate if she judge it needful for the support of herself and my children; and if the income of my estate and the proceeds of the sale of my personal estate should prove insufficient my will is that then my wife together with my Executors shall have power to dispose of such part of my real estate as shall be sufficient for their support. If my wife shall come to remarry then she shall have besides her wearing apparel £20. After her remarriage or decease all the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my seven children, viz.: Sophia, Garrit, Margret, Cornelia, Marica, Ann and John, equally divided, except that my daughter Marica shall have £15 before any division is made. I make my wife, my daughter Sophia, my son Garrit and my daughter Margret, Executors, desiring that an Inventory of all my Estate be filed in the Surrogate's office within seven weeks after my decease.

Dated January 19, 1785. Witnesses, Joseph Latham, Philip Parisien (of New York, Goldsmith), Nicholas Quackenbush, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Proved, January 17, 1786.

Page 309.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM DURYEA, of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. I will that my beloved wife Antje shall have full power to direct the business which shall or may be required on my homestead farm whereon I now live and take the profits thereof, and the use of all my personal estate, goods and chattels on said farm during her widowhood. To my son Abraham, one gold watch and Negro boy named Rob, about four years of age; Also my farm now in his possession which shall be one half of all my lands in Rumbouts Precinct

aforesaid (except as hereinafter excepted). To my daughter, Antje Van Wyck, the wife of Cornelius Van Wyck, my clock; Also that farm now in my possession which shall contain one half of all my lands lying in Rumbouts (except as is hereinafter excepted). To my grandson, Stephen Duryea Van Wyck (son and heir of Cornelius Van Wyck), my lot of land lying in Rumbouts Precinct aforesaid (which is the lot hereinbefore excepted) bounded Northwardly by the road leading to Wappings Creek landing from Hopewell, Westerly by the land belonging to the heirs of Phillip Ver Planck, deceased, Southeasterly by the road leading from my dwelling house to William B. Algers, containing fourteen acres, with the store house and other improvements. All the rest of my personal estate to my said son Abraham, and my said daughter, Antje Van Wyck, divided between them, at the death of my wife or her remarriage. I make my wife Antje, my son Abraham, my son-in-law, Cornelius Van Wyck, and Peter I. Monfort, Executors.

Dated September 2, 1786. Witnesses, John Honson (of Dutchess County, Miller), Abraham Schenck, Henry Monfoort. Proved, Dutchess County, January 9, 1786. Confirmed, New York, January 18, 1786.

Page 312.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY GODBY, relict of John Godby, late of the City of New York, at present of sound mind and in perfect health of body but seriously considering how many have been taken away suddenly by the hand of death without settling their temporal affairs, do make this my last will and testament. First I beseech the Almighty to forgive me my sins and to look down with an eye of compassion on me whenever he may be pleased to call for me, and my body deposited wherever my Executor and Executrix may think proper. I leave to my nephew, Peter Van Ranst, whatever sums at the time of my death, may be due me from him. To my God son, Peter Van Ranst, Jr., £20. To Isaac Brinkerhoff, son

of my niece Rachel Brinkerhoff, one half of all the profits that shall be found to have been made from the time he entered into business with me as also the additional sum of £20. The rest of my estate, real and personal, to my beloved niece, Rachel Brinkerhoff. I make my said niece Rachel, Executrix, and her son, Isaac Brinkerhoff, Executor.

Dated May 3, 1782. Witness, Garret H. Van Wageningen (of New York, Ironmonger). Proved, January 19, 1786.

Page 313.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREGIFT WELLS, of Southold, Suffolk County, well in body and of sound mind. I leave to my beloved wife Anna all my personal estate to use and improve as she shall see proper during her life, and whatever part shall not be disposed of by her to my daughter Anna, and my granddaughter Ketura, equally divided: To my son, Giles Wells, the house and land on which I now live, on the west side of the road extending southward to the partition fence, excepting the west room in my said house which I give to my daughter Anna while unmarried. Also to my son Giles half of my fresh meadow on the east side of the road, and all my land adjoining the meadow northward. Also a lot and a half on Hogneck, North Division, and half of all my Creek Thatch in South Harbour, and one right in the Common Creek Thatch. To my son Joshua the other half of my said meadow on the east side of the road, and all my land adjoining the said meadow southward and also the lands on the west side of the road southward of the aforesaid Partition fence and the land above devised to my son Giles, also four lots in South Harbour containing about forty acres, also four acres which I bought of Israel Case, also a right of land in the general field at Indian Neck and half of my Creek Thatch in South Harbour, and one right in the common Creek Thatch, and "half a right of land" in St. George's Manor. To my son, Jonathan Wells, the



house and lands in Hog Neck on which he now lives and which I bought of John Dickinson, also all my lands in the Middle division in the said neck, and one lot of land in the north division in the same, and three rights in the common creek thatch. All my just debts to be paid equally by my said sons, Giles, Joshua and Jonathan, and if any should neglect or refuse to pay his proportion then so much of my land given him in this will I order to be sold as will be sufficient to pay it.

Dated August 10, 1784. No Executors named. Witnesses, John Drake, Ebenezer Jennings (both weavers) and James Overton. Proved, Suffolk County, January 9, 1786. Administration granted, as no Executors were appointed, to Thomas, Joshua and Jonathan Wells, all of Southold, yeomen, sons of Fregift Wills, late of the same place, yeoman, New York, January 22, 1786.

Page 316.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL TUTHILL, of Southold, Suffolk County, yeoman, being weak in body. I leave to my son, James Tuthill, my lands, meadows and buildings, he paying to my son John £40, and to my son Daniel £40, within one year after my decease. I give to all my children, namely, John, Daniel, James, Mehetable Hempstead, Mary Pain and Lydia Tuthill, all my moveable estate after my debts and funeral expenses are paid equally between them. I appoint my son James and my nephew, Samuel Tuthill, Executors.

Dated November 25, 1783. Witnesses, Isaiah Tuthill (yeoman, of Southold), Isaiah Wells (yeoman, of Southold), Daniel Wells (Esquire, of Southold). Proved, Suffolk County, December 24, 1785. Confirmed, New York, January 21, 1786.

Page 318.—The nuncupative and last will and testament of Hannah Wells, widow of William Wells, of Southold, Suffolk County, late deceased, made at her

dwelling house on the 9th day of April, 1785, in her last sickness, and committed to writing within six days after her decease, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who have hereunto set their names the 16th day of said month of April. I, HANNAH WELLS leave to Martha Wickham a note of hand I have against her and all the money thereon due. To Sarah Ely and Esther Wells five pounds each; £10 to each of the children of Benjamin Wade, deceased (not named). All my wearing apparel to my sister Elizabeth Cook, of Brandford, Connecticut, and my niece, Jehannah Fordom, of Southampton, equally divided. All the remainder of my estate to my brother, Thomas White, of New Work in the Jersies, my said sister of Brandford, and my said niece, Jehannah Fordham, equally divided. Benjamin Wells, of Southold, Executor.

Witnesses, Benjamin Wells, James Wells (both yeoman), and Mary Reeve. Proved, Suffolk County, May 9, 1785. On December 9, 1785, Sarah Ely, of Suffolk County, "spinstress" also swore to the above nuncupative will. Confirmed, New York, January 21, 1786.

Page 320.—In the name of God, Amen. The 13th day of January, 1772. I, JOHN TERRY, of Southold, Suffolk County, Colony of New York, farmer. I leave to my son Joseph a lot of land containing five acres part of the farm where I now live, bounded northerly and easterly by my own land, southerly by the Highway and westerly by the land of Joseph Kingsland; Also half an acre fronting the Highway upon the south side, bounded westerly by the land of Joseph Patty, southerly and easterly by my own land (be it observed the five acre lot must not come within three rods of the barn); Also four acres in the upper neck bounded by Thomas Vail on the west and Daniel Tut-hill on the east, and the Highway on the south; Also two acres of meadow bounded on the east by Jeremiah Vail; Also a privelege on Long Beach; Also

one cow. To my son Jeremiah a lot of land in Easthamton, bounded easterly by the lane of Daniel Daton, and westerly by the land of Stephen Vail from the cleft as far as the cross fence only reserving a highway for my son John; Also my right of commons at Easthampton, with a priviledge upon Long Beach, and one cow. To my son John all my land and meadow in Oyster pond except that bequeathed to Joseph and Jeremiah, with the buildings; Also a lot of woodland at Easthampton, bounded northerly by the land bequeathed to Jeremiah, easterly and southerly by the land of Daniel Daton and westerly by the land of Stephen Vail; and my son John should have a priviledge of highway to his land; Also land in the upper neck about three acres, with all my right of Commons in Southold. If my son John dies without lawful issue the farm on which I now live shall be equally divided between my sons, Joseph and Jeremiah, the western part for Joseph and the Eastern for Jeremiah, with the house and barn. To each of my daughters £30 each with what they have had. My daughter Meheta-ble and my sister Sarah who are yet unmarried shall have a priviledge in my house, so long as single. My sons Joseph and Jeremiah, Executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Lee, Asa King (of Southold, yeoman), Barnabas Tuthill (of Southold, yeoman). The "foleing" was written before signing that I give my son, Jeremiah Terry, a lot of land south of my wood lot at Easthampton and bounded by Daniel Daitonn, likewise if my son John die without lawful issue one lot in upper neck at North side to the above.

Witnesses, Lydia Tuthill, Joseph Lee, Asa King, Barnabas Tuthill. Proved, Suffolk County, December 2, 1785. Confirmed, New York, January 21, 1786.

Page 322.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH MORRIS, of Morrisania. I leave to my son, Gouverneur Morris, £1500 as an equivalent of two lots of land in the City of New York conveyed to my daughters. To

my son Gouverneur and to my daughter, Euphemia Ogden, each £1000, and to my granddaughter, Catharine Ashfield, £900, these legacies being an equivalent for sums I have already advanced for my Eldest daughter, Isabella Wilkins, more than for my said son or either of my said daughters, "Sarah" or Euphemia, therefore it is my will that each of these legacies last mentioned shall bear an interest of six per cent per annum from the date of this my last will till paid. All my lands and tenements to be sold. The rest of my estate to be equally divided between my three children, Gouverneur, Isabella and Euphemia, and my granddaughter, Catharine Ashfield, one fourth to each. To my grandson, Lewis Ashfield, the monies due me by Vincent Pierce Ashfield, his father. To each of my granddaughters, Sarah and Joanna Wilkins, £100. As a token of affection I do give the following to wit: to my said son Gouverneur, one large damask table cloth and one dozen large damask napkins. To my daughter Isabella Wilkins, my chariot with the harness and my wedding ring. To my daughter Euphemia, my four wheeled chaise with the harness, and my gold watch. To my granddaughter, Catherine Ashfield, my rings and jewels of every kind, but if she should die under fifteen years then the same to my daughters, Isabella and Euphemia. In like manner to my niece, Mary Ashfield, a small dressing box which formerly belonged to her family. To my niece, Joanna Moore, the wife of Mr. Nathaniel Moore, my red damask gown and £100, which sum to her children if she die before me. To my granddaughter, Sarah Wilkins, my garnet colored damask gown. To Mrs. Mary Lawrence, the daughter of my late Husband, her own and her husband's pictures to be given to such of her children as she shall direct, and in default of such direction to her eldest son. All my wearing apparel, linen, and household furniture not hereinbefore disposed to my two daughters, Isabella and Euphemia, equally divided, each paying therefor

£75 to my granddaughter, Catherine Ashfield. To my said daughter Isabella, my negro girl Hannah, to my daughter Euphemia, my Negro Boy Andow, and to my granddaughter, Catherine Ashfield, my Negro girl Nanny. I appoint my said son Gouverneur, and my sons-in-law, Isaac Wilkins and Samuel Ogden, Executors.

Dated June 9, 1783. Witnesses, Isaac Gouverneur (of New York City, Merchant), Lewis Morris, Nich<sup>s</sup> Ogden.

*Codicil.* Upon reexamining the accounts of monies advanced to my children in my will mentioned I find £180 had been paid to Vincent Pierce Ashfield more than I had supposed, I therefore order that the £900 above mentioned to my granddaughter, Catherine Ashfield, be reduced to £720, and that £180 with six per cent interest from the 9th of June last be paid her out of the bonds and bills bequeathed to my grandson, Lewis Ashfield. Date of Codicil, November 24, 1783.

Witnesses to Codicil, Isaac Gouverneur, Mary Murray. Proved, January 26, 1786.

Page 325.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES SEE, of the Manor of Phillips Burgh, Westchester County, being in tolerable health of body. I will that Catherine See, my widow, shall have possession of my farm as long as she is my widow. I will that my son, James See and Isaac See, shall have the farm equally divided between them two, and shall both maintain my widow "as long as she remains so well if they dont the possession may be disposed of at the discession of my Executors for her maintenance." James See and Isaac See shall pay to my son Powles £10 each. To Cathering, Hester, Ever and Hannah See all my household furniture equally divided.

Dated December 22, 1784. Witnesses, Isaac G. Graham (of Phillips Manor, Physician), Hendric Banker (of Phillips Manor, yeoman).

Executors added after signature, Catherine See, my

widow, James and Isaac See, my sons. Proved, Westchester County, January 19, 1786.

Page 327.—Administration granted on the estate of Whitehead Hicks, deceased, whose will was proved at Queens County, November 18 instant, to Charlotte Hicks and David Colden, Esquire. Executrix and Executor of said will, November 26, 1780.

Page 327.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WHITEHEAD HICKS, of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, being in a poor state of health. I leave to my son John my farm whereon I now live at Bayside in Flushing, on these conditions that he pay to my son, Thomas Hicks, £500. To my three sons, John, Thomas and Elias Hicks, my land in Cumberland County or elsewhere the aforesaid farm excepted, equally divided. All my Plate, slaves, household furniture, stock, farming utensils and personal estate to my loving wife, Charlotte Hicks, my daughter, Margaret Hicks, and my aforesaid three sons, John, Thomas and Elias, equally divided. I appoint my wife, Henry BreVoort, Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Esqr, Chief Justice of ye Province of New York, and David Colden, Esqr, of Flushing, my Executors.

Dated October 1, 1780. Witnesses, Joseph Lawrence (yeoman), Thos. Willett, Scott Hicks (yeoman). Proved, Queens County, November 18, 1780.

Page 329.—I, CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New York, do make this my last will and testament. My just debts to be paid by my Executors. Whereas I have a right to the sixth part of the minerals and "oars" in a tract of 12000 acres on the Mohawks River which I formerly held in common with Lewis Morris, James Alexander and others, and likewise a right in the sixth part of the oars and minerals in several tracts on the west side of Catskill Mountains, which I held in common with Vincent Mathews and others, and have like-

wise reserved the minerals and oars in several tracts of land which I have sold, I give to my grandson, Richard Nicolls Colden, all my right in the said minerals. I give to my son David my Negro slaves, horses, oxen and stock of cattle of all sorts, together with all Carts and waggons and other implements of husbandry, and my household or table furniture including silver Plate, bed and bedding. "I give all my manuscript and printed books to my son David." Whereas my sons, Alexander and Cadwallader, owe me money on bonds my will is that these bonds be annulled provided no demands be made on my estate on any amount presumed to be due to them. After my debts and funeral expenses are paid all my personal estate in money, bonds, or notes not above bequeathed be divided equally, one fifth thereof to my son Cadwallader, one fifth to my son David, one fifth to my daughter Elizabeth De Lancey, one fifth to the children of my son Alexander, deceased, and the remaining fifth to the children of my daughter, Alice Willet, deceased. Whereas I have conveyed to my son Cadwallader, my lands at Coldingham, and to my son David, my lands in the Township of Flushing I give all my remaining lands, one fifth each to my sons, Cadwallader and David, and one fifth to my daughter, Elizabeth De Lancey, and one fifth to the children of my son Alexander, and one fifth to the children of my daughter, Alice Willet, deceased. My Executors as soon as convenient shall divide my real estate into five shares in quantity and quality to the best of their judgement nearly equal, and having numbered the shares shall by lots drawn in the presence of two or more reputable persons assign the shares to themselves and the children of my son Alexander and of my daughter Alice which shall by lot fall to them, and my will is that the above shall each hold the shares assigned to them forever. And whereas it may be proper to make a more equal division of my estate I empower my Executors to sell all or part of my lands and distribute the proceeds to

the use for which the said lands are devised. The legacies to the children of my daughter Alice out of my personal estate to be paid them respectively at the age of twenty-one or at their marriage; the money meantime to be put at Interest for their use severally. If any of the said children die before they are twenty-one or marry then the share of such child shall pass to the survivors of them. Whereas I did convey 400 acres to my granddaughter, Alice Willet, by mistake, which from the motive I had in doing it ought to have been to my sister Anne my will is that 400 pounds be deducted from the share of said Alice and given to her sister Anne, unless she convey the 400 acres to her sister Anne. My will is that my body be interred in a private manner with as little expense as with common decency may be. I appoint my sons, Cadwallader and David, and my daughter, Elizabeth De Lancey, Executors.

Dated May 20, 1775. And before the sealing of my will and to prevent any misunderstanding I declare that the expense of supporting my family, including my son David, his wife and children, and of the improvement of the farm at Springhill has been paid during my life or shall be paid out of my estate, and no part thereof shall be chargeable to my son David.

Witnesses, Geo. Banyar, Thom<sup>s</sup> Lawson, Robert Cornell. The above will was declared by the within-named Cadwallader Colden, Esq<sup>r</sup>, for his last will and testament the 7th day of August, 1776, in the presence of us the subscribers, Robert Doughty (of Queens County, yeoman and quaker), Benj<sup>n</sup> Underhill, Edmund Underhill. Proved, March 15, 1779. Administration granted to Cadwallader and David Colden, Fort George, New York, April 28, 1779. Recorded, January 29, 1786.

Page 332.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS KRUSEN, of the County of Richmond, yeoman, being at present in a poor state of health of body. I leave to



my son Henry £210, to be paid him immediately after my decease. To my grandchildren, the children of my said son Henry, my place or plantation in Mapletown at Raritan in the Province of New Jersey, whereon he now lives, divided equally between them, male and female alike, and if any of them die before twenty-one years of age their share to go to the survivors, but my son Henry to live on the said plantation for life. Also to the said children of said Henry £400, to be raised out of the money due for the mills I sold at Rocky hill at Raritan, divided equally, and if any die before twenty-one their share to the survivors; But if my son Henry die before his wife Elizabeth, and she should claim or have a dower right in the mills which her said husband suffered the sheriff to sell then the dower shall be paid out of the said £400, and the residue to my grandchildren. I give to my son Abraham that lot of land on Staten Island whereon John Stilwell now lives, being part of the patent granted to John Vincent containing  $26\frac{2}{3}$  acres; Also all the residue of the money due or as shall become due from the sale of my mills at Rocky hill, after the said legacy of £400 is paid; Also to my said son Abraham £200, raised out of my moveable estate. I give to my son Cornelius the remaining part of my real estate, land and salt meadow on Staten Island and elsewhere, that is the farm on which I now live, also the farm on which the said Cornelius now lives, and the woodland thereunto belonging; Also half of all the cattle and horses belonging to me and my son Cornelius being undevided. My executors are empowered to sell all my personal estate, the proceeds to pay my debts and funeral expenses; Also the £200 to my said son Abraham; Also £210 to my son Henry aforesaid, the remainder to be equally divided between my three sons, Henry, Abraham and Cornelius. I appoint my dearly beloved children, Abraham and Cornelius Krusen, and my trusty friend, Wilhelmus Vreeland, Executors.

Dated June 25, 1782. Witnesses, Adr<sup>n</sup> Bancker (Sur-

rogate of Richmond County), Abraham Rolph (yeoman), Abr<sup>m</sup> Bancker (sheriff of Richmond County).

*Codicil* dated January 26, 1784. If my son Cornelius should happen to die before me then all the estate, real and personal, devised to him, shall be equally divided between my grandchildren John and Lana, the children of my said son Cornelius.

Witnesses to Codicil same as to will. Proved, Richmond County before Adrian Bancker, Surrogate, January 19, 1786.

Page 335.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AURT MASTEN, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, in health and perfect memory, do this 29th day of August, 1783, make my last will. I give my wife twelve pounds per annum if she should require it for her maintenance, during her remaining my widow, to be raised out of my estate or more if necessity should call for it during her widdowship to me. And for the remainder of my estate, real and personal, I give to my son, Jacobus Masten, eight shillings to be raised out of my estate as his birthright "ver birtem et Literatim," also to him one or an eleventh part of my estate; to my son Samuel one or an eleventh part; Also to my sons Jeremiah, Abraham, Peter and John, the same proportion each to my daughters Maria, wife to Johannis Van Aken; Geertje Masten, Elizabeth, wife to Gideon Aken, also, and eleventh part to my granddaughters Mary, Marretje and Elizabeth (daughters of my son Dirck); Also the same to my daughter Annateje, wife to John Cammel. If any of the above sons or daughters should depart this life without an heir before a division is made then his, her, or their part is to be equally divided as beforesaid Consonant to justice and equity. I make my trusty friends, Dirck Van Vliet, Abraham Freligh and my son, Samuel Masten, my Executors, they empowered to sell my estate at their pleasure within two years after my decease, and after paying my funeral charges and

other lawful debts and retaining so much for the maintenance of my widow, or taking obligations from the said my sons and daughters for the maintenance of my widow, then to make a division of the remainder, reserving a cow which my daughter Geertje ought to have exclusive of her eleventh part.

(Signed) AART MASTEN.

Witnesses, Johannes Freligh, Moses Powell, Abraham Freligh (farmer). Proved, Dutchess County, October 11, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 2, 1786.

Page 338.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTOPHER YATES, of the township of Schenectady, being weak in body. I will that my beloved wife Jannetie shall have the income and profits of all my estate while she remains my widow under the following restrictions, and that I may be better understood I do hereby declare that all my children, namely, Elizabeth, Eva, Magdaleen, Joseph, Hendricus, Andries, Anna, Jellis and John, the children I have reason to think my wife is pregnant of, shall be served out of my estate as nearly equal as Convenient to be maintained and educated, and at marriage to have an outset such as my Executors shall judge proper, and for the more effectual carying this into execution I give them full power to sell part of my estate. I hereby appoint my beloved wife Janetie, my brother, Jellis Yates, my son, Jellis Fonda, my brother-in-law, Cornelius Van Dyck, Johannes Peck and Gerret Veder to be my Executors.

Dated August 23, 1785. Witnesses, Hunloke Woodruff (of Albany, Esquire), William Mead, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Proved, Albany County, November 14, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 6, 1786.

Page 339.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARENT N. V. PETTE, of the town of Schenectady, being weak in body, do this 13th day of June, 1785, make my last

will. I leave to my two sons, Nicolas and John, all my Blacksmiths tools. To my two daughters, Marya and Janetie, their mother's bed, bedstead, curtains and everything thereto belonging. To my four children all my estate, equally divided. I make Abraham Oothout and Mickel Tyms both of Schenectady, my Executors.

Witnesses, John Js. Wemple, Neicolaes Van Petten (of Schenectady, yeoman), Adem Ecker. Proved, Albany County, January 28, 1786.

Page 341.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BUCHANAN, of the City of New York, Merchant. First I declare that the lot of ground at the corner of Water street and De Peyster street in New York City, lately purchased by me, the deeds and papers respecting which are made out in my name, only is the joint property of Charles Smith, my partner in trade, and myself, and it is my intention so soon as the papers can be drawn up to convey the said lot to Charles Smith for the use of the house of James Buchanan and Co. to whom the same doth to all intents and purposes belong. All demands against me shall be paid immediately after my decease. I leave to my brother, David Buchanan, of Montrose, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, all the property, real and personal, of which I am possessed subject to the following legacies: To my nephew, James Buchanan, son of my said brother David, £500 when twenty-one years of age, to my nephew, John Buchanan, son of my said brother, £100 when twenty-one. To my mother, Elizabeth Buchanan, now living in Montrose, the yearly sum of £15 to be paid by my brother David, "this small bequest as a mark of my affection and gratitude to so good and kind a parent"; Also to my sister, Margaret Buchanan, £25 yearly to be paid her during her life whether she remain single or marry by my brother David, these two annuities to commence from the day of my decease. I make my partner in trade, Charles

Smith, my sole Executor "confiding and relying upon his proved integrity and honor," and granting him the power if he shall think proper to appoint any other person or persons to act with him as Executor.

Dated February 1, 1786. Witnesses, Carlile Pollock, Geo. Draper, Patrick O'Brien (of N. Y. City, Gentleman). Proved, February 9, 1786.

Page 243.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL HORNER, of the City of New York, Printer. After all my just debts are paid I give all my right and share of the Printing Materials of the office, possessed by William Morton and myself; Also the neat profits of one half the produce of the "New York Morning Post or Daily Advertiser" to Benjamin Horner and Pleasant Horner, my brother and sister. I make as Executor Daniel Carter, of the City of New York, Painter and Glazier.

Dated January 10, 1786. Witnesses, John Swaine (of N. Y. City, Printer), Fran<sup>s</sup> Childs. Proved, February 11, 1786.

Page 245.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE CODMUS, of Pamapogh, Bergen County, New Jersey, yeoman, being at present in Good health. I give to my eldest son, George Codmus, all my farm consisting of about 340 acres now in the possession of my Tenant, Barent Waldron, situated at Tappan, formerly in Orange County, New York but now in the said County of Bergen in the eastern division of the Province of New Jersey, to hold the said farm to my son George, his heirs and assigns forever, subject to the payment of such legacies as hereinafter are charged thereon. I give to my son George my Negro man called Tom. To my sons, Dirck and Caspar Codmus, equally divided between them, all that my dwelling house, farm and lands and salt meadow at Pamapogh in the Precinct or Corporation of Bergen and at Bergen Point, and also my salt meadow in the said Eastern division of New Jersey on the west side of Newark

Bay with all my farming utensils belonging to the said farm to be taken possession of by my said two last mentioned sons when Caspar the youngest of them shall be twenty-one, subject to the payment of such legacies as are herein charged on their respective shares of my farm. To my son Dirck, my Negro Tite, and to my son Caspar my Negro girl Marjs. To my daughter Janneke, the wife of Jacob Vreelandt, £300, to be paid her by my son George within three years "next after a peace shall take place between Great Britain and America or the Present War between them shall be discontinued which shall first happen" the payment of which sum I expressly charge on my real estate devised to said George; Also to said Janneke my Negro girl Sarah, now in her possession. To my daughter Jannetje, the wife of Garret Vreelandt, £300, to be paid her by my said son Dirck within one year after he shall be twenty-one, which is charged on the real estate devised to said Dirck; Also to Jannetje my Negro wench Peg, now in her possession. To my daughter, Matje Codmus, £300, to be paid her by my son Caspar within one year after he shall be twenty-one, which is charged on the real estate devised to said Caspar; Also to Matje my Negro girl Susan. To my dearly beloved wife Janneke to her own use £100 out of my personal estate and two cows of her own choice, My Negro girl Phill, and all my household furniture she brought to me on her marriage. Also she (she so long remaining my widow) to have the use and profits of my said dwelling house, farm and meadows and farming utensils given to my sons, Dirck and Caspar, and the use of two horses, until Caspar is twenty-one, for her own support and education of my said sons, Dirck and Caspar, and my daughter Matje until the said Caspar shall be twenty-one, and then if my wife shall at that time remain my widow, I give to her from that time £30 annually during her widowhood, £15 thereof to be paid by my son George, and £15 to be paid equally by Dirck and Caspar. To my daughter

Matje £50, out of the residue of my personal estate to be paid her within six months after her marriage, or when twenty-one years old. The rest of my estate to all my children equally divided. If any of my sons die under twenty-one years of age without lawful issue I give all the estate devised to such son or sons to my other surviving children equally divided. If Matje die under twenty-one unmarried I give her legacy to my other two daughters, and if either of them be then dead her share to go to her children. I make my wife Janneke, my son George, and my sons-in-law, Jacob Vrelandt and Garret Vreeland, Executors.

Dated June 27, 1779. Witnesses, Tobias Stoutenburgh (of New York City, Baker), Samuel Bard, Benj<sup>n</sup> Kissam. Proved, April 10, 1781, New York. Recorded, February 14, 1786.

Page 348.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CAPT. JOHN CONCKLIN, of Poghkeepsie Precinct, in Dutchess County, being in good health but in an advanced age. I leave to my daughter Susanna £40, and to my two granddaughters, Johanna and Mary, daughters of my daughter Anna, deceased, £40, that is, to Johanna £25 and Mary £15. As I have paid for my son-in-Law, Teunis Tappen, who is married to my daughter Hester, upwards of £100, therefore if he shall ever pay me or my Executors that money, then I will give to Hester £40. To my son Matthew my farming utensils, as waggon, sleighs, plows, etc. The above "bequeths" not to be paid till after my estate be sold and the money received. All my wife's bedding and wearing apparel after her decease to my two daughters and two granddaughters each share alike, that is, my two granddaughters instead of their mother one share between them. To my son John my Dutch Bible for his birthright. My will is that my Executors sell all my real and personal estate, and the money after the above bequests be paid I give to my seven sons (to wit), John, Lawrence, David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

and Matthew, each share and share alike, upon this trust nevertheless that my sons do provide a competent and sufficient maintenance for my wife during her life, she to have her choice with whom or where to live, on their not complying herewith a sum from the sale of my estate shall be paid her, sufficient for a comfortable support for her for life, and after her death what shall be left to be divided equally among my seven sons. I make my sons John, Lawrence, David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Matthew, Executors.

Dated August 5, 1785. Witnesses, Jacob Westervelt, John L. Concklin, Matthew L. Concklin (Farmer). Proved, Dutchess County, December 31, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 14, 1786.

Page 351.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN RAINOR, of Hempsted, yeoman, being in perfect sense and understanding. I leave to my well-beloved wife Phebe one full half of my land and meadow during her widowhood, also two cows. To my two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, £80 each; Also one cow for each and every one of my children, namely, John, David, Whitehead, Sarah and Elizabeth. I will that all my corn on the ground and in store be for the use of the family. I also will and bequeath and positively order that my eldest son, John, shall have twenty shillings for his birthright; Also that when my youngest son, Whitehead Rayner, come to twenty-one years of age then my land and meadow shall be equally divided between my three sons, John, David and Whitehead, and if any die before twenty-one then between the survivors. As to my stock of cattle that has not been given, and horses, sheep and hogs and household goods I order that the whole be equally divided between my wife Phebe and my children. I make my wife, and John my son, and neighbor known by the name of "Long Benjamin Smith," Executors.

Dated January 30, 1786. Witnesses, R. Ellison Junr (of South Hempstead, schoolmaster), James Searing,



Robert Dingee (of South Hempstead, schoolmaster).  
Proved, Queens County, February 15, 1786.

Page 353.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN ALBURTUS of New Town, Queens County, Nassau, yeoman, being at this time low and weak of body. All such debts and duties as I owe in law or conscience to be justly paid, and my funeral charges out of my moveable estate such as can best be spared and sold. I give to my two sons, Thomas and William Alburtus, the rest of my estate, real and personal, their heirs and assigns forever, after paying such legacies hereafter mentioned. To my four daughters £400, to remain to them and each of them forever, that is to say, £100 to Mary Springsteen, the wife of David, to be paid by my two sons one year after they have possession of my farm; £100 to Elizabeth Alburtus in one year following; £100 to Sarah Alburtus in one year following; and £100 to Nancy Alburtus in one year following, which will be five years after my sons have got in possession of my estate. If any of my daughters die in their nonage without lawful issue, then their share to be divided between the surviving sisters. My widow shall give my wearing apparel to whom she pleases. I order that my said two sons pay £120 to the Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Newtown, one year after that legacy to my daughter Nancy. If one of my sons die in his nonage without issue one half of his part shall go to the surviving brother and the other half to my surviving daughters, equally divided, and if my sons do not comply with the above orders, then my executors are to sell such part of my estate as most convenient, and the money to go for the said legacies. The profits from my estate till my youngest son comes of age I give to my widow for the bringing up of my children. I make my trusty friends, Capt. Samuel Moore, Anthony Betts, and Samuel Moore 3rd, Executors.

(Signed) JOHN BURTUS, his mark.

Dated October 4, 1780. Witnesses, William Leverich (of Newtown, yeoman), Sackett Leverich, Samuel Leverich. Proved, Queens County, October 9, 1784. Recorded, February 16, 1786.

Page 355.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH HAZARD, JUN<sup>R</sup>, of Newtown, Queen's County, Nassau Island, in good health. All my debts and duties I owe in law and conscience to be paid, also my funeral expenses, and for this my Executors are to dispose of sufficient of my estate. I give to my beloved mother, Elizabeth Hazard, Sen<sup>r</sup>, and my beloved sister, Pamela Hazard, all the rest of my estate equally to be and to remain to them. I make my loving Uncles, John Moore, Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Lawrence, Executors, and my mother, Elizabeth Hazard, Sen<sup>r</sup>, Executrix.

Dated April 17, 1776. Witnesses, Sarah Culver (of Newtown, spinster), James Moore, Samuel Moore 3rd. Proved, February 9, 1786, Queens County.

Page 356.—In the name of God, Amen. The 19th day of July, 1784. I, ABRAHAM SLINGERLAND, of the County of Albany and Collony of Renselearwyck, yeoman, being sick and weak in body. I give to my son Tunis £10 after my wife's decease or marriage in right of Primogeniture. To my beloved wife Rebecca, all my real and personal estate for life or till remarriage. To my two beloved sons, Peter and Abraham, all that estate I have at Norman Kill where I now live "with utentiels thereunto belonging together with the saw mill and fulling mill and utentials to them belonging," after my wife's death or remarriage. "Each of my two sons" after my wife's death or remarriage shall be paid £100, namely, my sons Albert and Stephen, and they shall be given common schooling out of my estate, and be put to a trade, and maintained till twenty-one. I order that my two daughters, namely, Catriena and Marytje, shall have at the day of their marriage an outset to the value of sixty pounds and if they or either of them remain unmar-

ried till my wife's decease then £60, but if Marytje happen not to marry she to be maintained by the rest of my heirs out of my estate if she should be in want. To my beloved children, namely: Tunis, Peter, Albert, Abraham, Stephen, Catriena and Marytje, the rest of my estate after my wife's decease or remarriage, equally divided. To my said two daughters my household furniture and my wife's wearing apparel after her decease. I make my wife and my sons, Peter and Abraham, my Executors.

Witnesses, Christena Slingerland, Hester Slingerland, Jacob De Garmo (of Albany, Cordwainer). Proved, January 23, 1786, Albany. Confirmed, February 17, 1786.

Page 359.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIAS KIP, of New York City, Cooper, being sick. I give to my dear and loving wife and my son Abraham all my estate divided between them, but if my son should die before he arrive at the age of twenty-one years then the whole to my wife, her heirs and assigns forever. I make my wife Elizabeth, Benjamin Haight and Henry Dufouer, my friends, Executors.

Dated December 31, 1785. Witnesses, Samuel Bradhurst, William Day (Grocer), Jacob Day (Cartman). Proved, February 22, 1786.

Page 361.—In the name of God, Amen. The 20th day of January, 1786. I, WILLMAN HALLSEY, of Southampton, Suffolk County, being sick in body. I give to Ruth, my beloved wife, all the household goods and furniture she brought with her when we were married, and two cows, one horse, ten sheep, one axe, one hoe, one scythe, fork, rake and spade, my great Bible, and all my fire wood about my house and two hogs and improvement of one third of my lands, meadows and buildings and commonage that I die possessed. To my two daughters, viz.: Susannah and Jane, one feather bed and furniture each and £100, also a privelege to live in my house so long as single. My Executors shall

sell that piece of land I bought of my brother John at "Scuttle Hole" known by the name of the "Great Hollow Lot," containing  $24\frac{1}{4}$  acres, and that piece of land I bought of William Ludlam adjoining the narrow mill pond. To my son Barzille Hallsey, my house, barn and home lot, the whole which I bought of Henry Ludlam and my meadow and half a fifty of commonage, one feather bed, and my orchard at Scuttle Hole containing about two acres and about four acres of "an amendment No<sup>r</sup> 7" and a piece of land at the north end of the blank lot, about 7 acres, and a piece of land known by the name of Mitchels Lot containing  $5\frac{1}{4}$  acres. To my two younger sons, Silvanus and William, one feather bed and furniture between them both, and to Silvanus half of my Scuttle hole land, and my north side lot known by the name of "Sayrs lot" adjoining Moses Rose. And to my son William the north half of my Scuttle hole land except the two acres above mentioned; Also my north side lot known by the name of "Nell lot." I give a sufficiency of provisions whether in my house, barn or fields to the support of my family for one year, and will further that the surplus money from the sale of my estate as above said shall be divided between my wife and my two youngest sons. I make my wife and my brother, William Rogers, Executors. (Signed) WILMUN HALLSEY.

Witnesses, David Hallsey (yeoman), Moses Rose (yeoman), Joseph Goldsmith.

*Codicil.* Whereas one half of fifty of Commonage which I hold in Southampton was not disposed of in my above will I give the same to my two youngest sons, Silvanus and Willimun Hallsey. Witnesses, James White, Moses Rose, Joseph Goldsmith. Proved, Suffolk County, February 4, 1786. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 363.—In the name of God, Amen. The 1st day of September, 1785. I, SILAS HALLSEY, of Southampton, Suffolk County, farmer, being well in body and of

sound mind. I give to Susanah my beloved wife the use and improvement of half my real estate so long as my widow; Also my Negro girl Dinah, the best bed and furniture in the house, one good cow; and all my provisions in my house, barn or fields I give for the support of my family for one year; to my wife also £20. To my daughter, Susannah Howell, £20. To my daughter, Catharine Hallsey, £60 and one good bed and furniture. To my son, Silas Hallsey, Jun<sup>r</sup>, all my lands, buildings and rights of Commonage in the Township of Southampton, and all my moveable estate not given away above. I appoint my wife and my son, Silas Hallsey, Jun., my Executors.

Witnesses, Hannah Goldsmith (spinster), Betsey Goldsmith (spinster), Joseph Goldsmith (Blacksmith). Proved, January 24, 1786, Suffolk County. Confirmed, February 27, 1786, New York.

Page 366.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONAH SANDFORD, of Southampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, being weak in body. I give to my beloved wife Martha the use and improvement of my lands, buildings and all my real estate for twelve years from the date of this my last will, excepting the lands I order to be sold by my Executors. Also I give her two cows, ten bushells of wheat, ten of Indian Corn, two best feather beds and bedding answerable; Also the use of all the goods and furniture I have had with her till my daughter shall be eighteen. To my daughter Sarah the whole of the goods and furniture I have had by my wife (except the two beds, etc., above) when eighteen years of age; Also £30 in cash. To my son, James Montgomery, my now dwelling house and home lot with all the buildings thereon (my shop excepted) after the twelve years improvement by my wife as above said; Also my lot of woodland adjoining Matthew Halsey and Abraham Halsey containing about seven acres. To my son, John Monmouth, my lot of land lying eastward of my house containing about 22 acres, after the twelve years

improvement by my wife. The rest of my lands, meadows and commonages not otherwise ordered or given away, after my debts are paid, to my two sons equally divided. I will that eight acres of my woodland in my brickhill lot, the east side of the road, be sold and the money and the moveable estate not heretofore given away to be applied to the payment of my debts and legacies, the remainder, if any, I give one moiety to my daughter, the other to my two sons; Also my shop to be sold and the money applied to the same purpose. I make my wife Martha and my friend, Thomas Gelston, Executors.

Dated December 28, 1785. Witnesses, Proculah Cook, Betsy Whelden, Matthew Halsey. Proved, Suffolk County, January 28, 1786. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 367.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN SANDFORD, of Southampton, yeoman, being weak in body. I give to my loving wife Esther the use and improvement of one third of my real estate which is in lieu of all dower or power of thirds. To my son, Josiah Sandford, my now dwelling house and home lot; Also my land adjoining a Pond called "Sagg Pond," which I bought of Nathaniel Jessup, as also the lane and land adjoining my said lot that I purchased of the Trustees of the Town of Southampton. To my son, Caleb Sandford, my house and lot of land adjoining the said Sagg Pond, that I bought of Daniel Schellenger, Jun<sup>r</sup>. To my son, John Sandford, £10. To my son, Josiah Sandford, £100. To my son, Jesse Sandford, £100. To my son Hezekiah Sandford, £100. To my son, Caleb Sandford, £100. To my daughter, Keturah Jenings, £50. To my daughter, Mehitabel Topping, £50. To my daughter, Esther Sandford, my lot of land about 20 acres adjoining the land of Stephen Sandford on the South, and the Highway on the North, and also £100. To my three daughters, Rebecca, Jerusha and Elizabeth each £100. The remain-

der of my real and personal estate to my two sons, Josiah and Caleb, equally divided. I make my wife Esther, my son Josiah, and my brother, Thomas Sandford, Executors.

Dated November 24, 1785. Witnesses, Nathan Peirson, David Howell 3d (yeoman), Stephen Halsey 3d (yeoman). Proved, Suffolk County, November 29, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 369.—In the name of God, Amen. The 17th of October, 1785. I, THOMAS BAXTER, of Southampton, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I give to my son Benjamin, six shillings. To my daughter, Zilpah Root, six shillings. To my daughter, Ruth Ladd, six shillings, and also a privilege in my house during her single life. To my two sons, Reuben and Thomas, all my lands and buildings that I die possessed of and "them two" viz.: Reuben Baxter and Thomas Baxter shall equally maintain their brother, Stephen Baxter, during his life; and if there remains any creatures in the place after my decease I give them to my son Thomas. I make my sons, Reuben and Thomas, Executors. I give to my grandson, Sam<sup>l</sup> Gage, my old gun.

Witnesses, Rebekah Baxter (Spinster), Hannah Baxter, Joseph Goldsmith (Blacksmith). Proved, Suffolk County, January 24, 1786. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 371.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZEBADÉE OSBORN, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, being under some bodily infirmity. I give to Marey (Marcy?) my beloved wife, the use and improvement of one third of my real estate as the law directs, one cow, three sheep, my bay mare, and all my provisions in the house, barn and growing upon the ground to the use of my family, and all my household goods during her life, and after her decease to my daughter, Abigail Norris, if she survives her mother, and if not they are left to my wife to dispose of as she sees fit. To my son Abraham, £65 in cash. To my son Elisha, all my real

estate he to pay the £65 to Abraham, or it to be raised out of my real estate. Also that bond that stands against me to Capt. David Peirson be made out and raised out of my real estate, and then the whole of my real and personal estate (except my wearing apparel) I give to said Elisha. Elisha to pay all my debts, and find my wife with eight bushels of wheat and seven of corn per year so long as my widow, and fifteen loads of wood annually. To my two sons, namely, Abraham and Elisha, my wearing apparel equally divided. I make as Executors my beloved brother, Elisha Osborn and my son Elisha.

Dated December 2, 1785. N. B.—My will is that the £65 before given (my son Abraham) be not paid him till he has fulfilled the bond given by me to Capt. David Peirson. Witnesses, Thomas Osborn (yeoman), Nathan Osborn (yeoman), John Stratton. Proved, Suffolk County, December 22, 1785. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 373.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MULFORD, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, being sick and weak and full of bodily infirmities. I give to my well-beloved wife (not named) two milch cows, one year's provision for herself, all my household goods and furniture. To my only son Josiah and my grandson, John Mulford, eldest son of my deceased son John, all my lands and buildings equally divided, they to pay all my debts and funeral charges. To my daughter Jerusha, £25 in cash raised out of my personal estate, and I give the same (in personal estate) to and among the whole of my daughters equally divided, namely: Mary, Phebe, Jerusha, Esther, and my deceased daughter Hannah's children to represent their mother and share her part, the whole of them to share the same and no more than one of their Aunts in the division. I make Executors my two sons-in-law, John Dayton and Abraham Miller, and my son Josiah.

Dated August 23, 1783. Witnesses, Abraham Mul-



ford, Samuel Hutchinson, John Stratton. Proved, Suffolk County, January 26, 1786. Confirmed, New York, February 27, 1786.

Page 375.—In the name of God, I, ELIZABETH GOLDER, of South Hampsted, Queens County, being far advanced in years. I leave to my sister's son, James Flower, £11 and three silver tea spoons, one sheet and a pair of "Pillowbys." To my brother Michael's son John £10, and likewise £4 to James Beedel; £3 to Daniel Vanostrand. To William Flower £30 and three silver teaspoons and one pair of silver tea tongs and one pair of silver shoe buckles and one chest. To my brother John, after my funeral charges are paid, the remainder of my estate, and half a dozen of the best of my sheets and half a dozen "billowbys" and my bed and bedding as long as he lives and after his "Dissease" to Elizabeth Right; Also to John one cupboard and a round table and all my pewter. To Elizabeth Right one black silk "rapper," and one black "Callimanco Petticoat," one white linen pitticoat and one Diaper table cloth, two sheets and two pairs of "billowbys," two shifts and three white aprons, and one gold ring she to have her choice of the rings. To Nancy Flower, two sheets, etc., etc. To Elizabeth Cornall one long blue cloak, one shift, one black "Calamanco quilt," one sheet, and a "streeked Callico rapper." To Bettsy Demott one "Chintzs rapper," one white apron, handkerchief and tea kettle. To Molly Demott one "misinot rapper," shift and homespun table cloth, and brown "callimanco quilt"; all my "every day wearing close" to be divided between Molly Demott and Bettsy Cornwall. I constitute for Executors John Flower and Benjamin Hicks.

Dated November 25, 1785. Witnesses, Luke Eldert (of South Hempstead, yeoman) Elnathan Eldert. Proved, Queens County, February 22, 1786.

Page 377.—In the name of Almighty God, Amen. I, DAVID FOWLER, of the Township of Flushing, Queens

County, yeoman, being at this time through the blessing of God in a sound and healthy state both of mind and body. I give to my well-beloved children, Oliver, Gilbert, Benjamin, William and Mary Fowler all my lands, etc., which I the said David am now or hereafter may be possessed of under this condition that in case any of them die, my male children before twenty-one years of age and my female child before sixteen then the right of such child or children shall go to the survivors. The rents and produce of my said real estate shall be for the use and maintenance of my dearly beloved wife Martha and my aforesaid children till the arrival of my youngest child Mary to the age of sixteen years, and if the profits of my real estate shall be more than sufficient for the comfortable support of my wife and children then the superplus so arising shall be put out at interest by my Executors at the sole risk of my wife and children, and my Executors to allow out of the said superplus to my wife and children so much as they shall think meet. Notwithstanding if my wife should remarry then the profits aforementioned and the superplus shall be for the sole use of my said children. My Executors to sell all my real estate (except as before excepted) upon the arrival of my youngest child to the age of sixteen and impartially divide the monies between my said children. I make my well-beloved friends, John Field and John Fowler, Executors.

Dated April 27, 1775. Witnesses, Jonathan Fowler, Ezekiel Roe, John Roe (of Flushing, farmer). Proved, Queens County, February 28, 1786. Administration granted to Martha Fowler, widow, Oliver and Benjamin Fowler, yeomen, all of Flushing, as John Field, the surviving Executor refused to serve, March 2, 1786, New York.

Page 379.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AUBRIE RAMSON, of Jamaica, yeoman. I leave to my dearly beloved wife the whole and sole use of all my estate, moveable or immoveable to be wholly and intirely at

her own use so long as my widow, and if she should marry again then she shall quit all my estate except one bed and furniture, which I give her and likewise £50 of good money paid by my Executors out of my estate after my said wife's marriage or decease. To my two sons, Rem and Auries Remson, all my lands whether woodlands, cleared land, or meadow, with the houses, barns, orchards, gardens, stables, and whatsoever thereon, and wheresoever it may be; Also my right in town lands and Commonages, equally divided between them, their heirs or assigns forever; and if either son die without lawful issue then his share to go to the survivor; my said two sons to pay the following legacies out of my real estate. To my daughter Aulche, the now wife of Stoffil Stymess, the sum of £100 within one year after my wife's second marriage or decease. To my daughter Elisabeth, the now wife of Peter Noorstrout, £50 within two years after my wife's second marriage or decease. To my daughter Maria, the now wife of Samuel Simmons, £100 within three years after my wife's marriage or decease. To my daughter Aunte £100 she being now the wife of John Bennet, within four years after my wife's marriage or decease. To my granddaughter Milly, the daughter of Anthony Demott, £20 within five years after my wife's marriage or decease, if she die before that time the £20 to be divided between my daughters, Aulche, Elisabeth, Maria and Ontye. My Executors likewise to pay to the children of my son John, deceased, £100 equally divided. Also to my grandchildren, the children of John Snedeker, £50 equally divided between them. My indoor moveables to be divided amongst all my children then living equally reserving to my wife an equal part in case she should be married; my outdoor moveables to my two sons, Rem and Auries equally. I make my trusty and well-beloved sons, Rem and Auries, Executors.

(Signed)

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Dated August 14, 1778. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box

(of Jamaica, schoolmaster), Isaac Amberman, Jr., John Amberman. Proved, Queens County, February 27, 1786.

Page 382.—In the name of God, Amen. The 24th day of February, 1781. I, SAMUEL MUNCY, of Iselip, Suffolk County, Farmer, being weak in body. I give to my beloved son, Silas Muncy, all that tract of timber land on the west side of Saumpoems road and all that messuage upon East Neck (excepting nine acres of upland) and one lot of meadow in the east point of East Neck, and two of triangular form on the west side of the neck towards the Bay. To my beloved son, Isaac Muncy, my land in Iselip and that tract on the east side of Saumpoems road and the nine acres of upland on the west point of East Neck, with one lot of meadow on the east side of East Neck, eight rod wide, and one small lot of meadow joining the upland, and one large lot of meadow on the west side of East Neck nearly in the middle. To my beloved wife Jemimy £50, and the use of all my moveables, household furniture, stock of cattle, and to hold the third part of all my lands and part of the house, while my widow; and after her decease all the moveables to be equally divided among my daughters, Kesia, Phebe, Mary, Jemimy and Ruth Muncy. Nevertheless if my wife cannot have a comfortable living by the use of the moveables and a third part of all my lands, then she to have an additional maintenance out of the Principal of the moveables. To my beloved daughter, Jemimy Muncy, £40 and all the household furniture in her possession. I make Silas Muncy, Isaac Muncy and Jacob Wilets, Executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Ketcham, Samuel Carman (of Huntington, yeoman), John Arnold. Proved, Suffolk County, February 8, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 3, 1786.

Page 384.—Know all men by these Presents that I, ISRAEL HOWELL, of Islip, Suffolk County, being Pretty

far advanced in years and labouring under Indisposition of body. I leave to my son Lemuel and to my two daughters, Unice Howell and Ruth Thirby, ten shillings to be paid them by my two sons, Israel and Selah. To said Israel and Selah all my farm or Neck of land, meadow, woodland, swamp and Pine Plains, on which I now live in Islip, the east half of said farm to Israel, and the other half to Selah. My two sons, Israel and Selah, to whom I give all my real or fast estate shall pay my just debts and funeral charges and the legacies given above, they also to pay the just expenses in executing my will; If they delay or refuse to pay the above then my Executors to sell so much of my land as necessary to pay the above. I bequeath to my wife Mary all my personal or moveable estate to be at her free disposal; Also the use of the best half of the house we live in for life with the improvement of one third of my farm or Neck as the law directs. I appoint Jacob Willets and Anning Moubray, both of Islip, Executors.

Dated September 15, 1784. Witnesses, Isaac Thompson (of Islip, Esquire), Zebulon Ketcham, John Ruland. Proved, February 8, 1786, Suffolk County. Confirmed, March 4, 1786, New York.

Page 386.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LYDIA THORNE, of the City of New York, shop keeper, I leave to my beloved mother, Jean Parsons, one "bead" (bed) and furniture and other necessaries sufycent to keep house with. To my beloved daughter, Elisabeth Thorne, all my plate and wearing apparel and the best bed and furniture in the house. All the remainder of my estate to be sold at "Publick sail," then my just debts to be paid. To my beloved Mother £100, which money and the above necessaries for her use for life, and at her decease if there be any "affects lef" (effects left) to return to my daughter Elizabeth. To Elizabeth all my estate, except the above to my Mother, to be paid her at her maredge or when eighteen as she

may think proper, and if she dieth before maredge or eighteen all my estate to be equally divided between my brother James Parsons, and my brother John Parson's daughter, Jean Parsons. I make my brother, James Parsons of the said city, shipwright, Executor, and my daughter, Elisabeth Thorne, Executrix, and I order my Executor to dispose of my estate within six months after my decease and after my debts be paid the money put at interest for bringing up the child.

Dated February 6, 1761. Witnesses, Thomas Thorne, John Thomson (of New York City, Merchant), John Duche. Proved, March 4, 1786. Administration granted to James Parsons the same date.

Page 388.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID McFEE, of the City of New York, Gentleman. I leave unto my dear and best beloved wife all my tenements, goods and chattels belonging to me in the City of New York for life. I bequeath my estate in the County of Northumberland in the State of Pennsylvania to my daughter Susanna, and if she should die the same to my d<sup>r</sup> wife, that is to say, before my said daughter marries.

Dated February 3, 1786. Witnesses, David Carroll Franks (of New York City, Attorney at Law), Samuel Gale, Samuel Stilwill (of Albany, shipwright). Proved, March 6, 1786. No Executors were appointed and administration was granted to Jane McFee, of the City of New York, widow, and Relict of David McFee, March 6, 1786.

Page 390.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH PURDY, of the White Plains, Westchester County, being weak of body this fifth day of November, 1785. I leave to my loving wife, Charity, three cows, her choice of my horses, ten sheep, four hogs, and all the household furniture she brought me after our marriage, and in lieu of the two beds she brought the liberty of taking two other beds she shall best like, and in case

any of the articles are not to be found they being worn out or lost she to take so much in value of my goods as will make good the deficiency, so that she have her full value of the goods she brought me aforesaid. Also to my wife a sufficient stock of meat and bread corn for the support of my family one year from my decease, and £10 in cash, and the use of one plow, one harrow, two pair of geers with one sled, so that she shall be furnished with utensils to work on the land, with a two horse team, and the same to be used by her so long as she remains my widow. Also the choice of my Negro girls. To my son Eisenhartt a young sorrel horse usually called his. My Executors to sell the remainder of my moveable estate, and all my lands I purchased from Joseph Weeks and with the monies therefrom and of my debts due me. I will that they first pay my debts and funeral charges, then the above legacy of £10 to my wife; then of the remaining I give to my granddaughter, Charity Purdy (daughter of my son Joseph), £20; to my granddaughter, Mary Purdy (daughter of my daughter Charity), £20; to my grandson, Joseph Hart (son of my daughter Sarah), £30; and I order my Executors to put these legacies at Interest and the interest arising to be applied towards educating each of them, paying my granddaughters their Principal and interest, if any be left, as each shall be eighteen years old or at their marriage, and my grandson when he shall be twenty-one years old; and if any die such part to the survivors provided they die without heirs or not conveying the legacy. And the money yet remaining in my Executors hands I give to my sons Jonathan, Eisenhartt, Monmouth, Bartholomew, Henry and Micah, and to my daughters, Mary, Pemelia and Mariam, at the same time ordering that each of my sons take two pounds, and each of my daughters one pound, and so continue to divide till the whole shall be given out. To my wife Charity, the use of my dwelling house and lands there-to, with my house and lands I purchased of Jacob

Coon, and the lands purchased of Timothy Purdy, till my youngest son then living be twenty-one, provided she remain my widow till that time, and when said son is twenty-one I give to her use all my said house and forty acres, all the above in lieu of dowry and in consideration of her taking care of and bringing up my children till of an age capable of taking care of themselves. The remainder of my lands to be sold and the money I give to my sons and daughters (above mentioned) divided as above directed. After the death or marriage of my wife my said dwelling house, and the forty acres my wife shall have in her care, to be sold and the money to go to my children as above said divided in like manner. My Executors to put the monies coming to children under age to interest and to pay the interest to their mother provided she has the care of them, and to pay the legacy to my sons when twenty-one, and to my daughter Mariam when eighteen or at her marriage if before that time. I order that my daughters Mary, Pemelia and Mariam dwell in my house till sold provided they so choose and do not marry before. I ordain my loving wife and my daughter Mary, Executrices, and my sons, Jonathan and Eisenhartt, Executors.

Witnesses, Elijah Purdy (of White Plains, yeoman), Elisha Brewster, Isaac Sniffon. Proved, Westchester County, February 22, 1786.

Page 393.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK BROWN, of Younkers, Westchester County, weak in body. I give to my wife Abegil one bedsted, bed and curtains and covering for the same. To my sons, Hendrick and Freadrick, my "solt meder" (salt meadow) each one half. My daughters has had twelve pounds each; the boys is to take each twelve pounds, and then the rest of my estate is to be sold and divided between "Abegil my wife and Merighta my daughter, and Elzabiath, and Hendrick my son and Freadrick my son each alike." I intrust Merighta's part to my Ex-



ecutors and order them to keep it and pay her the interest yearly, and if they see she want more she shall have it as they think best, and after her death they shall divide the whole among her children, if there is any left, each a part alike, but Thomas Marreal is not to have any profit of the same. I appoint Hendrick and Fredrick, my sons, and Anthony Archer, Executors.

Dated December 10, 1780. Witnesses, John Seyson, Abraham Devoe, Basil Archer (of Phillips Manor, farmer). Proved, March 8, 1786.

Page 395.—In the name of God, Amen. The 29th of November, 1785. I, WILLIAM ENDERS, of Schohary, Albany County, yeoman, “consedering the frailty of my body, the certainty of death and the uncertain time and minute thereof.” I do give unto my eldest son, John Enders, £1 in right of Primogeniture. To my sons, John and Jacob, three lots of land lying across Foxes Creek “knowing” by the names of lotts number 113, 114 and 116, the main or old Foxes Creek is to be the division line between my said two sons, the southerly parts to my son John and the northerly to my son Jacob, the old Foxes Creek is to be the division line as aforesaid. My said son Jacob his heirs or assigns is to keep my beloved wife Elisa Margrate during her life with sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing and lodgeing “as becommet a woman in her station”; but if he neglect maintaining my wife she shall hold the lands given to him for her maintainance during her life. To my son Peter two lots of land lying across Foxes Creek, known by the names of lots No. 108 and 109. To my sons, John, Peter and Jacob Enders, all the remainder of my land each an even share. My said three sons or their heirs shall pay the following sums of money in specie to wit: to my son William £40, ten years after my decease; to my daughter Maria £30, ten years after my decease; to my daughter Elisabeth £30; to my daughter Margrita £30; to my daughter

Christina £30; to my daughter Anna £30; all ten years after my decease; to my grandson, Adam Enders, son of my son William, £4, six years after my decease. My sons, John, Peter and Jacob shall pay all my just debts. To my son Peter one horse and one mare forever; to Jacob the same. To my sons, John, William, Peter and Jacob Enders all my horses not hereinbefore given away, all my farmers utensils and carpenters tools. The remainder of my personal estate whatsoever to my well-beloved wife, Elisa Margrate, her heirs and assigns forever. I make my sons, Jacobus Van Santi, Executors.

Witnesses, Peter Suyter, Jr, Pitter Man, Jr (both of Schohary District, Albany County, farmers), Peter Vroman. Proved, Albany February 16, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 9, 1786.

Page 398.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER HILTON, of Saratogo, Albany County, being in perfect health of sound mind and memory (blessed be God), but knowing the certenty of death. I give to my oldest son Richard or such other as shall be my heir at law at the time of my decease one shilling to be thereby excluded from any other pretence to my estate than what is herein to him given. To my dear and loving wife my whole estate, real and personal, for the support of herself and family during her widowhood, but in case of her marrying I bequeath my estate to my children equally divided. I make Abraham Eights and Jacobus Van Santi, Executors.

Dated October 6, 1783. Witnesses, Peter W. Douw (of Albany, Esquire), Jacob Van Schaick, John Shepherd. Proved, Albany, February 23, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 9, 1786.

Page 400.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEUS DECKER, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, in the County of Ulster, yeoman; being weak in body. I give to my loving wife Magdalena one fourth of all my estate, real

and personal, to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever. To my three children, namely, Johannis and Abraham and Maria Decker, the remaining three fourths of my estate, share and share alike. But if any of my children die before the age of twenty-one or marriage, then the share of any so dying shall go to the survivors. If all should die before twenty-one or marriage, then one fourth of their shares to my wife, one fourth to my sister-in-law, Catharine Bevier, one fourth to Chatharine Smedes the daughter of Benjamin Smedes, Esqr, of Shawangunk, and one fourth to Jacob Hasbrouck Decker, son of my brother Johannis Decker. I commit the guardianship of all my children, their estates and fortunes until they respectively attain the age of twenty-one, or day of marriage to my said dear wife. And I make my wife, my brother, Johannis Decker, Capt. Thomas Jansen, of Schawangunk and Mathevis Jansen, Executors.

Dated February 24, 1774. Witnesses, James Fulton, Robert Hunter, Matthew Hunter, Jun<sup>r</sup> (of Montgomery Precinct, yeoman). Proved, Ulster County, December 21, 1784. Administration granted to Magdalena Terwillegen, an Executrix, New York, March 9, 1786.

Page 402.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SYLVESTER SALISBURY, of Kingston, Ulster County, yeoman, do this 2nd day of April, 1785, make my last will. First my just debts shall in due season be paid and outstanding debts collected. My loving wife (not named) shall remain during the minority of my children in full possession of my estate, and enjoy the benefits arising therefrom provided she does bring up my children in a Christian like manner, and lets them learn to read, write and cypher as much as necessary for their worldly and spiritual happiness, according to her abilities and power she shall derive from the Emoluments of my estate, and if my wife should again marry then she shall have all her clothing, a bed with all its reason-

able appurtenances and a negro wench to attend her during her life, and £100 one year after her marriage, on condition she then gives over all her dowry or right to the remainder of my estate to the heirs hereafter named or if they are not of age to the Executors; but if at the time my wife come to lawful age my wife still remains my widow then my heirs shall provide her a decent maintenance, and also a good dwelling room, and a negro wench to attend her. My four children or the Executors for them shall divide equally my real and personal estate, that is to say, I give to my daughter Rachel one fourth, to my son Lawrence one fourth, to my son John one fourth, to my daughter Anna Marytje one fourth. If any of my children die without lawful heirs then his or her share shall devolve to the survivors. If my wife die or marry again before my children arrive at years of discretion then the Executors shall for every child under age put out at interest or rent out their full fourth part of my estate to the best advantage and when they reach maturity they shall be entitled to receive, after a sufficient warning given to the Executors, their shares. I make my wife, my brothers-in-law, Philip Hoogteling and James Roe, and my cousins, Abraham Salisbury and Joseph Oosterhoudt, Executors. I give them power to sell any of my real estate when they shall think proper for paying my debts. Lastly it is my will that this my last will shall in every particular be complied with.

Witnesses, Jacob Borhas (Burhaus) (of Kingston, yeoman), Jacobus Hasbrouck, Jr., and John Eltinge (both of Kingston, merchants). Proved, Ulster County, January 18, 1786. Administration granted to Elsie Salisbury, Philip Hooghteling and James Roe, three of the Executors, New York, March 10, 1786.

Page 404.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENNOI LATTEMORE, of the Precinct of Newburgh, Ulster County, being weak in body, do this 22nd day of December, 1785, make my last will and testament in man-

ner following: I give to my beloved sons, Bennoni, William, Freeman and Job, £5 each. To my beloved daughters, Bridget, Marcy and Hannah £4 each. To my well-beloved daughter Abigail's oldest child when it attains the lawful age of man or woman, it being a lawful heir of her body, £10. After my debts are paid the remainder of my estate, if any be left, to be divided in proportion as heretofore mentioned, and if it should fall short and not be sufficient for the above legacies then each shall have in proportion as heretofore mentioned, and the legacies of such Legatees as are under age to be put out until they attain lawful age. I appoint my well-beloved friends, Wolvert Ecker, Esq. and Thurston Wood, Executors.

Witnesses, Henry Terboss (of Newburgh, yeoman), Thomas Jacockes, Thurston Wood, Wolvert Ecker. Proved, Ulster County, January 20, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 10, 1786.

Page 406.—In the name of God, Amen. The 28th day of June, 1783. I, BENJAMIN DOUGHTY, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, at this time in bodily health and strength. I give to my well-beloved son, Charles Doughty, my lot of land called the West lot as the fence now stands and forty-six acres besides bounded as follows, south by the highway, east by Philip Platt, north partly by Samuel Doughty and partly by the West lot. To my well-beloved son Benjamin my messuage, dwelling house, and barn where he now lives with forty acres bounded west by John Wiggins, south partly by John Wiggins and partly by the highway, east by the highway and north partly by the lot called the "over way lot." To my well-beloved son William, the dwelling house I now live in, my barn and other buildings belonging to the same and forty acres joining my son Charles to the east and south bounded by the road and north by the woods. To my said three sons, Charles, Benjamin and William, all my meadow at Jamaica equally divided. To my well-beloved two

daughters, Philadelphia Townsend and Elizabeth Doughty, twenty-five acres bounded as follows: west beginning at the top of the hill partly by Elias Doughty and partly by the road, south by John Wiggins land; Also another piece of land in the hills containing five acres, it being the land that did belong to Nicholas Townsend, bounded north by Cornelius Monfore's land and west by the Highway. All the remainder of my lands to my said three sons, Charles, Benjamin and William, equally divided. To my daughter, Elizabeth Doughty, the whole priveledge of my south room so long as unmarried for her to dwell in but not to rent out. To my daughters, Philadelphia and Elizabeth £25, to be first raised out of my personal estate, and to each of them the equal sixth part of the remainder of my personal estate. My said sons shall draw out of the remainder of my personal estate £350, for the use of my daughter Hannah Hill, and to be paid her "discretionly" as they think proper. To my said three sons the remainder of my personal estate. I order that my son Charles do pay his two sisters, Philadelphia Townsend and Elizabeth Doughty, £50 each for the consideration of the West lot. I make my sons, Charles, Benjamin and William Doughty, Executors.

Witnesses, James Everit, John Doughty and Robert Doughty (the two last of Flushing, yeomen). Proved, Queens County, March 8, 1786.

Page 409.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL VAN HORNE, of the City of New York, merchant, being at present in a poor state of health. I give the use, interest and rents of all my estate, real and personal, to Catherine Van Wyck, daughter of Simon Van Sise, late of y<sup>e</sup> City of New York, shipwright, and wife of one Cornelius Van Wyck, during her life for her own separate use without being accountable to any person provided she continues to live as she now does single and does not cohabit with the said Cornelius Van

Wyck, if he be living, nor remarry in case of his death; but if she cohabit with him or remarry then I give her £1000 for her own use and she shall have no further claim to my estate; and if Cornelius Van Wyck should return and Catherine refuse to cohabit with him then I give the use, interest, etc., of my estate to all my Executors except ye said Catherine so long as she shall remain single as aforesaid, and order them to pay ye same to her as it shall be received for her sole and separate use, and the same shall not be liable to the debts or control of her said husband; and she shall while single as aforesaid make use of so much of ye principal of my estate as she shall think proper without being accountable for the same provided there be enough left for the legacies to my three slaves. I manumit or make free my three negro slaves, Hester and her daughter also named Hester, and Chance, and security be given them, and to each £25 yearly during their lives. To Henry Myer, son of my friend, John R. Myer, £400 in three months after my death, if so much can be then spared by the said Catherine Van Wyck, otherwise to be paid him after the death or remarriage of ye said Catherine. To my nephew, Gerard Beekman, son of my late sister Ann, £1000, paid as the above legacy, and if there should not be enough to pay both each must abate in proportion. All the rest of my estate to Peter Winthrop, son of ye late Cap<sup>n</sup> Balz<sup>r</sup> Winthrop, and his heirs forever. But if ye said residue amount to £4000 or upward then I give out of ye same to Henry, Mary, Ann and Margaret Vander Spiegel, children of my sister Margaret Vanderspiegel, deceased, or to such of them as living at the death or marriage of ye said Catherine Van Wyck, £300 each. And if Peter Winthrop die before ye devise to him takes effect then I give his part to my Executors to be sold and applied for ye use of ye Charity School in this City and such poor orphans and distressed widows as may need it. And Catherine Van Wyck while single as aforesaid shall have power to sell any part of my

real estate for her support in case of need. I make the said Catherine Van Wyck, said John R. Myer, said Gerard Beekman and ye said Peter Winthrop, Executors.

Dated October 16, 1771. Witnesses, Chris<sup>r</sup> Bancker, Edward Goold (of New York City, Merchant), Tho. Budd. Proved, March 18, 1786. Administration granted to Gerard Beekman the same date.

Page 412.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL GAUTIER, of Flatt Lands, King's County, Merchant, being at present not very well. My debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate as far as it will go, and if there should not be sufficient to pay my debts I direct my Executors to sell such of my real estate as will be sufficient. I bequeath to my loving wife Ann, £80 per year in lieu of dower as long as my widow, together with all my furniture, linen, china, wearing apparel, horse and chair and cow, plate only excepted. To my son Andrew all the rest of my estate, real and personal, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one; if he die before all my estate (except the legacies afore mentioned and a house and lot in Princess street, New York City, being numbered 7) to my brother, Andrew Gautier, he paying on the death of my said son £500 unto my said wife in lieu of dower. If my son Andrew die before twenty-one I give to my wife that said house and lot in Princess street. I appoint my friends, Johannes E. Lott, Esq., of Flatbush, Kings County, and Adam Gilchrist, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Merchant, of the City of New York, and my beloved wife, Ann Gautier, Executors and Guardians of my son Andrew.

Dated January 10, 1786. Witnesses, V. Antonedes (carpenter), Joseph Hegeman (weaver), Laurence Voorhees (yeoman). Proved, March 20, 1786.

Page 414.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD WARSBOURN, of North Castle, being in good health and sound in mind and memory, in the County of West-



chester, yeoman. I bequeath to my loving wife Amy, a bed and furniture, a horse and saddle, a looking glass and household furniture sufficient to keep house, likewise the best room in my house to dwell in during her continuing my widow, with £100 in cash after the sale of the estate. To my son Joseph £150, to my son Daniel £150. To my son William all my Blacksmiths tools and a horse and saddle and £50. My son Daniel to have farming utensils equal to his eldest brother. To my son John £150, to my son Samuel £150, to my son Jese £150, to my son Richard £150. To my [daughter?] Philenah £27, already paid with £27 13S. to be paid. To my daughter Amy £80. If my estate should exceed or be less than the "quotos" aforesaid then such "overplus or nagation" to be divided in proportion to the aforesaid bequests. I make my wife Amy Executrix and my sons Joseph and Daniel, Executors.

(Signed) RICHARD WOSHBOURN.

Dated March 4, 1775. Witnesses, Stephen Sands, John Ireland, Samuel Moore (of Bedford, schoolmaster). Proved, Westchester County, March 10, 1786.

Page 416.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES McKENNY, soldier in the second New York Regiment, being very sick and weak. I give to Jacob McKenny (son of Charles McKenny, sergeant in the aforesaid Regiment) all my estate, real and personal. I appoint the said Charles McKenny, sole Executor.

Dated March 14, 1781. Witnesses, Ja<sup>s</sup> Kip, Thomas Hicks, Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith (of Westchester County, Tailor). Proved, Westchester County, March 20, 1786.

Page 417.—Administration granted to Ruth Carr, of the City of New York, widow, the relict of James Carr, late of the same place, Cartman, on the estate of the said James Carr. Whereas JAMES CARR made his will bearing date December 17, 1774 and appointed Charles Nicholl and Joseph Allicocke, Executors and soon after died, and whereas on the 12th of January follow-

ing at New York the will was proved and administration granted to the said Executors, and whereas the said Joseph Allicocke, the surviving Executor is absent from this state, administration is granted to the above. New York, March 14, 1786.

Page 418.—Administration granted to Deborah Denman and Sarah Pettit, both of Newtown, Queens County, spinsters, sister and legatees of Samuel Scudder, late of the same place, yeoman, on the estate of the said Samuel Scudder. Whereas SAMUEL SCUDDER made his will dated August 3, 1771, and appointed Richard Betts, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Nathaniel Woodard, Executors, and soon after died, and whereas on the 11th day of November following at Queens County the will was proved, and administration granted to the said Executors, and whereas the Executors of the will of the said Richard Betts Jun<sup>r</sup>, the last surviving Executor of the said Samuel Scudder, did relinquish the Executorship of the said will, administration is granted to the above. New York, March 21, 1786.

Page 419.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EPHRAIM WATKINS, of the Precinct of the Wallkill in the County of Ulster, New York, being weak of body. I give to my beloved wife, Phebe Watkins, my best feather bed and furniture belonging to it in my house, with one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow, with the third part of my fast estate with the benefit of the back room and furniture sufficient to keep house with so long as she shall remain my widow and no longer. To my son Able one half of the lands given me by my father's will together with my dwelling house and barn. To my son Ephraim the other half of my estate left me by my father's will, and if my son Abel should be called off by death, leaving no lawful issue then his part to be equally divided between my four sons, Ephraim, George, Joseph and Birdseye Watkins; and if my son Ephraim is called off by death then my son Able is to have the home lot, and

my other three sons, the meadow lot, now lieing between Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Watkins and Jese Gale equally divided. I will my son Able to pay to my three sons, George, Joseph and Birdseye, £50 each, and my son Ephraim likewise to pay to my said three youngest sons, George, Joseph and Birdseye, £50 each. My sons, Able and Ephraim, to bring up my three youngest sons till they arrive "at the years of fourteen," and give them good schooling and then they are to go to such trades as they shall choose, and in case of Ephraim's death they are to have no benefit of the meadow lot till twenty-one. To my daughter, Phebe Watkins, "one feather bead and beading" and £40 out of my moveable estate as soon as she is eighteen or marries. I empower my Executors to sell the remainder of my land, and the money from the sale of the Pine Swamp to go one half to the heirs of Hezekiah Watkins, deceased. To my daughter, Jean Fairchild, £5. To my son Able one mare with one feather bed and bedding, the farming utensils; the remainder of my moveable estate to be sold and the money equally divided among my sons. I appoint my brother, Samuel Watkins and my friend, Stephen Harlow, Executors.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1785. Signed, James Martin (schoolmaster), George Houston (yeoman), Samuel Pouley (Laborer). Proved, Ulster County, February 8, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 23, 1786.

Page 421.—In the name of God, Amen. This 29th day of April, 1785. I, ARCHIBALD McCURDY, of the Walkill Precinct, Ulster County, being very weak of body. To my wife I leave Margret a comfortable support during her life to be secured to her both by real and personal estate fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, and ye sum of £20 to be paid her in ten years after my decease. To my son, Archibald McCurdy, the whole of my estate. To my son-in-law, W<sup>m</sup>

Wilson, £10, to be paid by my son Archibald ten years after my decease. To my granddaughter, Margret Wilson, £10, and three cows, to be given her by my said son when she is eighteen or at her marriage. To my two grandchildren, Jane and Isabel Wilson, each £6 and two cows paid when ye arrive to ye age of eighteen or marriage, and if any of ye said children of ye said Wilson die before of age or married ye proportion left to such a one is to be equally divided amongst ye surviving sisters. Provided nevertheless that if my son Archibald die without lawful issue the whole of my estate that I may die possessed of clearly ye above legacies redacted shall be equally divided among ye surviving children of my daughter, Agness Wilson. I ordain my trusty friends, Capt. Sam<sup>l</sup> Watkins and Samuel Crawford, and my son Archibald, Executors.

Witnesses, John McCamly (yeoman), Daniel Butterfield, David Crawford. Proved, Ulster County, March 17, 1786.

Page 423.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM PATTON, of the Precinct of New Windsor, Ulster County, being of a sound and disposing mind and memory judge it convenient at this time to make my last will and testament. I will that my wearing apparel, household furniture, and cows and horses be at the disposal of my well-beloved wife Margaret. To my said wife the interest of what money may be due me with the rents and profits of my farm for her support during her life. After her decease my farm shall be sold, £5 be paid to my son James, £40 to my granddaughter Margaret, the rest of the monies equally divided amongst my grandchildren (not named) (Margaret excepted), the shares of any of my grandchildren who may not then be come to lawful age I desire that my Executors shall put out at interest. I appoint Mr. James Kernaghan and Mr. Samuel Boyd Executors.

Dated March 21, 1785. Witnesses, George Huggan (schoolmaster), Miles Cavan (yeoman), John Morri-

son (yeoman). Proved, Ulster County, February 2, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 23, 1786.

Page 424.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PATTERSON, of Wallkill Precinct, Ulster County, yeoman, being weak of body but of sound judgment and memory. I give the whole of my moveable estate after my debts are paid to be equally divided between my true and loving wife and my daughter Mary. Also to my wife the use of my fast estate, during her widowhood, afterward to my daughter Mary, but in case my daughter die without issue before her mother then one half of my fast estate to my wife and the other to my brother James. I appoint William Faulkner and William Bull, Executors.

Dated August 3, 1785. Witnesses, Edward Campbell (shoemaker), Daniel G. Rogers (yeoman), William Wilkin, Jun<sup>r</sup> (yeoman). Proved, Ulster County, December 29, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 23, 1786.

Page 425.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL JAYNE, of Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, yeoman, being weak in body, do this 19th day of February, 1785, make my last will and testament. I give to my beloved wife Hannah two cows, one riding mare, eight sheep, one feather bed, all my wearing apparel, and all my household furniture, with all the meal and grain of every kind that I have in my house and barn at my decease; Also the use of one room in the house wherein I now live, and all my young cattle, with the privilege of having the said cows, etc., kept on the farm. To my daughter Sarah, the wife of John Carpenter, the farm whereon I now live (except £5 which I give to my granddaughter, Rachel Tucker, to be paid in three years after my decease, and my debts and funeral charges to be paid out of the farm). Also to my granddaughter, Hannah Tucker, five shillings, to be paid in one year after my decease out of the moveables not before mentioned. To my son-in-law, John Carpenter,

all my moveable estate not hereinbefore mentioned. I make my son-in-law, John Carpenter, and Capt. Ebenezer Woodhull, both of Cornwall Precinct, Executors.

Witnesses, Jonah Tooker, William Shepard, Nathan Cooly. Proved, Orange County, March 3, 1786.

Page 427.—Know all men by these Presents that I, RICHARD THORNE, of Cowneck, North Hempstead, Queens County, Nassau Island, being this 19th of July, 1785, something disordered in body, but my mind and memory sound, quick and good. My will is that my well-beloved wife shall have the profits of my estate, real and personal, as long as my widow, for the purpose of bringing up my children, unless my Executors shall think proper to sell my estate, when the monies shall be disposed of as follows: To my well-beloved wife one fifteenth of my estate in lieu of her right of dowry, and the remainder equally divided among my children (not named), and their shares put out to interest till they attain to full age, or paid to them as my Executors see cause, and if any die without issue then such part divided between the surviving children. I make my loving friends, James Sell, Thomas Thorne and John Peters, of North Hempstead, Queens County, my Executors.

Witnesses, Mary Thorn, David Brooks and James Cornwall (of North Hempstead, yeoman). Proved, Queens County, March 19, 1786.

Page 429.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARTE Loop, of the Manor of Livingston, County of Albany, being weak in body. I give to my son Johannis my large high Dutch Bible as his birthright. To my wife all my effects, real and personal, while my widow, and after her death my son Johannis and two daughters, Maregreta and Mary, shall each have their marriage portion with their other sisters already married. Whenever they marry, and if either die before they marry their portion to be divided among the surviving broth-

ers and sisters. After the death of my wife Mary all the remaining effects to be equally divided among my children. I make my wife Executrix and Will<sup>m</sup> Har-der, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Jurry J. Snyder, my sons-in-law, Ex-ecutors.

Dated January 14, 1786. Witnesses, George Dippel (of Livingston Manor, yeoman), Conradt Myer, Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Fonda. Proved, Albany County, February 14, 1786. Confirmed, New York, March 23, 1786.

Page 430.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM GALLT, late of "Chery Valy" yeoman, "being of grate age and infirm of body." I give to "my well-beloved naturall son William" whom I likewise make my sole Executor, "all my goods and chatels, bonds, nots, booke debts or shuretyes, monneys or other affects which I posess," also my lot of land in Chery Valy known by the name of number fifty-one, on which I did "yousally" dwell, with the orchards and gardens.

Dated March 4, 1779. Witnesses, William Harper, Esq<sup>r</sup>, John Harper, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bogart, Archibald Harper. Proved, Montgomery County, December 19, 1785. New York, March 28, 1786, administration granted to William Gallt, the Executor.

Page 434.—In the name of God, Amen. The 25th day of May, 1784. I, JOHN HARPER, of Harpersfield, Tryon County, Gentleman, being weak in body. I give to my beloved wife Rebeccah £50; Also two cows and four sheep, and all the household furniture she brought with her. To my daughter Abigail one lot of land in Harpersfield No. 3 containing 125 acres to be disposed of for her use. To John Teidle and his wife Eunice, daughter of my said daughter Abigail, one lot of land in Harpersfield containing 88 acres, No. 146. All the remainder of my lands, interest and estate to be equally divided between my sons William, John, Alexander and Joseph, and my daughters Mary, Margaret and Meriam. I make my son Alexander and my son-in-law, William McFarland, Executors. Witnesses, David

Earll, Elihu Curtis, Josiah Throop (of Johnstown, Montgomery County, Surveyor). Proved, December 19, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 28, 1786.

Page 433.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDRICK CONDERMAN, of Conajohary District, Tryon County, yeoman, in good health of body. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits of my most compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy. In this hope I render up my soul in comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity, one God most holy to prepare me for the time of my dissolution, and then to take me to himself into that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name, Amen, blessed be God. I leave to my son Johannes for his primogeniture £5, to be paid him out of my estate by my son Frederick. To my son Frederick all my lands, with all my horses, cows and other creatures, etc., charging him with the payment of my debts and maintaining of my dear wife during her widowhood and to bring up my other children, my sons at the years of capacity to be put to trades, each according to his choice, but if any of my children go to live with other persons during their minority he shall not be liable to maintain them. I appoint my well-beloved friends, Conrad M. Conterman and Nicholas J. Pickerd, Executors.

Dated July —, 1778. Witnesses, Marcus Conderman of Canejohary District, Montgomery County, Friedrich Wallratha, John Pickerd. Proved, Montgomery County, February 27, 1786. Administration granted to John F. Contryman, of Canijohary District, Montgomery County, yeoman, a son and Legatee of Fridrich Cunderman, late of the same place, yeoman, deceased, the Executors having renounced the Executorship, New York, March 28, 1786.



Page 435.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID PHILIPS, of the City of New York, Gentleman. I leave to my loving wife Mary the use and income of all my estate, real and personal, for life. Immediately on the decease of my wife I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham W. Vanduersen, one silver tankard, one silver tea pot, one silver milk pot, one silver sugar dish, five silver table spoons and eight silver tea spoons. To my beloved daughter Ann, the wife of Arthur Langharne, £60. In case my negro man slave named Harry desires to have his freedom it is my will he shall be free after my wife's decease, but if he shall not so desire then I bequeath him to my said daughter Ann. The rest of my estate after my wife's death to my said daughters, Ann and Elizabeth, equally divided. I make my wife Mary, Executrix, and the said Arthur Langharne and Abraham W. Vanduersen, Executors.

Dated October 19, 1785. Witnesses, Alex<sup>r</sup> Hosack (Merchant), Ebenezer Turell (Merchant), Francis Child. Proved, March 29, 1786.

Page 437.—The People of the State of New York, etc., and all to whom these Presents shall come know ye that at Bernards town, New Jersey, on the 17th of February, 1778, the last will of THEODORUS VAN WYCK, deceased, was proved as appeareth by certain Letters Testamentary under the Prerogative seal of the State of New Jersey, and administration of the same was granted to Abraham Van Wyck, one of the Executors. Whereas the said Abraham Van Wyck has since died, the estate not being fully administered, administration is granted to Helena Bogart one other of the Executors. New York, March 31, 1786.

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Page 1.—August 4, 1784, GILBERT POTTER, of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York, gives to wife Elizabeth, £100, also one third part of my moveables, also the use of house and lot where I formerly dwelt joining the land of Joseph Sammis and land of Nathaniel Williams, deceased, in order that my daughters, Sarah Rogers and Mathew Potter, may with her live during her widowhood. To my son Nathaniel and his heirs, the house and lot where I now live; Also the land purchased of Gilbert Bryant, joining the same with the lot before the door where I now live; Also, the two pieces of woodland, one purchased of David Samm [Sammis] estate, the other of Nathaniel Williams, deceased, lying near the hollow ponds; Also the house and lot which I give my said wife and daughter the use of after my said wife decease or marriage. The above donations given to my son, Nathaniel Potter, in order that he pay my Executors £50, and also he pay my wife Elizabeth, £5 yearly as long as she remains my widow; Also give my wife, one cow and horse and to furnish them with hay and grass; Also all my rights in the different purchases which I own; Also to my son all my wearing apparel, one great bible and silver can. I give to my daughter, Sarah Rogers, and to her heirs, £100 with whatever she has already had; Also one third part of my moveables not otherways disposed of. To my daughter Mathew and to her heirs all the remainder of my moveable estate and money, together with such moneys as shall arise from lands hereafter to be sold. In case my daughter Mathew die under twenty-one years of age and without lawful issue, the above moneys and moveables are to be equally divided

among my surviving children or their heirs. I make Thomas Brush and William Haviland, executors, authorizing them to sell and dispose of all my lands at Cold Spring which I purchased of Josiah Rogers, deceased; and also to pay all my just debts and dispose of all the overplus as directed. The cow and horse ordered to be given by my son to my wife not to be given but to furnish one cow and horse yearly, and every year with hay and grass. I also give freedom to my Negro fellow, in three months after my decease, for his valor. I do hereby revoke and declare null and void all other wills.

Dated August 4, 1784. Witnesses, Margaret Plumb, Ebenezer Betts, John Ketcham, of Huntington, yeoman. Proved, March 10, 1786.

Page 3.—NEHEMIAH BRUSH, SENIOR, of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York, September 2, 1783, give to son Samuel one equal third of all my meadow and upland lying at Great East Neck, Huntington, south. To my son Nehemiah, all my lands lying in the sixth tier of lots, with the rights in the eastern purchase, also one equal third of all my meadow and upland lying in Great East Neck near Huntington, South. To my son Elexander, all my homestead lands and buildings and rights lying and being near Bread and Cheese Hallow and all my land lying in Smithtown near Fresh Pond, and also my son Elexander is to take care of his mother if she should outlive me; my wife should live with my son Elexander and that he should maintain her with her third that the law allows her. To my wife Batheba, one horse and chaise. To my granddaughter, Preciller Conklen, £6. To my daughters, Phebe, Rhoda and Batheba, all my movable estate to be equally divided between them. I make my son Nehemiah, and Epenetus Wood, jr., Executors.

Dated September 2, 1783. Witnesses, Epenetus Wood, jr., of Smithtown, weaver; Samuel Wood, Mary Wood. Proved, March 7, 1786.

Page 4.—RECUMPENCE SHERRIL, yeoman, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, New York. All my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my executors out of the legacies of my sons, Abraham and Stephen Sherril. To my son Recumpence and my oldest daughter, Sarah Conkling, £5 each. To my son Abraham £220, also a sixteenth part of a whole share throughout the lands of Montauk; Also about 14 acres or the eastermost half of Neazer Close; Also about 20 acres of woodland lying easterly by a highway westerly by my son Recumpence, northerly by Thomas Baker, southerly by John Chatfield, esq. To my son Stephen, my dwelling house and barn and my home lot; Also fourteen acres of my Neazer on the west side by John Mulford, on the east side by the land I will give to my son Abraham. Also to my son Stephen, ten acres of land in the eastern plains bound by Ezekiel Mulford, east and west by the lands of Benjamin Leek and the heirs of Elias Conkling, deceased. Also a twelfth part of a whole share throughout the lands of Montauk; Also all my meadow at Acabounack by Bishop's Hamock; Also fifteen acres of woodland bounded southerly by my son Recumpence, northerly by Nathan Dayton; Also eleven acres by Hands Creek Road adjoining to Samuel Parsons. Also to son Stephen, one ox and all my farming utensils. I give all the remainder of my Cash or notes or bonds not already disposed of together with all my household goods to my wife and my daughter, Puah, equally; Also to my wife, two cows and all my provisions in the house, barn, or on the ground to be disposed of by her and my three youngest children, and that my daughter Puah make the house I now live in, her home while she remains single. All the rest of my real and personal estate is to be equally divided between my two sons, Abraham and Stephen, and to their heirs. I appoint my sons, Abraham and Stephan, and Dr. Samuel Hutchinson, executors.

Dated February 4, 1786. Witnesses, Stephen Conk-

ling, yeoman; Joseph Osborn, yeoman; Samul Hutchin-  
son. Proved, March 14, 1786.

Page 6.—JOHN HEDGES, yeoman, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, New York. To my daughter, Mary Isaacs, £5, to be paid by son Daniel. To my daughter, Ruth Howell, £5, to be paid by my son Daniel. To my son Daniel and his heirs all the rest residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, lands and tenements, goods and chattels, wheresoever situated; he paying all my just debts. I make my son Daniel, and Jeremiah Miller, executors.

Dated March 10, 1786. Witnesses, John Chatfield, Jeremiah Conkling, both of said county, yeoman, Stephen Hedges. Proved, March 14, 1786.

Page 7.—EDWARD COUVENHOVEN, merchant, of Philip's Manor, Westchester County, New York. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. To my son William, 5 shillings in lieu of any claim whatsoever he may or can have on any parts of my estate, real or personal, except what I have given him; all the remainder of my estate, real and personal, I give to my wife Ann, during the time she shall remain my widow to support herself and my children while under the age of twenty-one years or until they shall be properly placed out in the world. If the income of said estate is not sufficient then I authorize my Executors to sell and dispose of such part of my real estate as in their discretion will be sufficient either at public or private sale. After the remarriage or death of my wife I authorize my said Executors or the survivor of them and administrators of such survivor at some convenient time not exceeding three years after the decease or remarriage of my wife, to sell and dispose of the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, at Public sale, and after all reasonable expense deducted, to divide the money arising from such sale unto and amongst my sons, William, Francis, Jacob, Edward

and Henry, and daughter Ann, share and share alike, and if any of them shall happen to die, his share shall be divided amongst the survivors and their heirs. I appoint my wife executrix, my son William, and Jacob Roome, Henry Roome, Executors.

Dated February 10, 1776. Witnesses, Charles Phillips, of said city, Cooper; William Warner, Jno. C. Knapp. Proved, March 17, 1786.

Page 9.—December 26, 1780. WILLIAM ROE, yeoman, of Flushing, Queens County, New York. All my just debts and funeral charges be well paid by my son John, one of my executors. To my wife Martha, my best bed and furniture, six of my best sitting chairs, six of my best puter plates, two of my best puter platters, my best iron pot, my best iron kettle, my best cow to be kept on my said farm, half dozen knives and forks, my looking glass, my riding chair and my black mare called the chair mare, to be kept on my said farm; all the above I give her to her own disposal in lieu of her dower or thirds of in and out of all and singular my houses, lands, tenements and real estate whatsoever and wheresoever; Also the interest of £200 to be paid to her half yearly, by my son John, one of my executors, from the day of my death and to be continued during her remaining my widow and no longer, and my wife shall have the best room in my house rent free and the use of my black girl named Hannah, during her remaining my widow and no longer; at her death or remarriage I give said negro girl Hannah, to my daughter Elisabeth; should she have a child or children in the time my wife should have her in possession, in that case I give and bequeath the said child or children to my daughter Elisabeth and her heirs forever. To my son Oliver, my lot of land lying by Joseph Wrights and also a piece of salt meadow adjoining Samuel Cornells and David Roes salt meadow to him and his heirs forever. To my daughter, Ann Cornell, my second best bed and furniture

which she now has the use of; Also the sum £25 to be paid her one year after my decease. To William, my son, £100 to be paid him one year after my decease. To my son Thomas £100, my son Thomas' legacy to draw interest from the day of my death until he shall arrive at age of twenty-one or marry. Also I give him my negro boy named Pompey. To my loving daughter Elisabeth £100, this legacy to draw interest from the day of my death till she arrive at the age of eighteen years or marry; Also my third best bed and furniture. To my daughter, Ann Cornell, my negro girl Violet and the heirs of her body forever. To my son John and his heirs forever all my real and personal estate which I have in Flushing, excepting what I have already given, upon condition that he shall pay all my just debts and funeral charges and also pay my daughter, Ann Cornell, one year after my death her legacy; Also pay my son William his legacy, and also my son Thomas his legacy with what interest may be due as he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years or marry; Also pay my daughter Elisabeth her legacy with what interest may be due when she shall arrive to the age of eighteen years or marry. I desire that guardians appointed hereafter to be over my two sons, John and Thomas, to be put to good trades and let my house be a home for them when it seems to be convenient to them until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years; Also to keep and support my daughter Elisabeth with suitable food and raiment until she arrive at the age of eighteen years or marry; Also if my son John should die and leave no issue, then I give to my son Thomas, all my real and personal estate which I have given to my son John upon conditions of him performing my will as have ordered my son John to perform, or that part that may be unsettled, and if my son John should die and leave one or two children or more, my son Thomas is to pay to the child or children, £200, three months after the father's death, and also if my executor shall recover the one third part of three

hundred acres which I may have a right to in West Jersey, Gloster County, near Delaware River. If the value of this land amounts to four hundred pounds or under I give it to my two sons, Oliver and William and their heirs forever. If the valuation be more than £400, the overplus to be paid to my two sons, John and Thomas, equally divided between them and their heirs forever. My wife shall not take any person or persons into that part of the house that I allow her during her widowhood without the consent of my son John or son Thomas which ever may possess my farm; but she shall be supplied with fuel for her fire at all times during her widowhood at the expense of the occupier of my possessions. I appoint my sons, John and Thomas, Executors, but at present under age and if I should die before they or each of them be at age I appoint David Haviland and Caleb Haviland, executors or guardians over my two sons, John and Thomas, my sole executors, until one or both arrive at the age of twenty-one years.

Dated December 26, 1780. Witnesses, George Barwick, yeoman; Daniel Hitchcock, Abigail Haviland. Proved, November 5, 1782. The same day David Haviland qualified as executor. On April 11, 1786, John Roe was duly sworn as executor.

Page 12.—THOMAS VATAR, of New York City, mariner, after all just debts and funeral charges are paid, gives to his wife Agnes, one half of my estate, real and personal, as long as she remains my widow and unmarried; the other half to my son Thomas, jr., begotten by said wife Agnes, widow of Robert Theobalds, deceased, and to his heirs forever to be paid him after the death of my wife by my executors. In case my wife marry or die I will the whole estate to my son Thomas, jr., after reserving and giving the following legacy, that is, in case either a brother or sister should make a demand on my estate, I give them the one half of my estate after my wife's death or remarriage. To



my God daughters, Catharin Lawrence, daughter of Henry and Hester Lawrence, and Catharine Lynsen, daughter of Abraham and Catharine Lynsen, each the sum of £50, to be paid after my wife's death or remarriage. If my son die without lawful issue, it shall fall unto my wife. And in case of both wife and son's death without issue I give my whole estate to Jonathan Theobalds and his heirs first reserving out of my estate the legacies above mentioned as also the one half given to my brother or sister if they should come and demand the same as before mentioned. I appoint Peter De Peyster and my brother-in-law, Abraham Lynsen, and my wife, executors.

Dated April 8, 1754. Witnesses, Stephen V. Cortlandt, W<sup>s</sup> Poppelsdorff, William Poppelsdorff, Jr. Proved, April 11, 1786. The same day Mary W. Hughes, of the City of New York, late the widow of Stephen Van Cortlandt, testified she was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Stephen Van Cortlandt and verily believed that he subscribed to the above will.

On April 12, 1786, Anna Beeton, of the City of New York, a daughter of Wilhelmus Poppelsdorff, testified that she was well acquainted with the handwriting of said Wilhelmus Poppelsdorff and believed that he subscribed to the above will.

Page 14.—MULFORD CONKLING, yeoman, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, New York. I give to my son David, my dwelling house and home, also my lot of land at N. W. Plain, lying between the land of Nathan Conkling and Daniel Osborn, about five acres; Also one piece of land adjoining Hands Creek Path, being between the land of Samuel Parson and Nathan Conkling, containing about thirty-three acres; Also the one half of my lot of woodland in Eelwise Brook Neck, being undivided with Nathan Conkling. Also the one half of my meadow at Accabownock, all which meadow lands and rights of land I give to my son David and

his heirs forever, but the improvement to his mother Puah until he arrive at the age of twenty-one years. I give to my wife Puah and my two daughters, Puah and Mary, all the moveable estate that I shall leave at my death, to be equally divided between them. To my son Mulford, all the rest of my land not before mentioned; and all my just debts and funeral charges paid out of the same. I appoint my wife, Puah Conkling, my brother, Nathan Conkling, jr., my friend, Jesse Dayton, Executors.

Dated January 23, 1781. Witnesses, Jonathan Tut-hill, Samuel Parsons, jr., yeomen; Benjamin Stratton. Proved, March 27, 1786.

Page 15.—JOHN SIDELL, tailor, after my just debts are paid I give to my wife Magdalen, all my movable estate, also the dwelling house in which I now live situated in Duke Street, New York City, during her widowhood, in case of marriage or her decease, the house is to be sold and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among my children that may be living, and if but one, to his or her separate use. I make my son Augustus, executor, and my wife, executrix.

Dated November 8, 1781. Witnesses, Isaac Kip, William Ross, printer. Proved, April 15, 1786.

Page 17.—DANIEL MERSEREAU, yeoman, of Richmond County, New York, to my wife Cornelia, £100; Also one milch cow, a riding chair, best bedstead and furniture, dining table, tea table furnished, one looking glass, six chairs, one chest, one spinning wheel, one tea kettle, two iron pots, 1 pair andirons, one iron trammell and some dishes and plates which she may select. To my grandson, Aaron Mercereau, £60, to be put out at use within one year after my death, for his benefit, until he arrive at the age of twenty-one years; then to be paid with the interest; if he die before he is twenty-one years, the aforesaid monies shall be equally divided between such of my children as shall then be living and heirs of such as shall be deceased. To my

wife, my sons John, Daniel and Henry and daughter Catharine, £30 each; all to receive their shares within one year after my decease, excepting Henry, whose share is not to be paid him until he shall attain the age of twenty-one years; in order that he may be further benefited, his share of £30 shall be put out at use until he is twenty-one years of age, the above moneys to be an equivalent for the outset I gave my daughter Elizabeth at her marriage, and should either die before they shall be entitled to their respective share or shares and without lawful issue, the share or shares are to be equally divided between the survivors or their heirs. To my sons, John, Daniel and Henry all my wearing apparel, to be equally divided among them. To my daughter Catharine, one chest and a spinning wheel. All the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, in Richmond County and elsewhere, not before mentioned, shall within one year after my decease be disposed of at public sale and after my just debts shall be discharged and the above legacies deducted, the remaining moneys arising from sale to be equally divided between my wife and children, John, Daniel, Elizabeth, Catharine and Henry; each to receive his share one year after my decease excepting Henry whose share is to be put out for his benefit until he attain the age of twenty-one years; and should he or any of my heirs die before they shall be entitled to receive their share or shares, this share or shares to be equally divided among their heirs or to the survivors to be equally divided among them. My wife at her discretion shall be entitled to receive money from my executors to purchase necessary clothing for my son Henry, while he is a minor; this money to be deducted from the interest arising from the moneys put out at use for his benefit. I appoint my brother, John Mersereau, my son John, and Abraham Bancker.

Dated March 2, 1786. Witnesses, Cornelius Cruser, W. Helmus Vreland, yeomen; Adrian Bancker. Proved, April 7, 1786.

Page 19.—JOHN PATTERSON, of New York City, formerly a captain of the Pennsylvania Line; all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate; all the rest, real or personal, the rents, issues, proffits, advantages and emoluments of the same to my mother, Mary Leddle, of City of New York, widow, during her natural life, together with all interest money that now is or hereafter shall or may become due, during the term aforesaid, on three final settlement notes, two of which are for five hundred dollars each and one for four hundred and fifty-two dollars, and sixty-seven nintieths of a dollar which are now in possession, of my brother-in-law, Alexander Mercer, as a security for the payment of a certain bond given by me to him in 1784 for the sum of £205. Upon the death of my mother, all the real and personal estate I have willed her, shall go to the three children of Captain James Thomas, viz.: John Patterson Thomas, James Leddle Thomas and Mary Thomas, and to be equally divided between them share and share alike to hold the same to the said John Patterson Thomas, James Leddle Thomas and Mary Thomas and to their heirs, executors, administrators forever. As tenants in common and in case that either of children should die before the death of my mother, then the share or portion of the child or children so dying shall go to the survivor or survivors of them to be equally divided among them. In case my mother should die during the minority of the three children then the estate bequeathed to them to be applied and disposed of by my executors, to such purposes as may seem most conducive to the interest of said children during their minority. I appoint my mother, Mary Leddle, and Captain James Thomas and John Ramage, executors.

Dated March 8, 1786. Witnesses, Tobias Van Zandt, Thomas Van Zandt Roorbach. Proved, April 18, 1786.

Page 21.—April 13, 1776. ELISEBETH LAMON, of Ulster County, New York, to my son William £40, to

my son's daughters, my black velvet cloak; my grandson, John Waste, £34; to my daughter, Mertha Waste, all my furniture and clothes and cattle, to dispose of them to the best advantage for her son John.

Dated April 13, 1776, Samuel Miller and John Black, executors. Witnesses, Arthur Barbor, Samuel Miller and James Downes. Proved, April 11, 1786.

Page 22.—WILLIAM TANNER, SENIOR, farmer, of the Clove, Beekmans Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. To my son, William Tanner, jr., the one half of the farm that I now possess lying in the clove, if he pays one half of the debt that is due on the lease; to my son Reuben, the other half of the farm after paying all my just debts and legacies and dowries hereafter mentioned; Also all notes, bonds and all farmers' utensils belonging to the farm, after my decease; Also all horses, cows, sheep, hogs and all living things that is on the farm; to my son Samuel £50, in three years after my decease and all my wearing apparel; to my son James, the just sum of twenty shillings; to my grandson, David Tanner, £5, when he shall attain the age of twenty-one years; to my five daughters, Hannah Thompson, Martha Thomas, Margaret Randel, Maribe Thompson and Rachel McIntosh, all my indoor utensils, to be equally divided among them. I appoint Jonathan Dennis, Esq., and Butain Talman, of Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, executors.

Dated November 29, 1785. Witnesses, John Moores, Henrich Klein (or Hendrick Kline), Peter Cline, all of Dutchess County, farmers. Proved, April 11, 1786.

Page 25.—JACOBUS VAN ALEN, yeoman, of Kinderhook, in the County of Albany, to my wife Leena, my whole estate during she being my widow, and to dispose of my personal estate, as she thinks proper for the benefit of my children; to my eldest son Laurens, my large Dutch Bible in right of his premiator or first born, and that he shall make no far-

ther pretence on my estate but to be satisfied with that share or portion as hereafter shall be made to him; to my three sons, namely, Laurens, Abraham, Johannis, all my real estate and their heirs to be divided into three parts, share and share alike, but Johannis must have the preference and choice of my houses which I now possess in Kinderhook at Grootstrick for him and his heirs forever; to my two daughters, Mary and Catharina, each an outset when they get married, to the value of £40, otherwise as my wife in her discretion shall think proper. After the death or marriage of my wife all my personal estate to my five children, namely, Laurens, Abraham, Johannis, Mary and Catharina, share and share alike. If one of my sons die without lawful issue, his part or share shall be divided among my surviving sons or heirs share and share alike. I make my wife, Leena Van Alen, executrix and my sons, Laurens, Abraham, executors.

Dated October 14, 1754. Witnesses, Anthony Quakenbous, Peter Vosburgh, both of Kinderhook; Arent Van Dyck.

*Codicil.* I, Jacobus Van Alen, November 28, 1755, make this my codicil to my last will. I give to my two daughters, namely, Maria, wife of Johannis Van Alen and Catharina, each the sum of £200 over and above the outset mentioned in my last will, to them and their heirs forever, and that six months after my wife's decease or marriage. This codicil be annexed to and made part of my last will.

Dated November 28, 1755. Witnesses, Anth. Quakenbous, Peter Vosburgh, Arent Van Dyck. Proved, January 4, 1757. The same day administration was granted unto Lena Van Alen, one of the executors.

On April 25, 1786, Lena Van Alen having since died and the goods and chattels of the said deceased, Jacobus Van Alen, not being fully administered, Lowrens Van Alen one other of the executors was duly sworn to administer the same.

Page 28.—JAMES SOWLE, hatter, of Saratoga, Albany County, New York, after my just debts are paid out of my dues, I give to my wife Jemima, my best bed, bedstead and cord with a full set of furniture for Winter and Summer, together with what interest she has left at Nantucket, both real and personal, free and clear to her own disposal; Also the use and improvement of my homestead farm and patten farm, called the potter place for ten years, if she remain my widow, or so long as she remains my widow to enable her to bring up my children that is under age; Also the use of all my household goods until I shall otherwise order, my meaning is that if my wife should continue my widow after ten years, for her to have the choice of either room in my now dwelling house and the profits of thirty acres of the east end of my homestead farm so long as she remain my widow, and I desire her to accept the above gifts in lieu of her thirds or dower; to my son Jonathan, the two fifths of the one half of what estate I may have left to be delivered to him when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years; to my sons, James and Robert, the three fifths of the one half off my estate on every account in like manner as the above gift to Jonathan; to my daughters, Deborah, Lydia, Eunice and Hannah, each an equal quantity and quality of household goods as I have already given to their sister Levinas; Also each of them a cow, to be given them when they arrive at the age of eighteen, out of my household goods or other estate to be left to the discretion of my executor. To my five daughters, Levinah, Deborah, Lydia, Eunice and Hannah, the other half of my estate exclusive of all particular gifts to be equally divided among them and be delivered to all that has arrived at lawful age; when my son Jonathan arrives to lawful age and in like manner as it becomes clear of other gifts my intent and meaning is that my wife have the use of all my live stock for ten years if she continues my widow, to be left to the discretion of my executor, whether to

give them up to her as she may need or to demand them for division; Also my widow have all my provisions both harvested and growing, for the use of my family; to my three sons all my wearing apparel to be divided equally; to my two sons, Jonathan and James, my guns. I make my brother, Jonathan Sowle, guardian to all my children under age; Also sole executor, authorizing him to take a deed or deeds as the circumstances of my land may need; Also to sell, dispose, give deed for to settle my estate or for my children's benefit.

Dated March 24, 1785. Witnesses, Gideon Mead, Asa Brown, of Saratogo District, yeoman; Rebecca Leggett. Proved, April 10, 1786.

Page 30.—MARY GROESBECK, spinster, of the City of New York, to my sister, Susannah Groesbeck, otherwise Reilly, wife of Terence Reilly, merchant, of New York City, all my real and personal estate, after my just debts and funeral charges have been paid; Also what I am entitled unto by the last will of my late father, John Groesbeck, merchant, of New York City, deceased, or otherwise to have and to hold the same unto the said Susannah Reilly, her heirs, Executors, Administrators, forever. I make my brother-in-law, Terence Reilly, Executor, and my sister, Susannah Groesbeck Reilly, executrix.

Dated May 12, 1779. Witnesses, Terence Kerin, Not. Pub., Ninian Holmes, merchant; Peter Poillon. Proved, April 26, 1786.

Page 31.—NICHOLAS ANTHONY, New York City, to my eldest son, Theophilus, £850, which is to be paid out of or go in discharge of the bonds, accounts and other demands which I have against my son for money advanced to him heretofore; to my eldest daughter, Rebecca Hardenbrook, £700; £600 is to be paid out and go in discharge of a bond of £500 I have against her and £100 demand on account for cash advanced to her from time to time, the remaining £100 to be



paid her by my son Theophilus, one year after my decease, out and in discharge of £100 which my son owes me on bond over and above the said sum of £850; to my grandson, Nicholas Hardenbrook, son of Theophilus Hardenbrook, deceased, £600, £550 of which is to be paid out in discharge of a bond which I have against his father, Theophilus Hardenbrook, for money advanced him, the remainder (£50) to be paid to my grandson, Nicholas Hardenbrook, by my son Nicholas, as soon as the said Nicholas Hardenbrook shall arrive at the lawful age, but if he die before he shall become of age, without lawful issue, in that case I give the said £600 to my other grandson, Nicholas Anthony, and in case he be then not living, to his legal representatives, in equal shares to my daughter, Mary Brevoort, £700, of which £630 is to be paid out of and in discharge of a bond of £600, and a note of hand of £30, which I have against her for money advanced to her; the remainder being £70, to be paid to her by my son Nicholas, three years after my decease; to my step-daughter, Hester Rose, widow, £50, to be paid to her by my son Nicholas, one year after my decease; All the residue to my son Nicholas and his heirs forever, excepting the legacies mentioned above, namely, £50 to my grandson, Nicholas Hardenbrook; Also the payment of the other two sums of £70 and £50 to be paid to my daughter, Mary Brevoort, and my stepdaughter, the widow Hester Rose, respectively. My children and grandchildren shall not be charged any interest on any of the notes, bonds which I have against them, and I hereby remit to them all interest accrued and become due on bonds, notes or accounts whatsoever. I appoint my son Nicholas, sole executor.

Dated September 24, 1784. Witnesses, Daniel Burger, Blockmaker; Jane Roome widow, both of said city; A. W. De Peyster. Proved, April 27, 1786.

Page 34.—JOSEPH ISRAEL LEVY, living in Calcutta, in the Kingdom of Bengall, to my daughter, Abigail Is-

rael Levy, £1000, to be left in the hands of Abraham Levy, merchant, London, to be applied to the best advantage, that is, the money to be put to land interest and that interest for the use of bringing her up until she is twenty-one years of age; in case of her death, the money to go to my mother, and I also give to my mother, Rosey Israel, living in Houndsditch, near Algate, London £500 more, and in case of my mother's and daughter's death, these moneys are to go to my brothers and sisters; Also £500 to the Jews College in Jerusalem, and unto the poor widows and poor motherless and fatherless children in London, £200; Also to the mother of my child, named Jabica, five hundred Rupees and two slave girls and the garden and the house, with everything belonging unto her to be paid to her by my executors, and the other amount of all sum or sums of money, lands, tenements, goods, chattels, and estate whatsoever, I give these to my brothers and sisters in London or elsewhere each to have equal share. I appoint Abraham Levy, merchant, in London, Charles Weston, Joseph Pallard and Robert Brown, executors.

Dated Calcutta, January 2, 1772, and in the twelfth year of his reign Majesty King George the third. Witnesses, Anthony O'Brien, James Miller. Proved, April 27, 1786. The same day Moses Israel, gentleman, and on the 28th, Solomon Simson, merchant, both of said city, testified that they were well acquainted with the testators handwriting and believed he subscribed to the above will.

On April 28, 1786, the executors of the will were "absent beyond the seas" and Samuel Israel was appointed Administrator.

Page 37.—SILAS BELDING, of Charlotte Precinct, in Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Janetie, my house wherein I now live, with all my live stock of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, with my carriages, farming tools and utensils, during her natural life; all

which goods and chattels are then after my wife's decease to be given to my son Lowrans, who is to take care of his mother during her natural life; to my son Silas, land situated lying in Charlotte Precinct, at southeast corner of my lands, thence northward to the division line between me and Jacobus Vanduesen, to a division fence between the two meadows, thence westward, as the fence now stands to the orchard, thence round said orchard northward, as the fence now stands to a bushy, white, oak, stump standing by the road, crossing the road westward through the orchard to a stone wall, thence south along wall till it comes to a fence running east and west, then westward as the said fence stands to Thomas Gages land, thence south on a line between me and said Gage to the division line between the Great Nine Pardenors and Beekmans Patent, then easterly along said line to the place of beginning, together with the buildings, orchards, and improvements thereon, excepting the Cider mill and press, the half of which shall be property of my son Lowrans; Also to my son Silas, all the tract of land situated in the precinct, county and state above said, beginning at a rock standing by a road near the school house, thence running northerly to a gulley or run of water that comes from Benjamin Burlingames, running and keeping on west side of said run till it comes within six rods of said Burlingames Bridge, then running north to Burlingames land, thence along line between me and said Burlingame until it comes to where a due south line will strike the Easterly Crook of a run of water running toward the road, from thence to the road to a walnut sapling standing by the road on the north side, thence along said road easterly to the place of beginning, with all the profits; Also all that tract of land situated in Amenia Precinct, the county and state aforesaid, beginning at a rock standing in the stone wall near the road, from thence easterly as the fence now stands, along said fence to a pair of bars (allowing my son Lawrens, a watering place to the water),

and from said bars running northerly, as that fence now stands to Harmanis Knickerbacker's land, thence easterly along line between me and said Knickerbacker till it comes to a heap of stones near a gate, thence to the river and along said river to his own land; Also my land I have on east side of river and running westerly on a line between me and Jacob Vanduesen to the road then along said road northerly to the first mentioned bounds, with the profits and improvements, to my son Lawrens, all that tract of land situated in Charlotte Precinct the county and state above said beginning on the division line between me and Jacob Vanduesen at the division fence between the two meadows, running westerly on the line mentioned for my son Silas' north bound line and running in every course as that line runs to Thomas Gage's land, thence northerly on a line between me and said Gage to where an east line will strike the brook whereon Christopher Dutcher's Mill now stands, six rods below said mill over said brook thence northerly along the East side of Dutchers Mill Dam to the road, thence Easterly along said road as the road runs to Jacob Vanduesen's land, thence south on the line between me and said Vanduesen to the first mentioned bounds, together with buildings, orchards and improvements thereon; Also that tract of land situated in precinct, county and state above said beginning at a rock near schoolhouse mentioned for my son Silas' southeast bound, thence running Easterly along the road as road runs to Jacob Vanduesen's land, then northerly and Easterly in company with said Van duesen to the road, thence northerly along said road to a rock mentioned for my son Silas' northeast corner in Amenia Precinct, thence along a fence easterly as the fence now stands to a pair of bars, thence northerly as the fence now stands to Harmanis Knickerbacker's land, thence west along a line between me and said Knickerbacker to the southwest corner of said Knickerbacker's land, thence north to Benjamin Burlingames' southeast corner, thence

westerly on a line between me and said Burlingame to my son Silas' northeast corner, then southerly along Silas' east line to first mentioned bounds together with buildings and improvements thereon; Also that tract in Charlotte Precinct, the county and state above said beginning at a Walnut sapling near the road mentioned for my son Silas' southwest bound, thence northerly on the west side of my son Silas to Benjamin Burlingame's land, thence on a line between me and said Burlingame to said Burlingames southwest corner, from thence southerly to a butnut tree standing on the north side of the road on the top of Plemoth Hill, from thence easterly along said road to the Walnut sapling or place of beginning with all the profits thereunto belonging; to my daughter Mary, all that tract of land lying in Charlotte Precinct, county and state above said, beginning at a chestnut tree mentioned for the southeast bounds of my son Lowrans, near the road on Plemoth Hill, thence to the southwest bound of Charles Wilbour's land, northerly from thence along the line between me and said Willbour, westerly to my northwest corner, thence along the line between me and Thomas Gage, southerly to the northwest corner of my son Lowrans, thence easterly to the brook, six rods below Christopher Dutches mill and crossing the said brook, thence northerly along the East side of said mill pond and brook to the road crossing the road, thence easterly along said road to the first mentioned bounds of beginning with all profits and buildings, to the heirs of my daughters, Abigail and Katrine, all that tract lying in the Township of New Caanan, Albany County, New York, together with all buildings, profits thereunto belonging; the heirs of my daughter Abigail to receive one half of the above said lands and improvements and the heirs of my daughter Katrine, the other half; to my daughters, Jane and Elizebeth, all that tract of land lying in the Township of Salisbury, County of Rutland, Vermont, on the banks of Otter Creek, to be equally divided be-

tween them with all improvements, profits, thereunto belonging to my wife Janetie, the use and benefit of my negro man and woman during her natural life and after her death, I give them to my son Lowrans, to my three daughters, Mary, Jane and Elizebeth, all and every article of my household goods and furniture, to be equally divided between them six weeks after my wife's decease, the same to remain to my wife's use and care during her natural life, what cash I have and is due me at my decease, after my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid I give to my two sons and three daughters, Silas, Lowrans, Mary, Jane and Elizebeth, to be equally divided between the five. I make my wife, Executrix, and my son Lowrans, and my son-in-law, Christopher Dutcher, Executors in trust. I also give all my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my two sons, Silas, Lowrans.

Dated February 20, 1786. Witnesses, Daniel Mason, Matthew Vanduesen, David Rose, all of Dutchess County, farmers. Proved, April 19, 1786.

Page 42.—MYNDERT VIELIE, farmer, of Beekmans Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. To my eldest son, Barent, £5 and my gun for his birthright; Also one equal undivided third part of all my real estate; to my son Peter, one equal undivided third part of all my real estate; to my son Baltus, one equal undivided part of all my real estate. I order that my three sons pay, within one year after my decease, £500, each to pay £166, thirteen shillings and four pence, as a legacy out of my real estate; £100 to each of my five daughters or their children, the parts to the children of my daughters, Johanna and Rebecca, to be disposed of as hereafter directed; the remainder of my personal estate to be divided into eight equal parts. To my sons, Barent, Peter, Baltus, one eighth part each; to my daughters, Helena, Neiltje, Jannetje, Rebecca, one eighth part each, the one eighth part of Rebecca's to remain in the hands of my Executors to be put on in-

terest for the use of and to be paid to the children of my daughter Rebecca in equal portions as they come of age or marry, the survivors to share equally the proportion of such as may die before they come of age or marry, the remaining one eighth part to be put to use by my executors for the children of my daughter Johanna, deceased, in equal proportions, to them, the proportion of such of them as are indebted to my sons, Executors, or either of them, the amount of debt to be retained by my executors toward the discharge of such debt in an average proportion of said debt to said legacy or part, the residue to be put on interest for the use of and be paid the said children of my daughter Johanna, in equal proportions as they come of age or marry; the survivors to share equal proportion of such as may die before they come of age or marry; if the majority of my children do not agree in the division of my personal estate then my executors to sell the same and make an equal dividend of the net proceeds in manner as is above directed after paying all my just debts, funeral discharges and legacy above mentioned. I give the share legacy of such child so dying, to be equally divided among the children of such of my child or children so dying as shall come of age or marry. I appoint my sons, Barent Vielie, Baltus Vielie and my son-in-law, Abraham A. Losee, executors.

Dated June 1, 1785. Witnesses, James Emott, Peter Tappen, Gilbert Livingston. Proved, April 9, 1786.

Page 44.—To Samuel Jones, of Oysterbay, in Queens County, Esquire, Attorney-of John Gale and Anna his wife, and of Thomas Jones and Mary his wife, the said Anna and Mary being daughters and Legatees of David Jones, late of Fort Neck, in Queens County, deceased, and Samuel Clowes, of South Hempstead, in the said County, Esquire. Whereas the said DAVID JONES did make a will dated 26th day of July, 1768, and thereby appointed Thomas Jones, Richard Floid and William Nicols, Jr., Executors, which was proved

on October 27, 1775, and whereas the said William Nicolls, Jr., is since deceased and the said Thomas Jones and Richard Floid, the other executors, stand attainted of High Treason against us and are by law forever banished from our state, administration on the estate of the said David Jones, deceased, is granted unto Samuel Jones and Samuel Clowes.

Dated April 28, 1786.

Page 45.—JENNEKE LYET, of Orange County, New York. To Helletye Debois, widow of Jonathan Debois, deceased, £50; to Sarah Leydecker, widow of Albert Leydecker, deceased, £50; to Elizebeth Hutton, wife of John Hutton, £50; to Sarah Blauvelth, wife of Richard Blauvelth, £50; to Marretye Sickles, wife of William Sickles, my silver teapot; to Sarah Leydecker, Marretye Leydecker, Elizabeth Hutton and Sarah Blauvelth, all my wearing apparel, my bed and bedding, my house furniture to be divided among them share and share alike; to William Van Dalsem and Henry Van Dalsem and their heirs forever, all that lot of ground lying on the south side of Courtlandt Street, New York City, bounding on the east by the lot of Peter Mesier, one hundred and twenty-eight feet on the south by the lot of the heirs of Jacobus Stoutenburgh, Deceased, and twenty-five feet on the West by the heirs of Gitty Van Dalsem, deceased, one hundred and twenty-eight feet, and on north on said street twenty-six feet. I make William Sickles, of Orange County and Henry Van Dalsem, of New York City, executors.

Dated July 10, 1785. Witnesses, M. Hogenkamp, John Hodson, weaver; Thunis Cuyper, yeoman, both of Orange Town. Proved, May 1, 1786.

Page 47.—GEORGE POLHEMUS, farmer, of Pond Patent, Precinct of Haverstraw, County of Orange, New York. To my wife, maintenance out of my estate during her widowhood at the discretion of my ex-



ecutor, and to have no further power over my estate, and that she remain in the family; to my son Titus, one mahogany desk; to my eldest daughter, Matie, one of the best horses and one cow and one chest of drawers; to my three sons, Titus, Jacob and Daniel, all my estate, real and personal, that they pay my just debts and funeral charges and bring up all the small children and give them English education, that they bring up my youngest son, George, and put him out to learn a trade and at the age of twenty-one to give thirty acres of land, but if they give him a liberal education and learn him Divinity he is to have no right to the land; to pay my daughter Matie £80, four years after my death. I give to my daughter Jenny £80, to be paid four years after Matie; to my daughters, Elizabeth, Ann and Hannah, each the sum of £80, to be paid as they come of age, but in case any of daughters die under age, without issue, the legacy to be divided equally among my surviving daughters, and in like manner with my sons, Titus, Jacob and Daniel, that if either die without issue or under age their parts to be divided in like manner, that if my son George die without marriage or issue, his part to be divided among the surviving brothers or their heirs, the legacy of thirty acres is to be taken from the farm now in my possession in case of the death of one of the other brothers as before mentioned, then George to come in equal for one third belonging to the deceased unless he have education as before mentioned, then to have no right to any part thereof. I appoint my eldest son, Titus, my son Jacob, and Johanes Remsan, Class R. V<sup>n</sup> Hooten, Executors.

Dated March 6, 1786. Witnesses, John Farrand, George Douglas, of Haverstraw, Schoolmaster; Yury Pery. Proved, May 4, 1786.

Page 49.—PETER ANDERSON, wheelwright, of New York City. To my son George, the sum of five shillings, to bar him of any claim to my estate, as heir at

law or otherwise, and in case my son George should die before he receives the sum or that a division of my estate is made, then I give the said sum of five shillings to his lawful heir for the same intent and reason; to my wife Cornelia, the whole and sole use, interest and profits of all my estate, real and personal, to be possessed by her or her heirs during the term of her natural life; my executors are to sell and dispose of all my estate, real and personal, one year after my wife's decease, that shall be left (after my wife's funeral charges are paid), and that by such ways and means as they (executors) shall judge to be most beneficial; the moneys arising from such sale to be divided into six parts or shares—one sixth part of the whole I give to my son George, one sixth part to my son Elias, one sixth part to my son Elbert, one sixth to my son Petrus, one sixth to my daughter, Cornelia Brower, and the remaining sixth part to Maria, the same to be paid them as soon as may be done after selling of my estate. If any of my children should die without lawful issue then his share shall be divided amongst the surviving children; if any of my children should die leaving lawful issue, his share shall be put out at interest for the child or children until he arrive at the lawful age. I appoint my sons, Elias, Elbert and Petrus, Executors.

Dated August —, 1774. Witnesses, John Montanye, carpenter; Joseph Montanye (brother to preceding witness), John Nathaniel Hutchins. In the probate Gerard Smith, Schoolmaster, testified to the signature of John Nathaniel Hutchins. Proved, May 3, 1786.

Page 52.—May 2, 1785. CALEB GREEN, of North Castel, Westchester County, New York. To my son Thomas, tract of land lying in North Castel, in Westchester County, beginning at a heap of stones lying at the southwest corner of Thiash Greens land running northerly and westerly, and then northerly as the land

of Iasiah Greens land until it meets with the land of Charles Haight, then with the land of Charles Haight, until it meets with the fence that divides the neck from the swamp, then southerly as the fence stands, until it meets with the cart road that gives unto the neck, thence easterly as the road runs until it comes to the bars that comes out of the long field, thence a straight line to a long stone lying in the stone fence just below the bridge, thence as the highway runs to the first mentioned bounds; Also a piece of land lying on the south side of the road beginning at the northeast corner where the shop used to stand, thence running southerly as the road runs until it meets with land of John Greens, until it meets with the fence that divides a small piece of meadow from the other field, thence as the fence stands to the highway, thence easterly as the highway runs to the first mentioned bounds, to him and his heirs forever; to my son Joseph, the tract lying in North Castel, county and state mentioned above, beginning at a certain long stone lying in the stone fence across the brook just below the bridge, thence running as the cart path goes to the bridge that goes to the neck, thence as the cart path goes across the swamp to the bars, thence southerly as the fence stands until it meets with the stone fence that runs east and west across the ridge, thence as the same fence runs west across the ridge until it meets with the fence that runs north and south, thence northerly as the fence now stands until it meets with the land of Iasiah Greens, thence easterly and northerly with the land of Isaiah Greens until it comes to the north point of the neck, then easterly until it meets with the land of Charles Haight, then southerly as the fence now stands unto the cart path that goes unto the neck, thence a straight line southerly to a certain watering place, from thence a due south line to the land of Walter Simmans lands, thence easterly to a certain walnut tree standing northwest of a piece of bogs, thence southerly to a row of stones that lies the

north side of the highway and so to the highway, thence easterly to the first mentioned bounds; Also another tract lying south side of the highway in the corner where the old house used to stand; all that meadow that is within the fence as it now stands to him and his heirs forever; to my son William, one tract of land lying in North Castel, County and State aforesaid, beginning on the north side of the highway that leads from my house to John Greens, then northerly to certain walnut tree standing northwest of a piece of bogs, thence westerly to the northeast corner of Walter Simmans land, then westerly until it meets with the south line that comes to the watering place, thence northerly along the said line until it comes to the east end of the stone fence that crosses the ridge, thence westerly by the said stone fence until it meets the fence that runs north and south, thence northerly by the said fence until it meets with the land of Isaiah Green, thence westerly to a maple tree standing on the west side of Shapaqua Brook, thence southerly partly as the brook runs to the northwest corner of John Carpenter's land, thence easterly along said John Carpenter's and Walter Simmans land, thence southerly by the said Walter Simmans until it comes to the highway, thence easterly by the highway until it comes to the land of John Green's, thence easterly by the land of John Greens and so by the highways to the first mentioned bounds to him and his heirs forever; to my son Henry, a tract of land lying in North Castel, County and State aforesaid, all that remains of that farm that I bought of Michael Lownsbery, except what I sold to John Green, to him and his heirs forever; my sons Thomas, Joseph and William and their heirs shall have free liberty to cart from the highways along the cart path to the bridge and unto their own lands at all times; to my sons Thomas, Joseph and William, a tract of land lying in North Castel, County and State aforesaid, bounded on the south by Isaiah Green, on the west by a Frances Wright, on the north and east by Charles

Haight, containing eleven acres more or less to them and their heirs forever; and my movable estate be sold at the discretion of my executors, and that the money arising therefrom be paid as follows: to my daughter Sarah £45, my grandson, Caleb Green (son of my son Caleb Green), £30. If the sale falls short to pay my debts and legacies, then my sons shall pay their equal part; to my son Thomas, the use and benefit of my part of the saw mill so that he doth allow his brothers to saw their own logs. I appoint my sons, Thomas and William, executors.

Dated May 2, 1785. Witnesses, Robert Carpenter, Mary Palmer, Jacob Carpenter, yeoman. Proved, April 23, 1786.

Page 55.—JAMES DE BLEZ, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York, to Edward Neville, now living in Charles Town, formerly a merchant in Bristol, in England, £500 to him and his heirs forever; to John Neville, eldest brother of Edward Neville, merchant, now living in Charles Town, £300 to him and his heirs forever; to Edward Light, merchant, in New York, £500; to Mr. More, secretary of the society of the Episcopal Church, £400, to be put at interest for its support for poor widows and orphans belonging to said Episcopal Church; to Church Wardens or managers of the Township of New Rochelle £100, to build and erect a steeple and hang a bell in the Episcopal Church; to Abraham Guion, Esq., of New Rochelle, £50 and all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs forever; to Dinah Guion, sister to Abraham Guion, £50, my three silver table spoons and all my beds and bedding; to John Guion, son of Abraham Guion, Esq., £20; to Mary Guion, daughter of Abraham Guion, £10; to Frances Tatar, wife of Rev. John Tatar, £25; to Jane Bonine, widow of John Bonine, £25; to Peter Bonnet, of New Rochelle, £25; all the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between the legatees herein mentioned in proportion to the sums given them; all

sums to be paid eighteen months after my decease. I appoint Abraham Guion, of New Rochelle, William Light, merchant, of New York, Peter Bonnet, of New Rochelle, Executors.

Dated April 20, 1786. Witnesses, Elias Guion, Blacksmith, Esaic Guion, Samuel Ferris. Proved, May 2, 1786.

Page 57.—GABRIEL LEGETT, late of West Chester but now of the West Patent of North Castle, Westchester County, New York. To my two sons, Thomas and James, all my estate both real and personal, lying in Westchester County, New York, to them and their heirs forever, and that it be equally divided between them; if either of my two sons, Thomas or James, die before me or before said estate be equally divided in such case the heirs of deceased brother shall be entitled to one equal half part of the above given estate; to my daughter, Mary Archer, £100; if my daughter die before she receive the aforesaid £100, then the aforesaid £100 to be paid to her heirs; to my daughter, Martha Forgonson, £30 with this proviso, that she shall survive her husband, Hezekiah Forgonson, otherwise not; to my daughter, Phebe Miers, £30 with the proviso, that she survive her husband, Isaac Miers, otherwise not; to my daughter Elizabeth £30, to be paid to her one year after my death; to my daughter Catharine £10; my sons, Thomas and James, to pay the legacies severally as I have given them. I appoint my sons Thomas and James and my son-in-law, James Archer, Executors.

Dated June 25, 1781. Witnesses, Maurice Smith, Abel Smith, Benjamin Smith. Proved, May 2, 1786.

Page 59.—JOSEPH DUNKLY, painter, of New York City. To my wife Ann, use, profit, possession of my whole estate, both real and personal, for her natural life for her maintenance and support and support and education of my two sons; to my son Joseph £3, as his

birthright and in bar as he may claim as my heir at law. All the remainder and reversion of my estate to my two sons, Joseph and Robert Pond Dunkly, and to their heirs, executors, equally to be divided between them share and share alike, to be received immediately after the decease of my wife. If either die before reaching the lawful age and without issue, then I give the part of the deceased son to his surviving brother or heirs; if both sons should die before legal age and without lawful issue, I give one full third part of my whole estate to my wife Ann and to her heirs forever; one other third part thereof in case of both of my sons under age and without lawful issue after decease of my wife, I give unto children and legal representatives of my sister, Elizabeth Woodward, now the wife of William Woodward, farmer, of Pennsylvania, equally divided between them, the remaining third part thereof, in case of death of my sons under age and without lawful issue, after decease of my wife Ann I give to Joseph Wood, Cordwainer, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, brother of my wife, and to his heirs forever, and the better to enable my executrix, hereinafter named, to dispose of and manage my estate for the best advantage of my heirs I authorize and empower my executrix at any time when she shall see fit and best to sell and dispose all my real estate whatsoever, either at public or private sale as she shall think best, to any purchaser whomsoever at such price and on such terms as she shall think fit, and to give good and sufficient deed or deeds, release or releases, conveyance or conveyances, or such assurance in the law for the same to any purchaser thereof, his, her, their heirs forever in fee simple. The moneys arising from such sales be placed at interest on real or mortgage security, only for benefit of my devisees. I appoint my wife Ann, Executrix.

Dated New York, March 22, 1775. Witnesses, Edward Lowerree, Cooper; William Gervan, John McKesson. Proved, May 5, 1786.

Page 62.—February 21, 1786. DAVID MERSEREAU, of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. To my wife Elizabeth, use or profits of my whole estate, real and personal, for bringing up and schooling my children for so long as she shall remain my widow; my executors to give to my wife immediately after her remarriage the choice of two negro wenches, either old or young Sarah, with so much of my household furniture as she shall choose, and to pay her £100 out of my estate in lieu of dower; to my son David £200 when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, with the silver bowl as specified in the will of my brother Paul, the other articles being stolen cannot be delivered; to my son Daniel £100, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years given to him in like manner by my brother Paul; to my son Peter £100 out of my estate when he arrive at the age of twenty-one years; to my daughters, Elizabeth, Jude and Margaret, each to receive £50 in lieu of an outset when they shall arrive at the age of eighteen or marry; the remainder of my estate shall be equally divided among all my children, namely, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Nancy, David, Daniel, Peter, Elizabeth, Jude and Margaret; immediately after my daughter Margaret shall arrive at the age of eighteen years or marry which shall first happen; in case any of my sons, David, Daniel or Peter, die under age and without issue that such share or shares given to them so dying shall be equally divided amongst the survivors or given to the survivor of my sons, and in case either of my daughters, Elizabeth, Jude or Margaret shall die before they arrive at age of eighteen or marry, without lawful issue, such share or shares of either of them so dying to be equally divided among the survivors or survivor of them above expressed; be it remembered that my daughter Mary has received £40, which is to be accounted by her out of such share as may become due to her out of my estate. I appoint Gozen Ryersse, Daniel Mersereau, Sr. and John Mersereau, executors.



Dated February 21, 1786. Witnesses, Cornelius Mersereau, David Edgar, John Van Pelt, all of Richmond County, ship carpenters. Proved, April 26, 1786.

Page 64.—ANN MARY SCHUYLER, widow of Dirck Schuyler, of City of New York. To Mary, daughter of Abraham Schuyler, deceased, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, the interest on £50 during her natural life, and at her death the said sum of £50 to be equally divided among the children that she may then have living, share and share alike; to William Bradford, Sr., of Philadelphia, £10; to Schuyler Bradford, £50; to Rachel Bradford, £50; to Elizabeth Ogden, widow of Jacob Ogden, deceased, £150; to Ann Mercier, £100; to Heleana Van Wyck, widow of Theodorious Van Wyck, £100; to Abraham Schuyler, son of Abraham Schuyler, of New Brunswick, £100; to Abraham Schuyler, son of Dirck Schuyler, of Albany, £150; to Dirck Schuyler, son of Jacobus Schuyler, of Albany, £150; to John Van Vorhies, son of John Van Vorhies, of New Brunswick, £50; to William Ogden, son of Jacob Ogden, deceased, £10; to William C. Bradford, son of Cornelius Bradford, £150; to Theodorious Van Wyck and Piere Van Cortlandt Van Wyck, sons of Abraham Van Wyck, deceased, each £25, to be paid to them when they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and in case of the death of either of them before reaching legal age the sum of £25 given to them to be paid to the survivor, and in case they both die before the age of twenty-one the said sums given them to be paid to the children of Theodorious Van Wyck, share and share alike; to Mary Van Wyck, daughter of Theodorious Van Wyck, one equal half part of the money received for the sale of my two lots of land lying in the Bowery of the City of New York; my negro girl, Elizabeth Clerk, to be set free after she arrive at the age of twenty-one, and in case I die before she arrives at that age it is my will she live with Elizabeth Ogden until she arrive at twenty-one years she then to receive

£30; to Abraham Schuyler, son of Abraham Schuyler, of New Brunswick, my silver tankard and silver-hilted sword; to Elizabeth Ogden, all my household furniture and wearing apparel; to Harmon Ling, the young man that now lives with me, my smallest chocolate mill and one hundred of the chocolate pans. If after paying my debts and funeral charges my estate should not amount to the sum given or legacies, each one to be paid in proportion so given them—if a remainder, the same to be divided among my executors share and share alike. I appoint Cornelius Bradford, Peter Mackie, of New York City, executors.

Dated April 11, 1786. Witnesses, John King, Jr., Abraham Willson, Shopkeeper; Nathaniel Monroe, jr. Proved, May 6, 1786.

Page 67.—JEDIDIAH OSBORNE, of the Town of Easthampton, Suffolk County, New York. To my son Jacob, one half of my wind mill and one half of all my lands to him and his heirs forever, provided he shall have a male heir when he dies, but for want of such male issue to descend to my son John, his heirs forever except the third of said land and mill, the wife of my son Jacob may improve as long as she remain his widow; to my son Isaac the other half of my lands and buildings and other half of my mill and his male heir forever, but if he die without male issue then to descend to my son John, as aforesaid, except the third to remain to his wife as long as she remain his widow; and for the want of John, having male issue when he dies, to descend as the law directs, to my surviving children not before mentioned the sum of ten shillings each to be to them and their heirs forever, the remainder of my estate to be divided among all my children except my two horses to go with lands and buildings; my son Jacob shall improve all my lands after my decease, till my son Isaac return home and divide my said lands and if either of them die without male issue as above said the value of above lands to descend as

above said. I appoint my sons, Jacob and Isaac, executors.

Dated February 19, 1785. Witnesses, Sarah Osborne, Loraney Thompson, Elias Mathews. Proved, April 18, 1786.

Page 69.—JONAS SAMMIS, of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York. To my wife Rebeccah £80, one horse, two cows, which she shall choose, two feather beds and furniture, six leather bottom chairs, one looking glass if she marries, she is to receive above in lieu of her dower; to my daughter Abigail £50; to my daughter Susanah £30; the above legacies to be put out at interest to such time as they shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, which shall first happen; to my two sons, Henry and Jonas, and to their heirs forever all my lands and buildings with a certain right of marsh on Cedar Island to be equally divided between them. I appoint Jesse Sammis, in the west neck, Timothy Conkling, jr., of Huntington, executors.

Dated April 13, 1786. Witnesses, William Sammis, Henry Sammis, John Ketcham, yeoman. Proved, April 25, 1786.

Page 70.—SETH PADDACK, of Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Ruth, all and singular my household furniture, to be used and finally disposed of at her own discretion and also the free use of the eastermost room of the house in which I now live together with like use of the chamber over said room and the use of one half of milk room adjoining said room as long as she remain my widow; to my son Zachariah, the sum of five shillings to be paid him within three months after my decease; to my daughter Deliverence, five shillings as aforesaid; to my son Stephen, all the buildings I have on the farm on which I now live, with the exception of the privilege given my wife as aforesaid; to my son Seth, the equal third part of my lands; to my son Stephen, one other

equal third part; to my son Judah, the other equal third part of my lands, and all my personal estate (except household furniture) be equally divided amongst my three sons, Seth, Stephen and Judah, to each one an equal third part, and my sons Seth, Stephen and Judah to furnish my wife annually during the time she remain my widow, the following articles: one hundred weight of pork, thirty of beef, nine bushels of wheat, three bushels of indian corn, one bushel of rye; two pairs of shoes, six lbs. of sheeps wool, fifteen pounds of flax with suitable fire wood, at their equal expense for the use of my wife yearly, while she remain my widow; and my said three sons, provide yearly for the use of my wife, one good new, milch cow to be well pastured; Also £3 and a comfortable riding horse at such times as her circumstances may call therefore. I appoint Dr. Joseph Crane, sr., and my son Seth, executors.

Dated September 22, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Baldwin, Jonathan Smith, Farmers; David Baldwin. Proved, May 2, 1786.

Page 72.—HANNAH NICOLL, widow of John Nicoll, Esq., deceased, of New Windsor, of the County, State of New York. To my son Abimael £500, one silver bowl, one feather bed and bedding and the family's coat of arms; to my daughter Frances £500, one gray horse, one silver tea-pot, six silver table spoons, one pair silver tea tongs, two beds and bedding with the bedsteads and curtains, two large dining tables, one tea table, six fiddle backed chairs, two strings and a locket of gold beads, one pair of gold sleeve buttons, two looking glasses, one case of mahogany drawers, all the table linen and sheets, except what furnishes the beds herein given, all my wearing apparel except one dark calico gown given to Sarah Case, one side saddle, six china plates, six china cups and saucers, three brass kettles, one copper kettle, one chest of black walnut drawers, one stand candlestick, six pewter dishes,

fifteen pewter plates, one pewter collander; to my son, John Dowden Nicoll, one silver pepper box, one silver salt cellar, one feather bed and bedding; to my son, Leonard William Nicoll, one pair silver shoe buckles, one pair gold sleeve buttons, six silver tea spoons, one feather bed and bedding; the remainder of all other notes, after paying for my son's Abimael education through college, to be equally divided among my four children, Abimael, Frances, John Dowden and Leonard William, share and share alike; if any of my said children die before they come of age their part to be equally divided among the survivors. I appoint Henry Wiener, jr., Esq., Jeremiah Clarke, Esq., and Leonard D. Nicoll, Executors.

Dated February 12, 1785. Witnesses, Abimael Youngs, yeoman; Mary Chandler, Sarah Case. Proved, June 13, 1785.

Page 74.—CORNELIUS VAN COTT, of Seaman's Neck, in Queens County, New York. To my wife Martha, all my estate as long as she shall live to lay out as much of the same as she may have occasion for during her life; to my sons, James and Cornelius, all the estate which is left after the decease of my wife, on consideration that they shall pay, after death of my wife, to my daughter Martha, £100, to be paid equally between them; if my sons refuse to pay my daughter this stated sum, then my executors are to dispose of as much of my estate which I have heretofore given my sons, as will pay the abovesaid £100 to my daughter Martha. I appoint my two sons, James and Cornelius, and Eldred Van Wike, executors.

Dated June 1, 1785. Witnesses, Thomas Seaman, yeoman; Israel Seaman, Stephen Voris. Proved, May 8, 1786.

Page 76.—MATHEW HOWELL, in the Precinct of Goshen, County of Orange, New York. To my son Mathew £10, to be paid upon demand; to my son Theophilus, the small lot of meadow joining John Denton,

bounded on the West by the meadow of John Denton, on the East by the highway; Also a certain part of my large meadow in the drowned lands, said part to begin at the line of John Denton and to run fifteen rods into meadow and to hold said width of fifteen rods from the road to the edge of the bog meadow; Also two third parts of bog meadows; Also his one equal half of the Cedar swamp; to my son Philetus, the remaining part of said meadows, bogs, and cedar swamp; Also as much land on the east side of the road that leads from Goshen to William Allison's as in the whole contain one hundred acres; to my son Theophilus, the remainder of all my lands; to my four daughters, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Jane, all my movable estate, goods and chattels to be equally divided among them; my son William to be brought up by Theophilus until fit for a trade, and then be put to such a trade as my executors think proper; my son Theophilus shall pay my son William £100 when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years; and to pay said money in such manner as each dollar shall be equal in value with eight shillings in silver; and my son Philetus shall pay William £50 like money aforesaid, when he shall become of age; to my daughter Mary, the saddle now making for my family; to my son Theophilus, the use of all my lands until Philetus arrives at twenty-one years. If my son Theophilus die without an heir, his part of lands should be equally divided between Philetus and William, and if my son Philetus die without an heir then his land shall be given to my son William; and provided my son William should get said land, then Theophilus shall not pay the above legacy of £100; if my son William die without an heir, his portion to be divided equally between his two brothers, Theophilus and Philetus; if either of my daughters die without an heir, the deceased portion to be divided equally among the surviving daughters. I appoint Isaac Ludlow and Coe Gale, my executors.

Dated May 1, 1779. Witnesses, Jonathan Smith,

Enos Smith, Blacksmith; Jonathan Conner. Proved, April 25, 1786.

The executors relinquished the Executorship and administration was granted to Theophilus Howell, May 13, 1786.

Page 78.—BENJAMIN GALE, of Goshen, in Orange County, New York. To my wife Eleanor, one equal half of all my household furniture, provisions of all kinds and wool and flax necessary for one year after my decease; Also necessary clothing; Also providing for the family for said term after my decease; Also the use of either of my negro girls, at her election to wait upon her during the time she remain my widow, the said wench to be disposed of as my other personal estate, when my widow marry or at her decease; Also to my wife a certain lot of land lying in the east division which I purchased of Francis Drake, now in the possession of John Garey, containing ten acres with the buildings thereon, to her and her heirs forever; Also the use and improvement of the one equal third part of the farm land, I now possess and dwell upon, together with the use of one equal third part of the house, buildings, orchard, garden during the time she shall remain my widow, which bequest is in lieu and satisfaction of her right of dower; to my mother, Hannah Gale, one equal half of stock of cattle, commonly called her own; to my nephew, Benjamin Gale, son of my brother, Coe Gale, £50, to be paid him three years after my decease, all the remainder of my personal estate to be sold at the discretion of my executors; Also a certain lot of land lying in the said east division which I purchased of Ephriam Dunning, containing six acres with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and my grist mills and the lands adjoining which I purchased of David Smith, containing seven acres with the dam pond stream of water, and buildings, these shall be sold and the moneys so arising shall be put out on interest and such part thereof as shall be necessary

applied from time to time for the support, maintenance and education of my daughter Keziah, until she shall marry, then the whole, both principle and interest, to be paid to her as soon as it can be collected. If my daughter Keziah die unmarried, I give the moneys last above mentioned to my nephews, Benjamin Gale, son of my brother, Samuel Gale, John Gale, Moses Gale and Benjamin Gale, sons of my brother, Coe Gale, and my niece, Sarah Townsend, daughter of Roger Townsend, deceased; to be equally divided among them share and share alike; to my daughter Keziah, forever, providing she should die leaving issue, the farm of lands and tenements, whereon I now dwell, with the buildings containing one hundred and fifty acres, the house standing on the lot of ground I purchased of Richard Baylis, together with the lot now in the possession of my said brother, Coe Gale, and the small house and lot adjoining the lot last mentioned which I purchased of my brother, Dr. John Gale, now in the possession of the widow Barker and Amos Park, lying a few rods northerly of the meeting house, in said Goshen, both lots containing about four acres; Also my undivided lands in the Waaweeyander Pattend; if my daughter should die leaving no issue, I give the same to my nephew, Benjamin Gale, son of my brother, Coe Gale, to him and his heirs forever; I will that my executors pay attention to the wood and timber growing on the farm where I now dwell, that if it should be rented to see that no green timber be cut for fuel nor any more than shall be necessary and sufficient to maintain and keep in repair the buildings and fences on said farm. I appoint my brothers, Dr. John Gale and Coe Gale and Anthony Carpenter, executors.

Dated February 28, 1782. Witnesses, Jared Eliot, William McMillian, Jane Barker, Reuben Hopkins, Attorney at Law. Proved, March 22, 1786.

Page 81.—JONATHAN GRIFFEN, of Scarsdale, Westchester County. To my nephew, Bartholomew Griffen,



son of my brother, Obadiah Griffen, and his heirs forever, my now dwelling house and all my lands in Scarsdale, or elsewhere, to hold as an estate of inheritance, in fee simple for which same gift and devise, I will and order my said nephew, Bartholomew Griffen, pay £1000, to be disposed of as follows: to Sarah Gue and John Gue, daughter and son of wife Sarah, £50, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, the share of Sarah to be paid her at her marriage or twenty-one years whichever may first happen, and the share of the said John Gue, to be paid him when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years; in case of the death of either of them before the period for payment, then the share of the person so dying to be paid to the survivor; to the said Sarah Gue, the bed and bedstead I now sleep on, and bedding and curtains belonging thereunto; Also the smallest looking glass in my west room; my gold sleeve buttons and to her heirs forever; to Josheph Gue, one of the sons of my wife, £8, to be paid him the day my will is proved; to Jonathan Griffen Tompkins, forty shillings in cash, to be paid him on proof of my will, I having given him heretofore a proportionate part of my estate. I will my executors pay and lay out £100 towards building a Presbyterian Meeting House in White Plains, in case the same is built or begun to be built in six years after my decease; and that they also pay £15 towards erecting and making a fence around the burying ground in White Plains; to my brother, Samuel Griffen's eldest son, and in case of his death, to his legal representatives £5 in cash on proof of this my will; all the above legacies I will to be paid out of the £1000, together with all my just debts; to the Reverend Ichabod Lewis, formerly minister of the gospel, at White Plains, my suit of black clothes; to Jonathan Griffen Graham, my satin vest; to my brother, Gilbert Griffen and his heirs forever, all the remainder of my wearing apparel; to my negro woman Sibb, my wool combs; all the remainder of my movable estate (except my negroes, which

my executors are to sell to the best advantage), the moneys arising from this sale and all the remainder of the money of the said £1000. After paying my debts and above legacies and devises with my funeral charges, and proof of this my will, and taking therefrom £100 (which shall be directed how to be disposed of) to my brother Gilbert, to Jacob Riders, son of Jonathan's eldest son, to Stephen Tompkin's wife Susannah, to Margaret Purdy, wife of Nathan Purdy and her daughter, to William Hadden's wife, to Jane Cronk, to Susannah, daughter of the said Jane Cronk, to Sarah Sherwood's daughter Dorothy, who intermarried with a Vredonburgh, to Jonathan and Guesham, sons of my brother, Edward Griffen; to Michael, Solomon, Edward and Harris and Dorothy, the children of my brother, Obadiah Griffen; to his son's Jonathan's son Jonathan; to my brother, Joseph Griffen; to John and Gilbert, sons of my brother Gilbert; to John Avereys wife Sarah, daughter of my brother Joshua; to Jeremiah White, John White, and to William Hadden's eldest son respectively, and to their heirs forever, equally to divide all the remainder of the said £1000, and all the remainder of my movable estate (except my negroes and the £100 aforesaid) share and share alike, except Jane Cronk, Susannah, her daughter and Sarah Sherwood's daughter, Dorothy, the first of whom I give only half as much as the other residuary legatees, and the other two I give only each the one fourth part as much as the said other legatees; my negroes, Joseph and Sibb, shall have their freedom after my death. I direct my executors after my death to put out by indenture and bind my negro boys, Abraham and Primus, to learn the trade of shoemaker for so long time as may be thought necessary for that purpose of acquiring said trade or art sufficiently after which time of learning said trade, I order that the negro boys, Abraham and Primus, have their freedom and be no longer retained as slaves; my negroes, Moses and Mary, have their freedom after

my death on condition that they each pay to my executors forty shillings, which sum my executors are to put to interest for their support at any time when thought necessary so to be applied which sum of forty shillings shall be paid yearly. I will that my negro woman's child and all her children, and all the children she or my negro woman Mary may hereafter have, be free and not retained as slaves, and my executors as soon as they think proper bind by indenture, my negro woman's child, called Isaac, to learn some trade at their discretion, I order my negroes, Abraham and Primus, pay yearly to my executors, forty shillings each, after they have learned their trade, this sum put out to interest and applied to the support of either of my negroes if the case shall so require; having reserved out of the £1000 and out of the produce of my movable estate, the sum of £100, for the purpose of supporting my negroes; thinking this sum not to be sufficient, I order my executors put to interest the sum of £150, for the purpose of supplying the necessary wants of my negroes from time to time at my executor's discretion, my faithful slave Harry be supported out of that same money, that none of my slaves be chargable to the Parish; all the moneys left after the death of all my negroes, Harry, Joseph, Sibb, Mary Moses, Abraham, Primus and Isaac, of the £150 of the money raised by payment of my negroes aforesaid to my executors shall be considered as the remainder of my estate, and shall be divided in like manner and among the persons or their heirs, namely, my brother Gilbert, Jacob Riders' son Jonathan's eldest son, going through the whole. I appoint my nephew, Bartholomew Griffen, and John Barker, executors.

Dated December 10, 1784. Witnesses, Ferris Cornell, Samuel Fisher, yeoman; Isaac Sniffen. Proved, May 8, 1786.

Page 85.—THOMAS VAIL, of Harrisons, Westchester County, New York. To my wife Mary, the use and

benefit of all my real estate during her widowhood, provided she relinquishes her right of dower in farm of land I disposed of to Nathaniel Underhill in Westchester; Also one third part of my movable estate for her own use and benefit forever; Also the other two thirds of my movable estate during her widowhood; provided she pays the interest of the moneys due against said estate; to my two daughters, Abigail and Elizabeth, the two thirds of my movable estate which I have given to my wife during her widowhood; to be equally divided between them at their mother's marriage or decease for them and their heirs forever; if my wife die before me the one third part of my movable estate that I have already given to my wife to be equally divided between my two daughters, Hannah and Mary Pugsley, for them and their heirs forever; my executors to dispose of all my real estate, after a reasonable time after my death, if my wife is deceased first; if not, after her decease or marriage; my lawful debts to be paid out of the first payment; to my son William £100, which is to be paid him out of the first payment arising from the sale of my lands; to my daughter Abigail £50, to be paid out of the first said payment; if there be any money left of the first payment I give it to my two daughters, Hannah and Mary Pugsley, to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever; as well as my other two daughters, Abigail and Elizabeth, to their equal proportion, of the same payment for them and their heirs forever; to my son William £200, to be paid him out of the second payment arising from the above sale of my lands; to my son William and all my daughters, the remaining part of the moneys arising from the second payment, to be equally divided among them and their heirs forever. To my son Thomas £50, to be paid out of the third payment of my abovesaid lands; to my son John's children, William, Thomas and John £5 each, and if either son should die before he comes of lawful age or without lawful issue, his part shall be equally

divided between the survivors; to my son John's daughter Phebe £35, to be handed out for her relief as occasion may require by my son Thomas, if not occasioned to be given to her then to her two sisters hereafter mentioned. To my son John's other two daughters, Ann and Elisabeth, £10 each and their heirs forever; to my daughter Phebe's children, Abigail Quimby, William Quimby, Mary Quimby and Elizabeth Quimby, £50, to be equally divided among them for them and their heirs forever; if there be any moneys arising from the sale of my real estate above mentioned, which I order to be sold at three equal payments, which has not already been disposed of, I give to my son William and my daughters, Hannah, Mary, Abigail and Elisabeth, to be equally divided among them and their heirs forever. I order that one half of my daughter Hannah's legacy during her life be handed out to her for her relief by my son Thomas, at his discretion, and if there be any left at her decease, it is to go to her children to be equally divided between them; to my son Thomas all my wearing apparel, my former negro man, named Lewee, shall be properly supported by any one of my children which shall be his choice, all of my children shall bear his part of the expense or charge if he becomes chargable. I appoint John Griffen, my son Thomas, and Josiah Quimby, my executors.

Dated September 6, 1784. Witnesses, Mary Cornell, Freelove Ireland and John Cornell, yeoman. Proved, May 18, 1786.

Page 87.—JOHN HOUGHTAILING, SR., farmer, of the little nine pastures in Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Yanakee, all the entire profits, rents and incomes, of the farm, whereon I now live; Also the harrow and plough, one span of horses, one good milch cow; Also £100 in money to my wife; after my wife's decease or marriage the whole of the granted premises as above stated shall be the benefit of my youngest son, Peter, and the privileges thereunto belonging for him

and his heirs forever; to my son John jr., acknowledging him to be my eldest son and heir-at-law, twenty shillings; my son John jr., shall have no part of my real estate, as I have given him one hundred acres of land, by deed; to my son Jacob, one hundred acres of land being that, that he is now in possession of, for him and his heirs forever; to my other three sons, Isaac, Abraham and Adam, all the remainder of my lands in Dutchess County and province aforesaid; all the remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels be equally divided among all my children each to receive one eighth part, namely, John jr., Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Adam, Peter, Yanakee, wife of Ruluff Shearer, and Rachel, wife of William Snider. I appoint my wife Yanakee, executrix, and my two sons, John jr. and Jacob, executors.

Dated June 27, 1775. Witnesses, David Bostwick, John Bortell, Hugh Orr, Blacksmith. Proved, May 20, 1786.

Page 89.—ABISHAI WILLBOUR, of Washington Precinct, in Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Ruth, a note I have against Jeremiah Dean of £10, and all my household goods; Also the use and profit of one third part of the farming utensils, and the use and profit of ten sheep; Also the use of one third part of my live stock, as long as she shall remain my widow, in lieu of dowry, excepting the remainder of my sheep and two cows; when she shall cease to be my widow, the farming utensils and live stock, the use of which is now given to her, be equally divided among all my children, namely, Owen, David, Jonathan, Daniel, Ruth, Sarah, Rachel and Mary; to my son Jonathan, my horse and new saddle; to my daughter Rachel, my brokel cow, one ewe and lamb; to my daughter Mary, one cow and one ewe and lamb; to my sons, David and Jonathan, all the remaining part of my live stock and movable estate, which I have not heretofore given away to be equally divided between them; Also all the

farm and appurtenances whereon I now dwell to be equally divided between them except the profits and privileges heretofore given to my wife, and that they pay my son Owen, each of them £15, and that they also pay my son Daniel £20 apiece when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and that they each pay also my daughters Ruth, Sarah, Rachel and Mary, £5 apiece. I appoint my sons, David and Jonathan, executors.

Dated April 6, 1786. Witnesses, Jabez Smith, John Blayney and Tripp Mosher, both farmers, of Dutchess County. Proved, May 19, 1786.

Page 91.—SAMUEL SMITH, of Washington Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Hannah, my bed and bedding and furniture for same, my clock, writing desk, two cows, my riding chair, half dozen of my chairs for a room; to my sons, Israel and Waters, each £100, to be paid them when they arrive at the age of twenty-one years; the residue of my estate to be equally divided between my wife, my sons, Samuel Israel and Waters; and my daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth and Mary; my executors to make a dividend of the residue, as mentioned above; when they shall each arrive at the age of twenty-one years, the income of my estate may be paid to my wife for educating and bringing up my children until they arrive at legal age. I appoint my wife executrix and my son Samuel and my brother Israel, executors.

Dated April 15, 1786. Witnesses, James Jackson, William R. Southerland, Henry S. Platt, farmer. Proved, May 15, 1786.

Page 93.—ABRAM ST. JOHN, of Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York. My estate shall be neither appraised nor distributed until seven years from above date, provided my wife Lucy shall remain my widow, until the abovesaid seven years be expired, and then if my mother, Experience St. John, shall

be living, my will is that there be still no distribution during her natural life, my executrix shall have full power to buy or sell both as well as personal estate and to use and dispose of my estate at her discretion, for the maintenance of my aged mother, Experience St. John, to make her as comfortable as possible, and for the bringing up of our children to good learning; after the time mentioned be expired so much of my estate as shall remain after the death of my mother or the bringing up of my children, shall be distributed as follows: to my wife Lucy, one third of my movable estate to her own disposal, and the use and improvement of one third of my real estate during her natural life and the remainder of my estate, one half to my five daughters, namely, Lucy, Sarah, Elizabeth, Eunice and Lydia; to be equally divided, except Lucy my first born, shall have a cow over and above the rest of my daughters; to my two sons, Abram and John Reed, the other half of the remainder of my estate to be equally divided. I appoint my wife Lucy, sole executrix.

Dated May 16, 1785. Witnesses, Nathaniel Hayes, Ephraim Jones, Stephen Northrup, carpenter. Proved, May 17, 1786.

Page 94.—JOHANNIS BRANDOW, yeoman, Cocksockie Direct, Albany County, New York. My funeral discharges and those of my wife's Janatie to be paid by my son William, and my just debts to be paid by my four children as follows: one fourth part and one half of another fourth part by my son, William, the balance by my three daughters, Elizabeth, Maria and Margaret; to my wife Janatie £5; Also one milch cow and two sheep as she shall choose, which my son William shall maintain and keep for her during her life and as often as any of them die, he to give another in its stead; Also the bed and bedding; her chair and choice of two others; her chest and all her wearing apparel; Also the use of my negro wench, called Sarah, and such of my household goods as she shall choose, for her



natural life; my son William shall provide for her and the negro wench; in case the negro woman Sarah has child or children, my wife may dispose of them as she shall see fit; my lot No. 2 of eight hundred and eighty-four acres, lying within the Patten of Catskill, County of Albany, in which lot is included the north part of a Lake called John Broncks Lake; I dispose of as follows: to each of my three daughters, Elizabeth, Maria and Margaret, one third part of my share of the said Lake and a certain piece of land beginning where a small run of water empties itself into that Lake near the dwelling house of Samuel Allen and running from thence Easterly, southerly and southwesterly along said Lake to the south bound of said lot, and containing everywhere in breadth, one chain; after the several deceases of my daughters, to be distributed as mentioned hereafter: to my son William and his heirs, a certain piece of land being the most easterly part of said lot No. 2; beginning at the south bounds, where taking a direct course from there northerly it will strike the east side of the said piece of land of one chain in breadth; in its southerly course in a parallel direction and running from thence in such direction as aforesaid to the said place where it will so strike the east side of the said piece of land; then along the east side of that piece of land until opposite to a large, plain rock at the foot of which the water is deep in the Lake, thence obliquely, till opposite the southeast corner of Barten Vlytie, at one chains distance therefrom to the Eastward; thence northerly at a chain's distance from that Vlytie, to the land of Jochem Jansen, deceased, then along those lands to the southeast corner of said lot No. 2, and then along the south bound of the same lot to the place of beginning; Also one full undivided fourth part; to each of my daughters, Elizabeth, Maria and Margaret, for their natural lives only one fourth part of a certain piece of land being the most westerly part of said lot No. 2, beginning at the southwest corner of that lot and running

from thence to the northwest corner thereof and then along the north bounds of said lot to the brink of the high hill; unless my daughter Margaret shall choose that this boundary shall be extended half way down the said high hill and either with the direct line along the brink of the said hill or at any place between the brink and the bottom of that hill as my daughter Margaret shall choose, and either with a direct or oblique as she may choose, only keeping between the top and bottom of the hill to the south bounds of the same lot and then along such bounds to the place of beginning; the remainder of said lot No. 2 to be divided into three equal parts—the most westerly third to go to my daughter Margaret, for her natural life, with liberty to remove stone for the benefit and improvement of the said third; to my daughter Maria, for her natural life, the one third part lying next to the eastward and including a piece of ground of a triangular form which is bounded on the North by the piece of land before mentioned, to contain in breadth one chain, on south by the south bounds of said lot, and on the other side by the most easterly part of this said lot given to my son William; to my daughter Elizabeth, the remaining third part lying next to the eastward of the last described third part, and the dividing line between my daughter Maria's third and that of my daughter Elizabeth shall be run from the Lake across the middle of a rock lying on the north side of the Lake to the old Catskill road; in such direction between north and west so as to include on the one hand within the third part of Elizabeth's a Vly, which lies near to where the line will probably run, and on the other, so as not to come within the distance of one chain from a large swamp lying to the westward of the house of Samuel Allen, it being my intention that that swamp shall fall within the third part of my daughter Maria and that no division line shall come within one chain of it; for the use of my four children, a road shall be laid as may be most convenient from the west end of said lot lying to

a place at the east end thereof where I have the right to roll downward to the land of Jochem Jansen; Also a sleigh road in winter time beginning at the house of Samuel Allen, and running easterly along the said Lake and over the same and lands adjacent, till it join the last preceding road. To my son William, one fourth part of all such lands, tenements lying in a place called Stick Oak, in County of Albany, which I purchased of Wassel Salisbury, and the remainder of the said lands and tenements to be equally divided among my daughters, Elizabeth, Maria and Margaret, during their natural lives as tenants in common, and after their respective deaths to be distributed as hereafter directed; to my son William, a certain lot of land lying within the patent of Loonenburgh, County of Albany, called Lot number sixty-eight, delineated in a map made of that patent by Charles Clinton, in 1750; Also a piece of land of sixteen acres, lying at the west end of the last mentioned lot and on which a dwelling house wherein John Corby now dwells, stands; Also a certain piece of land of forty acres being part and to be taken on the south side of a certain lot of land called lot No. three containing fifty-four acres lying within the same patent of Loonenburgh; Also a certain lot of land called lot number thirty-five of six and half acres situated within the said patent of Loonenburgh; Also a lot of land called lot number one (except three acres at the north end thereof and which has been released to William Groom) situated in the said patent of Loonenburgh; Also one fourth part of a certain lot of land, within the patent of Loonenburgh, called lot number three, containing six acres to hold same with their rights, privileges unto William and his heirs forever, with full and free liberty to and for my son and his heirs and their tenants, owners and occupiers of the said lot number sixty-eight, and the said piece of land containing sixteen acres contingent to the west end of lot number sixty-eight or either of them to pass at all time on foot or with horses, cattle, carriages and

sleighs to and from the same, along the whole of the south bounds of the lot number three, of six acres and then within direct course over lot number five of thirty acres to a stony ridge in that lot, thence round the north edge of that ridge, then with a direct course to the swing gate of that lot and then with the direct course across lot number thirty-five to the common road leading from Loonenburgh to Catskill, my son William and his heirs to keep a fence three rails in height on the south side of road hereby laid out from the west bounds on the said lot number five to the stony ridge only; Also all my right title and interest to the farm whereon I now live, with the woodland and marsh thereunto belonging, and which I hold by virtue of a lease from John A. Witbeck and Annake, his wife or one of them, and I will the six acres of land or thereabout which Albertus Van Loon is to convey to me shall be conveyed to my son William and his heirs; to my daughters, Maria and Margaret, four lots of land with the said patent Loonenburgh, the one called lot number forty-four of about eighteen acres, one called lot number twelve of six acres, another called number ten of fifteen acres, and the other lot thirty-one containing two acres and three rods; Also piece of land of fourteen acres, being part on the north side of a certain piece of land called lot number three of fifty-four acres; Also a piece of land of about twenty-five and one half acres which was a few days ago released to me by Johannis Conine; Also the five acres of woodland which Killian Van Rensselaer, deceased, sometime in the year 1774, covenated with Johannis Conine to procure for him for a homestead; in which covenant the name of said Johannis Conine was only made use of in trust for me, I having paid the purchase for said five acres to the said Killian Van Rensselaer; Also two full equal third parts in a certain lot of land called lot number thirty-nine of twenty-one and one half acres lying in said patent of Loonenburgh (together with the right of passing to and from at all times with

different conveyances to and from the common road the same way that Johannis Conine shall go from his dwelling house); Also two equal fourth parts, a certain lot of land called lot number three containing six acres before mentioned to hold the same during their natural life equally share and share alike as tenants, in common, and after their several deceases to be distributed as hereinafter mentioned; to my daughter Elizabeth, two several lots of land within the said patent, the one called lot number five of thirty-five acres and other lot number thirty-three of seventeen acres and three rods together with free liberty to Elizabeth, and all future owners of said lot number five to pass and repass at all times on foot and with all manner of conveyances to and from that lot to lot number thirty-five, and then along the road herein before laid out over the same to and from the common road leading from Catskill to Loonenburgh; Also a certain piece of land for a homestead; being part of lot number thirty-nine containing twenty-one and one half acres therein before mentioned, and to be separated from the residue of the said lot by a line to be drawn in direct course from northwest corner of John Casperse Van Hoesen's land adjoining to southeast corner of Johannis Conine's barn; in lieu of their two parts in this piece of land my said daughters, Maria and Margaret, shall have out of said lot thirty-three, given to my daughter Elizabeth, a piece of land to be taken on the west side of Johannis Conine's dwelling house two thirds as large as the said piece of land so given to the said Elizabeth for a homestead; Also one full undivided part of the residue of said lot number thirty-nine; Also one fourth part in the above mentioned lot number three containing six acres for her natural life and after her decease to go in such manner as hereafter mentioned; my four children shall have same rights in passing over lots number five and thirty-five as given to my son William; after the decease of my daughter Elizabeth, one half of all such real estate as

I have given her, shall go to her son John and his heirs forever and other half to be equally divided among her children and their respective heirs as tenants in common; after the death of my daughter Maria, one half of real estate, as I have given her, shall go to her son Arent or Aaron and his heirs forever, and the other half to her other children and their heirs forever; after the death of my daughter Margaret all such real estate as I have given her, shall go to her son Frederick and his heirs forever, the other half equally divided among her other children and their heirs forever, my daughter Elizabeth shall have the house and barn where she now lives until she or Johannis Conine, her husband, shall build them another; whereas Johannis Conine purchased of Killian Van Rensselaer, deceased, a parcel of land about twelve acres is entitled to a road to and from his said land to a spring of water in my land adjacent to his; Also a road from his said land to the said spring, and from spring to and through my lot of woodland called lot number forty-four, to the public road formerly called King's road; all the apple trees growing on lot number five shall be equally divided among my four children; to my son William, all sums of money, as are due to me, from John A. Wilbeck, of Catskill on bonds, notes, accounts or otherwise; as also a debt of £9, 10s due me from Nicholas Van Schaak, for a mare sold to him, and whatever Thomas Jenkins is to pay to me on account of wood sold to him; Also my iron toothed harrow and one of my wagons, one sleigh, one plough with plough irons as he shall choose; Also all my plough, wagon, and sleigh tackling, all my carpenter tools except a five-quarter augur and a square; all my shingles, wood now cut, and all other woods about my farm; all hay about the farm; all provisions; Also my cider mill press, scythes, chest, axes, pitchfork and fish nets and canoes; Also my negro man Peter, all moneys due me from banks of New York; Also my negro man Tom, negro child called Dian and wench Sarah, after death

of my wife, to my daughters to be equally divided among them, only my negro shall have his choice with which daughter he wishes to live; to Arent, the son of my son William, my negro boy called Prince, my blue coat and waistcoat and breeches; to John, the son of my son William, my black coat and waistcoat; to William, son of my son William, my surtout coat and red waistcoat and steel trap and the remainder of my goods not above mentioned, and those I have given to my wife for life only to be equally divided among my children share and share alike. I appoint my son William, my son-in-law, Johannis Conine and Wilhemus Brandow, executors.

Dated January 11, 1786. Witnesses, Samuel Van Vechten, Garrit Persen, yeomen; James Barker. Proved, April 26, 1786.

Page 102.—**JOSIAH SMITH**, of Moriches, County of Suffolk, New York. To my eldest son, Hugh, and his heirs forever, all my lands eastward of David Howel's farm and to extend eastward as far as Southampton line, and the half of one acre beyond that line, bought for the privileges of daming and to extend northward as far as a line called Halsey's line; Also my half of the Island lying at the bottom of the neck which belonged to Mathew Smith, deceased; Also my loted meadow on the beach eastward of Bayley's stage, with all the buildings thereon; Also my negro man, named Joe; Also my silver punch bowl, which did belong to my father, Nathaniel Smith; to my second son, Olliver, all the neck of land or farm I now live on, called Moriches Neck, and extending to the manor line; Also my island in the bay commonly called Reaves Island and my loted meadow on the beach westward of Bayley's stage, with all the tenements and appurtenances to the same, not given in above devise; to my sons, Hugh and Olliver, and their heirs forever, the land in any part of Suffolk County which I may own at my death to be equally divided between them; to my daughter, Jane

Fanning, one third part of all my money, bonds, notes and book debts; Also one fifth part of all my stock, as cattle, sheep, hogs and horses; and my negro girl, named Bett; Also my silver ponger, which has the first two letters of my name on it (J. S.); to my daughter, Hannah Pelletrau, the house, outhouses and all the land with the appurtenances, to her and her heirs forever, which I bought of David Howell in the Town of Southampton for £400, which is to be reckoned to my daughter Hannah, and come into the division as part of money, bonds, notes and book debts given to my three daughters; Also one third part of my money, bonds, notes and book debts; Also one fifth part of all my live stock; Also my negro girl named Hagar; to my daughter, Juliana Crummeline, one third part of all my money, bonds, notes and book debts; Also one fifth part of all my stock, also my negro girl, named Rose. I appoint my son Olliver, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, my son-in-law, Elias Pelletrau, William Floyd and William Phillips.

Dated January 17, 1786. Witnesses, Nathaniel Woodhull, William Smith and Caleb Smith, both yeomen, of the Manor of St. George. Proved, May 17, 1786.

Page 105.—ABIJAH LEE, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York. To my wife Dorcas, my black mare, my best cow; to my daughter Hannah, one soldier's note of £92 or upwards, after my just debts are paid; to my wife the one half of my real and personal estate in lieu of her dowery, the other half of my real and personal estate to my daughter Hannah, to be given her at the age of eighteen years; my wife to have the use of my estate while she remains my widow, for her support, and also for the support and education of my daughter Hannah. If my wife shall marry, then the one half of my real and personal estate should be kept for my daughter Hannah, and the use of it until she is eighteen years



of age, if my daughter should die under the age of eighteen, having no lawful issue, then I order my executors shall take and give to those of my brothers or sisters or their children at their discretion, those that appear to be in need the most. I order my real and personal estate be sold at the discretion of my executors, my wearing apparel not to be considered as a part of my real or personal estate. I appoint my wife, Dorcas Lee, and my brother, Elijah Lee, executors.

Dated April 28, 1786. Witnesses, Alvan Purdy, Enos Lee, of Cortlandts Manor, yeoman. Proved, May 22, 1786.

Page 106.—JACOB FROST, of Cortlandt Manor, in Westchester County, New York. To my wife Sarah, one third part of all my estate as long as she remains my widow; Also £10 which she is to have at her disposal; the remaining part of my estate to be divided; my son David is to have the one half—the other half to be equally divided between my three daughters, Anne, Elizabeth and Rachel, the above legacies not to be given until my children shall arrive at lawful age or marry; the third part of my estate which I have given to my wife to be divided as follows (after her decease or marriage): to my son Daniel, one half part, the other half to be equally divided among my three daughters, Anne, Elizabeth and Rachel. I appoint my wife Sarah, Eperam Beagle and Othania Sands.

Dated January 16, 1786. Witnesses, Obadiah Frost, James Wright, yeoman, and Rachel Wright. Proved, May 27, 1786.

Page 108.—WILLIAM ROBINSON, SR., of Bedford, Westchester County, New York. To my wife, one cow; to my oldest son, Joseph, £100, to be paid to him by my two youngest sons, William and Jabez; my lands to be equally divided between my two youngest sons, William and Jabez, to them and their heirs forever; my sons, William and Jabez, pay to their sisters

the following sums; to their sister Sary £10; to their sister Mary £10; to their sister Hannah £10; to their sister Zulphar £5; to their sister Philathata £20; to my son, William, all my movable estate that is left after my just debts have been paid; my sons, William and Jabez, to take care of their mother as long as she lives, if she remains a widow. I appoint my son William to be my sole executor.

Dated September 12, 1776. Witnesses, Jonathan Miller, jr., Jesse Miller, weaver; Samuel Wood. Proved, May 24, 1786.

Page 109.—We the underwritten being in presence of Mr. Byrnes, he declared the following: the cash now in his possession should be considered as the property of Jenny, the daughter of his late wife, and that it should be kept in trust for her by Mr. Burke and Mr. Farrell, then present, until she married or arrived at the age of twenty-one years; in the meantime the interest should be paid to Jenny, by the said Burke and Farrell—the clothes and furniture that did belong to her late mother should be given to said Jenny on her marriage or when she attained the age of twenty-one years; one third of the value of his property should be given to his wife, one third to said Jenny and remaining third to any child now conceived by his wife or in failure of any birth the said third to be equally divided between his wife and the said Jenny; his farms and houses in Nova Scotia to be divided equally between his two brothers. Mr. Brynes desired that his wife should have all the property she possessed at her marriage exclusive of her share of the property belonging to him and above devised. John Wilkes, Dennis McReady, William Byron, Gibb: Bourk, John Farrell.

Dated New York, May 14, 1786. Witnesses, John Wilkes, gentleman; Dennis McReady, Tobacconist; Gibbon Bourk, Grocer. Proved, June 2, 1786.

Administration on the estate of John Byrnes, of

New York, Innkeeper, was granted to Margaret Byrnes, his widow, on June 3, 1786.

Page 111.—LAURENTZ DEAL, yeoman, of Rhinebeck Precinct, in Dutchess County, New York. To my three stepdaughters or their heirs the following: to Catharine, wife of Peter Freer; Eva, wife of Thomas Omprey, and Margaret, wife of Mathew Van Steenberg, two cows, two sheep, one feather bed, a straw bed, a bolster, two feather pillows, two pillow cases, one linen sheet on top of bedstead, one linen sheet on head of bedstead, the curtains of bedstead, five china tea cups and saucers, one pewter tea pot, four silver tea spoons, one tea kettle, two pair of spectacles, one earthen chamber pot, two glass bottles, one large pewter dish, one tin funnel, one tin pepper box, two old pewter plates, an old pewter basin, a small table, one woolen blanket, one homemade bedding, two old tin kettles, a pair of scissors, an old spade, one jug, frying pan, a large pail with iron hoops and handle, one pail with wooden hoops, two earthen pots, one gridiron, two andirons, one iron pot, one large chair, two other chairs, one cupboard, one wash tub, two old pewter spoons, three table forks, one old knife, one iron candlestick, one wooden mortar, one wooden butter bowl, two old flour casks, two old baskets, and one old wooden funnel, all which aforesaid creatures, household goods and chattels, shall be equally shared and divided among my said three stepdaughters, that is, each of them shall have one full third part thereof, it being the creatures and household goods that their deceased mother brought to me when I married her; to my son-in-law, Jacob Tremper, £10; to my grandson, Laurentz Tremper and his heirs, all that tenement farm and land whereon I now do live, with all the buildings thereon, he or his heirs pay yearly the rent for the same and performing, answerable to the lease for the same; to my grandchildren, Jury Tremper, Helmus Tremper,

Jacob Tremper, Manus Tremper and Mary Tremper, my negro, my horses, and other creatures, my wagon and sleds, plow and harrow, with the gears and all other things belonging thereunto, my axes, hoes, and all my iron tools, all the money due to me, per bonds, notes or otherways, all ready cash, all my clothes, linen and woolen, and the crop of all sorts of grain, growing on my land, and farm and all sorts of grain in the barn, barracks, or in the garret in my house at the time of my decease, in short, everything whatsoever belonging to me excepting that which I have given away herein before, and if one or more of my grandchildren should die before they are married or reached the age of twenty-one years, then that part or share of him, her or them so dying, shall be equally shared by the rest of my surviving grandchildren or their heirs, and I appoint my son-in-law, Jacob Tremper, my cousin, Carrol Deal and John Richert Shell, executors.

Dated June 21, 1783. Witnesses, Joseph Reichert, John Francis Ellistone, farmer; Christian Schultz. Proved, May 17, 1786.

Page 113.—SAMUEL NEELY, of the Oblong in Dutchess County, all my just debts be paid out of my personal estate as far as it will go, and then to sell the south part of the real estate, a sufficiency to pay all my debts; to my aged mother, Ginnet McMullen, sufficient maintenance out of my estate for her lifetime; to my son, Elexander Neely, £12, in specie, he being my first born son, I give for his birthright and then the estate to be computed; my sons, Elexander and John, to have a double portion of my estate when computed, and also my wearing apparel; to my daughter Anna, one cow, she being my eldest daughter; to my daughters, Anna, Ginnet, Mary and Rachel, half a son's portion, except dowry to Elexander and Anna; Also their mother's wearing apparel to be equally divided between them, and I order my executors to

see that my brother, William Neely, have a comfortable maintenance out of my estate agreeable to the articles made between Samuel Neely and Elexander McMullen, bearing date May 16, 1774, the said William Neely being dumb, and consequently, unable to provide for himself. I order that my children have a good education. I appoint John Buttolph, David Lawrence and Silas Roe, or the survivor or survivors of them, executors.

Dated May 17, 1786. Witnesses, Hezekiah Buttolph, farmer; Ebenezer Knap, Josiah Knap. Proved, May 31, 1786.

Page 115.—NICHOLAS DE LA VERGNE, of Charlotte Precinct, in Dutchess County, New York. To my wife Mary, all my real and personal estate during her natural life or as long as she remains my widow; to my sons, Giles, Joseph, Nicholas, James, Ebenezer and Walter and their heirs, after their mother's decease or marriage, all my real estate after my debts are paid; to be equally divided among them, and if any of my sons should die before their mother's decease or marriage then what I have bequeathed to him or them; then I give the same to his or their male heirs equally to be divided; that my sons pay to my daughters one year after their mother's decease or marriage as follow; my son Giles to pay to his sister Mary £20; my son Joseph to pay to his sister Sarah £20; my son Nicholas to pay to his sister Elisabeth £20; my son James to pay to his sister Hannah £20; my son Ebenezer to his sister Susana £20; my executors to sell my land at Oblong to pay my debts, and if not enough, to sell my personal estate. I make my wife sole executrix, and I make Richard Snediker, overseer, to see that my will is performed according to my intent and meaning.

Dated June 6, 1780. Witnesses, Silas Deuel, Aaron Haight, jr., farmer; Joseph Wooley. Proved, April 8, 1782.

Page 116.—MRS. PATIENCE WRIGHT, about to leave my native country and embark for England in ship *Mancy*, Capt. Dillon commander. To my daughter Elizabeth, all my movable estate; to take care of her brother Joseph, now at Philadelphia at school, to send him money if any can possible be spared, from keeping of herself and sister Phebe, at home in New York. I appoint Mr. Jeams Bowne, Mr. William Golforth, my landlord, and Mr. Linley Murrey to assist and to be always consulted, by my children on all affairs of importance and to receive their advice and obey them, in all their reasonable demands, they being men; my house and lot in Borduton, the we bought of John Im-lay, at the sale of Rees Roberds, as the sheriffs deed, Jonathan Holonsworth, &c.; to my daughter Sarah, as she was born after her father's death and not mentioned in his will; but said house was given to me for my legacy or dowery, my said daughter Sarah, now in the care of her Aunt Anderson; my daughter Elizabeth to send her sister Sarah all possible money and a part of all profit, arising from my wax works or journey to her sister and Aunt Anderson, and as soon as her Aunt Wells shall come to New York, give all honor to her Aunt and acknowledgement, as my sister Wells has been the means to promote my welfare and instruct me in waxwork, to enable me to maintain my family, and I order Betsey Wright, to keep a regular book of all profits that arises from my wax work and to pay a quarter part to her Aunt Wells, after the rent is paid; as I have the highest confidence in my sister Wells, order them to obey her and to write to my sister Har-ker, now at South Carolina, to come home immediately with Capt. Schomerhorn and to be either at my house at New York, or at my sister Wells in Philadelphia, and that my children be at all times faithful to their Aunt Wells. I appoint my daughter Elizabeth, sole executrix.

Dated February 1, 1772. Witnesses, Cook Mulligan, Hercules Mulligan, tailor. Proved, June 7, 1786.

Page 118.—CORNELIUS BARKELO, yeoman, of the County of Richmond, New York. To my wife Wintie, the bed with all the furniture thereunto belonging, one milk cow, the choice of my cattle, one horse, one third part of all my house furniture; to my eldest son, Abraham, my silver hilted sword; to my son John, my silver watch; to my son Nicholas, my gun; to my three sons before named, Abraham, John and Nicholas, to them and heirs forever, all my real estate of lands or meadows, to be equally divided among them, share and share alike; my aforesaid sons to pay unto my daughters, Catharine and Sarah, their heirs £50 to each of them when they become of age; my wife Wintie to hold and occupy all my real estate of lands and meadows for and during to the end and time until my youngest child shall become of age; then I give my wife Wintie £50, in lieu of her thirds or dower right, to be paid to her by my three sons, aforesaid out of my real estate. All the remaining part of my movable estate, as is not disposed of heretofore, shall be sold by my executors, in public sale, to highest bidder for cash, my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of moneys so arising from said sale; if any cash shall remain it shall be used in support of my family. If any of my sons die before they become of age and without issue, then such share shall be equally divided among the survivors of my sons and the heirs of such as are dead if any there be, and if any of my daughters shall die before they be of age and without heirs, her share to the surviving sister or her heirs. I appoint Nicholas Stillwell and my Uncle, Cornelius Corsen; my executors.

Dated April 29, 1783. Witnesses, Peter Houseman, Daniel Simonson and Daniel Salter, both farmers. Proved, June 9, 1783.

Page 120.—ANN MCCOLLISTER, widow, otherwise ANN POLLYN, of City of New York. To John Hatch, shoemaker, of said City, all my real and personal estate

of and in the County of Princess Ann, in Virginia, known by a plantation of about two hundred and fifty acres adjoining the farm of James Moores, lying between Norfolk and Newtown, and adjoining Edward Hogart also adjoins the same farm which contains two hundred and fifty acres, being willed by my grandfather, John Chapman, to me during my lifetime, and from and after my death to any person or persons whom I may think fit which I devise as aforesaid; to the said John Hatch, the two negro wenches and the increase of them according to the will of my grandfather, which is specified and contained in all its particulars which is specified by the half of my real and personal estate, which I bequeath as aforesaid and I authorize and empower and by these presents do hereby authorize and empower the said John Hatch, my heir at law, and his heirs during his lifetime and from and after his death, to any person whom he may by will or otherwise, dispose of the same. I authorize the said John Hatch to sue for and recover the same from my guardian, James Leech, of Norfolk, who has the papers and writings belonging to me and concerning the said tenement and farm aforesaid. I revoke all other wills.

Dated June 3, 1786. Witnesses, David C. Franks, Attorney at Law; William Roberts, Shoemaker; Moses Pollock. Proved, June 9, 1786.

Page 121.—ISAAC BURTUS, of South Hempstead, in Queens County, New York. To my son Stephen, one bed, bolster and two pillows. I order my executors to sell and dispose of the rest of my estate, real and personal, and to give good and sufficient conveyances for the same, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid out of the money so arising from said sale. I give to my son Stephen £25; to my late son Benjamin's three children, £25; to be equally divided among them, share and share alike; but in case either my son's children should die before they shall receive the same, I



order the part or share of the deceased child shall be divided between the surviving children; then all the rest and remainder of my estate I order my executors to pay out as follows: the one equal fifth part thereof to my son Stephen, or to his lawful representatives; Also one other fifth part to my three children of my said son Benjamin, deceased; one fifth part thereof to my granddaughter, Nancy Burtus, daughter of my late son John; one other fifth part thereof to all the children of my late daughter Sarah, late wife of Jacob Vanostrand; to be equally divided between them, share and share alike; the other fifth part of the said remainder I give to my daughter Marsey and her lawful representatives, who is now the wife of Albert Hendrickson. I appoint my son Stephen and my son-in-law, Jacob Vanostrand, executors.

Dated March 25, 1786. Witnesses, John Lathan, Samuel Hicks, yeoman; Stephen Bates. Proved, June 3, 1786.

Page 123.—WILLIAM BROWER, farmer, of Rumbouts, in Dutchess County, New York. After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I give all the remainder of my goods and chattels and personal estate to my wife Mattya, to her proper use as long as she remain my widow; if she should marry again she is to have her bed and bed furniture; to my son Jeremiah, ten shillings for his birthright; my real and personal estate on Long Island and Staten Island, to be sold and £50 apiece to be given my children, namely, Garret, William, Letty and Cornelius; in lieu of £50 given to my son Jeremiah some time ago; and the remaining part of said estate to be divided between my children, Jeremiah, Gerret, William, Letty and Cornelius, share and share alike, reserving to my wife her third of said estate as long as she remains my widow. I appoint my wife and my sons, Garret and William and Abraham Hogland, executors.

Dated September 4, 1782. Witnesses, Francis Bo-

gardus, John Ackerman, yeoman; James Wills. Proved, December 16, 1785.

Page 125.—JACOB STRAAT, yeoman, of Tappan, Orange County, New York. To my son Dirk, all my lands lying in Haverstraw Precinct, lying between the lands of Benjamin Osborn and Johannis Yorrey, in which he now lives to him, his heirs forever, and in default of such issue to descend to my right heirs forever; Also ten shillings for his birthright; he to pay to my daughter Sarah £13 six shillings and eight pence, which shall be paid in four equal payments, the first payment to be paid two years after my decease, the other three payments to be made yearly until the whole be paid; to my other two sons, Jacob and John, my place whereon I now dwell, to be divided equally between them share and share alike, the one not to sell without the full consent of the other, to them and their heirs forever; they paying to my daughter Sarah £13 six shillings and eight pence (each of them in manner to be performed by them as I have willed my son Dirk, which is above specified); to my daughter Sarah and to her lawful heirs £40, to be levied out of my estate in manner and form above mentioned; to my wife Sarah, her bed and all its furniture; Also one milk cow, immediately after my decease, and a competent living out of my estate during her widowhood, and to live with any of her children that she pleases; if my daughter Sarah should die without heirs, then her part shall descend to the survivors of my heirs share and share alike, that is, of the £40 above mentioned; if either of my sons, John or Jacob, should die without heirs, that then and in such case the survivor of them shall pay unto my son Dirk £20, and also to my daughter Sarah £20; to them their heirs which is in consideration of the surviving taking the deceased's part of my estate whereon I now dwell, my debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate and the remainder to be divided among

all my children share and share alike. I appoint my sons, Dirk, John and Jacob, executors.

Dated January 28, 1770. Witnesses, Myndert Hogenkamp, Jan Mynd. Hogenkamp, yeoman; Robert Pigot, of New York, schoolmaster. Proved, June 12, 1786.

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, including the names of the members of the committee and the names of the institutions they represent. The list is organized in a table-like format with columns for names and titles.

## LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

GRANTED FROM JANUARY 11 TO DECEMBER 30, 1785

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.	
Ann Dashwood, formerly of New York, late of London.	Brother, Daniel Ludlow, New York, merchant.....	Jan. 29,	1785
Thomas Furnace, New York, seaman.....	Edward Rogers, New York, innkeeper.....	Jan. 11,	"
William Nichols Lansingburgh, New York, merchant.....	William Nelson, New York..	Jan. 13,	"
Abraham Buskirk, Captain in the British Service, Richmond Co.....	Widow, Ann, Richmond Co..	Jan. 19,	"
Malcolm McKinzie, Serjeant Col. Van Schaick's Reg't..	John McLean, Bergen Co., N. J., farmer, assignee of Murdock McKinzie, a brother and heir of Malcolm McKinzie.....	Jan. 21,	"
Winant Williamson, yeoman, Charlotte Precinct.....	Son, Othniel, yeoman, Beekman's Precinct.....	Jan. 26,	"
Johannis Rippenberger, yeoman, Rhinebeck Precinct.	Widow, Maria, and son, Peter.	Jan. 26,	"
Juan Antonio de Amieva, late from Spain, merchant....	Gabriel Sistare, Jr., New London, Conn., mariner...	Jan. 31,	"
Charlotte Haight, widow, Harrison's Precinct.....	Brother, Solomon Haviland, yeoman, Harrison's Precinct.....	Jan. 31,	"
Hannah Mullinex, widow, Westchester, N. Y.....	Son, Thomas, yeoman, Westchester, N. Y.....	Jan. 31,	"
Henry Fowler, yeoman, North Castle, N. Y.....	Uncle, Caleb Haight, North Castle, yeoman.....	Feb. 1,	"
James Looney, seaman, New York.....	James Johnson, cartman, New York.....	Feb. 5,	"
Peter Garrison, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	Brother, Abraham, yeoman, Kakiate, N. Y.....	Feb. 5,	"
Joseph Lyon, yeoman, White Plains, N. Y.....	James Lyons, yeoman, New Marlborough Precinct, N. Y.....	Feb. 8,	"
Hendrick Lent, private in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.	Son-in-law, John Hosier carpenter, New York.....	Feb. 9,	"
William Nicoll, gentleman, Suffolk Co., N. Y.....	Nephew, Francis Nicoll, gentleman, Albany Co., N. Y..	Feb. 11,	"

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.
Sarah Dubois, widow, Dutchess Co., N. Y. ....	Jeremiah Dubois, farmer, Beekman's Precinct, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1785
Gilbert Horton, farmer, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Daughter, Judee Arden, wife of John Arden, butcher, New York. ....	Feb. 11, "
Gilbert Ward, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Widow, Catharine, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Feb. 11, "
Isaac Martling, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Brother, Daniel, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Feb. 14, "
Thomas Donaldson, private in Col. Hazen's Reg't. ....	Cousin, John Parks, cordwainer, New York. ....	Feb. 15, "
Benjamin Oakley, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Widow, Elizabeth, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Feb. 16, "
Nathaniel Corwin, boatman, Southold, L. I. ....	Widow, Deborah, Southold, L. I. ....	Feb. 16, "
Experience Corwin, widow, Southold, L. I. ....	Son, David, yeoman, Southold, L. I. ....	Feb. 17, "
Isaac Brewster, yeoman, Cornwall Precinct, N. Y. ....	Widow, Martha, Cornwall Precinct, N. Y. ....	Feb. 17, "
Arry Terwillegen, Cordwainer, Shawangunk, N. Y. ....	Brother-in-law, Evert Decker, mason, and cousin William Cole, weaver, both of Shawangunk, N. Y. ....	Feb. 17, "
Catharina Mesick, widow, Claverack, N. Y. ....	Son, John, yeoman, Claverack, N. Y. ....	Feb. 17, "
Isaac Green, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y. ....	Brother, William, weaver, Bedford, N. Y. ....	Feb. 18, "
William Heard, yeoman, Elizabethtown, N. J. ....	David Crane, yeoman, and Jonas Wade, farmer, both of Elizabethtown, N. J. ....	Feb. 19, "
Thomas Vail, yeoman, Scarsdale, N. Y. ....	Widow, Sarah, Scarsdale, N. Y. ....	Feb. 22, "
Nathaniel Williams, merchant, Huntington, L. I. ....	Widow, Rachel, Huntington, L. I. ....	Feb. 23, "
Jonathan Squire, farmer, Fredericksburgh, N. Y. ....	Caleb Frisbie and Joseph Ogden, farmers, Fredericksburgh, N. Y. ....	March 3, "
Harman Shaw, yeoman, South Hempstead, L. I. ....	Son, Amos, yeoman, South Hempstead, L. I. ....	March 3, "

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.
William McLeod, Capt. in the Royal Artillery.....	George Ross, Attorney at law, Elizabethtown, N. J..	March 7, 1785
Philip Brasher, shopkeeper, New York.....	Widow, Philander, New York.	March 7, "
George Sisson, hatter, Charlotte Precinct.....	Father, Thomas, yeoman, Charlotte Precinct.....	March 9, "
Robert Aims, farmer, Albany Co., N. Y.....	Samuel Dorland, farmer, Beekman's Precinct, N. Y..	March 11, "
Christian Bargh, farmer, Rhinebeck, N. Y.....	Son, John, farmer.....	March 11, "
John Baptist Dabadie, merchant, New York.....	Hendrick Wyckoff, merchant, New York.....	April 22, "
John Norris, yeoman, Newburgh, N. Y.....	Justus Banks, merchant, Shawangunk Precinct, N. Y.....	March 14, "
Gilbert Ferris, blacksmith, Eastchester, N. Y.....	Brother, Caleb, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	March 17, "
Joshua Lee, cooper, South East Precinct, N. Y.....	Joseph Crane, Jr., physician, South East Precinct, N. Y.	March 17, "
Joseph Godwin, gunner in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	Widow, Elizabeth, New York.	March 21, "
Richard Esselstyne, farmer, Clavarack, N. Y.....	William H. Ludlow, merchant, Clavarack, N. Y. . .	March 23, "
James Tripp, merchant, North Castle, N. Y.....	Brother, Benjamin, yeoman, North Castle, N. Y.....	March 24, "
Samuel Mitchell, private in Col. Cortlandt's Reg't....	Father-in-law, Michael Van Wagenan, gardener, Schenectady, N. Y.....	March 26, "
John Way, yeoman, Newtown, L. I.....	Brother, Samuel Way, and Jonah Hallett, nephew, both of Newtown, L. I., yeoman.	March 29, "
John Pinkney, yeoman, Cortlandts Manor, N. Y.....	Widow, Mary, Cortlandts Manor, N. Y.....	March 31, "
Smith Simmons, farmer, North East Precinct.....	Son, Amos, farmer, North East Precinct, N. Y.....	April 2, "
Joseph Irwin, mason, New York.....	Widow, Letitia, New York..	April 5, "
Samuel Moore, yeoman, Newtown, L. I.....	Son, Robert, yeoman, Newtown, L. I.....	April 7, "
Moses Doty, carpenter, Richmond Co.....	Benjamin Larzelere, yeoman, Richmond Co.....	April 21, "

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.
Selah Bunce, yeoman, Huntington, L. I.....	Widow, Sarah, Huntington, L. I.....	April 19, 1785
Patrick Mulchagy, merchant, New York.....	Sarah Murray (wife of Joseph Murray, merchant, New York City), formerly widow of Patrick Mulchagy.....	April 25, "
Benjamin Cole, matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	John Dolton, tailor, Crown Point, Charlotte Co., N. Y., attorney of Phebe Cole, widow.....	April 25, "
John Basly, Jr., farmer, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Father, John, farmer, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	April 29, "
Timothy Curwin, serjeant in the American Army.....	Charles McKinne, farmer, Cornwall Precinct, N. Y., who married the widow of Timothy Curwin.....	May 9, "
David Little, carpenter, New York.....	Widow, Deborah, Chatham, Morris Co., N. J.....	May 10, "
Samuel Woodward, physician Newburgh, N. Y.....	Arthur Laughorne, apothecary, New York.....	May 10, "
Peter Nostrant, yeoman, Jamaica, L. I.....	Widow, Margaret, Jamaica, L. I.....	May 14, "
Francis Wright, yeoman, North Castle, N. Y.....	Widow, Anne, North Castle, N. Y.....	May 14, "
Joshua Wright, yeoman, Dutchess Co.....	Widow, Mary, Dutchess Co..	May 14, "
Joshua Odell, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Widow, Sarah, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	May 14, "
After Jones, yeoman, Sing Sing, N. Y.....	John Orsor, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	May 14, "
Joseph Paulding, Jr., yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.	Widow, Susannah, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	May 14, "
John Leitch, tavern keeper, New York.....	Joseph Stringham, grocer, New York.....	May 16, "
Christopher Manly, cartman, New York.....	Jane Lowndes, wife, attorney of William Lowndes, mariner, New York.....	May 17, "
Charles Ray, private in Col Weisenfelt's Reg't.....	Father, Stephen, gentleman, New York.....	May 18, "



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David Chambers, pilot, New York.....	Hugh Miller, mariner, New York.....	May 19,	1785
Joost Monfoort, yeoman, Cedar Swamp, L. I.....	Sons, Peter and Abraham...	May 20,	"
John Randall, farmer, Rensselaerwyck, N. Y.....	Brother, Benjamin, farmer, Rensselaerwyck, N. Y.....	May 24,	"
Lydia Bloodgood, Albany, N. Y.....	Husband, William, merchant Albany, N. Y.....	May 24,	"
William Woodward, Captain, Rye, N. Y.....	Widow, Amelia, Rye, N. Y..	May 26,	"
Henry Cole, private, Col. Cortlandt's Reg't.....	Widow, Christina, Orange-town, N. Y.....	May 27,	"
John Frymier, drummer in Col. Cortlandt's Reg't....	Mother, Mary Magdalen Pemberton, wife of William Pemberton, Innkeeper, New York.....	May 31,	"
John Gilbert, leather breeches maker, New York.....	Widow, Sarah, Port Rosaway, Nova Scotia.....	June 6,	"
John Reynolds, yeoman, North Castle, N. Y.....	Isaac Clark of Bedford, N. Y., yeoman, and Rebecca his wife, late the widow of John Reynolds.....	June 7,	
Silas Miller, yeoman, Bedford, N. Y.....	Widow, Martha, Bedford, N. Y.....	June 7,	"
Martin Cornwell, weaver, Beekman's Precinct,.....	Taber Bentley, farmer, Beekman's Precinct, N. Y., husband of Elizabeth, late the widow of Martin Cornwell.	June 10,	"
Benjamin French, merchant, New City, N. Y.....	Charles McEvers, merchant, New York.....	June 21,	"
Francis Smith, yeoman, Cornwall Precinct, N. Y...	Widow, Caty, Cornwall Precinct, N. Y.....	June 22,	"
John Dunkin, Goshen, N. Y.	Son, Freebun, Goshen, N. Y..	June 22,	"
John Vail, merchant, New York.....	Brother, Thomas, Jr., yeoman, Upper Salem, N. Y..	June 25,	"
Susannah Merchant, wife of Shadrach Merchant, New York, also deceased.....	Son, Abraham Van Duersen, tailor, Albany, N. Y.....	July 1,	"
Pierce Poole, carpenter, Queens Co.....	Widow, Elizabeth, Queens Co.	July 4,	"
Timothy Edwards, weaver, Southampton, L. I.....	Brother-in-law, Nathaniel Hand, cordwainer, Suffolk Co.....	July 4,	"

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Elias Foster, Southampton, L. I. ....	Son, Elias, yeoman, Suffolk Co.	July 4, 1785
Joseph Curtis, farmer, Charlotte Precinct, N. Y. ....	Son-in-law, Peter Bishop, Esq., Albany Co. ....	July 4, "
James Lane, farmer, Rumbout Precinct, N. Y. ....	Thomas Southard, farmer, Rumbout Precinct. ....	July 6, "
Magdalen Cook, widow, Morristown, N. J. ....	Sister, Catharine Ludlow, Newark, N. J. ....	July 18, "
John Powel, sadler, Cornwall, N. Y. ....	Samuel Jennings, yeoman, Ulster Co. ....	July 18, "
Michael Bassett, yeoman, Bedford, N. Y. ....	Widow, Rebecca, Bedford, N. Y. ....	July 19, "
Hyman Solomon, merchant, Philadelphia. ....	Widow, Rachel, Philadelphia, and, Eleazer Levi, James Stewart, William Constable and Alexander Robertson, all of New York, merchants. ....	July 20, "
William Sherrer, boatman, New York. ....	Widow, Susanna, New York.	July 20, "
Elizabeth Myford, widow, New York. ....	Daughter, Ann Baehr, wife of Christian Baehr, tailor, New York. ....	July 25, "
Mary Depuy, Rochester, N. Y.	Stepson, John Depuy, yeoman, Rochester, N. Y. ....	July 26, "
Moses Depuy, yeoman, Rochester, N. Y. ....	Brother, Simon Depuy, yeoman, Marbletown, N. Y. ...	July 26, "
Henry Livingston, Ensign in the New Levies. ....	Father, John, gentleman, New York. ....	July 29, "
Benjamin Osborn, yeoman, Haverstraw, N. Y. ....	Son, Roger, yeoman, Haverstraw, N. Y. ....	Aug. 4, "
Richard Nicoll Colden, Esq., New York. ....	Widow, Henrietta Maria, New York. ....	Aug. 3, "
William Ogilvie, cordwainer, formerly of New York, late of Haverstraw Precinct. ...	Son, Peter, attorney at law, New York. ....	Aug. 5, "
Peter Sniffen, yeoman, Oyster Bay, L. I. ....	Jacob Mott, Hewlett Townsend and Jonathan Townsend, yeomen, all of Oyster Bay, guardians to the children of Peter Sniffen. .	Aug. 11, "
William Foreman, Paymaster, Corps of Engineers. ....	Jacob Blackwell, merchant, City of New York. ....	Aug. 15, "

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Jacob Weiser, New York, cordwainer.....	Widow, Rebecca, New York.	Aug. 16,	1785
Elias Rowley, gardener, Cornwall Precinct.....	Widow, Catrina, Cornwall Precinct.....	Aug. 19,	"
John Marshall, tavern-keeper, New York.....	Widow, Ellener, New York..	Aug. 26,	"
Albert Adriance, farmer, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	Widow, Hannah, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	Aug. 26,	"
Thomas Devenport, yeoman, Dutchess Co.....	Nephew, Stephen Devenport, yeoman, New York.....	Aug. 27,	"
Neal Shaw, rope maker, New York.....	William Malcom, Esquire, New York.....	Sept. 6,	"
Richard Sarlls, yeoman, Bedford, N. Y.....	Widow, Margaret, son, Lott, Esquire, of Bedford, N. Y.	Sept. 17,	"
James Dunlap, Vendue Master, New York.....	Sarah Foster, wife of Henry Foster, mariner, New York, late widow of James Dunlap.....	Sept. 22,	"
Jacob Ten Broeck, yeoman, West Camp, N. Y.....	Brother - in - law, Gerhard Daniel Cock, German Camp, N. Y., clerk.....	Sept. 23,	"
Derick Banta, yeoman, New York.....	Hassell Pymm, yeoman, New York, next of kin.....	Sept. 26,	"
Zeleeede Briggs, yeoman, Southeast Precinct, N. Y..	Widow, Mary, Southeast Precinct, N. Y.....	Sept. 26,	"
Peter Bonnet, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Widow, Patience, Phillips Manor, N. Y., and son-in-law, William D. Vermilia, yeoman.....	Sept. 29,	"
Alexander Falls, yeoman, Windsor Precinct, N. Y...	Grandson, William Falls, New Windsor Precinct, yeoman.	Sept. 29,	"
Joshua Smith, yeoman, Wallkill Precinct, N. Y.....	Brother, George Smith, Wallkill Precinct, N. Y., yeoman.....	Sept. 30,	"
Mary Brownejohn, widow, New York.....	Son, Samuel, Flushing, N. Y., yeoman.....	Oct. 7,	"
John Henderson, mariner, Boston, Mass.....	Brother, Charles, mariner, Bermuda.....	Oct. 7,	"
Isaac Van Dam, merchant, Island of St. Eustatia.....	Daughter, Susan Romaine, wife of Nicholas Romaine, New York, physician.....	Oct. 8,	"

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Anne Roger, widow, formerly of Philadelphia, late of New York.....	Nephew, Samuel Roberts, gentleman, Philadelphia...	Oct. 17, 1785
Samuel Judah, merchant, formerly of New York, late of Philadelphia.....	Widow, Jessy, and son, Benjamin S. Judah, merchant.	Oct. 17, "
John Griffing, yeoman, Southold, L. I.....	Son, John, yeoman, Southold, L. I.....	Oct. 22, "
Abraham Taylor, yeoman, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Brother, Shadrack Taylor, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Oct. 29, "
John Wood, Minisink, N. Y..	John Wormell of the Borough of Southwork, Great Britain, mariner, attorney of Robert Wood of the same place, shipwright, a brother of John Wood.....	Nov. 1, "
Henry Hawhey, corporal in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.	Brother, Richard P. Hawhey, schoolmaster, Haverstraw, Precinct, N. Y.....	Nov. 1, "
William Russeler, seaman, in His Britannic Majesty's Service.....	Mother, Sophia, widow, New York.....	Nov. 2, "
John Dally, shipwright, New York.....	Son, Philip, goldsmith, New York.....	Nov. 2, "
Theophilus Hardenbrook, carpenter, New York.....	Brother, John, yeoman, New York.....	Nov. 11, "
Hester Pell, spinster, New York.....	Cousin, Peter Mesier, merchant, New York.....	Nov. 11, "
Ezra Keeler, carpenter, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	John Beaty, yeoman, New Windsor, N. Y., husband of Elizabeth, late widow of Ezra Keeler.....	Nov. 11, "
Peter Cooper, yeoman, Livingston Manor, N. Y.....	Brother, Martinus Cooper, blacksmith, Livingston Manor, N. Y.....	Nov. 12, "
Sarah Shitts, widow, Claverack District, N. Y.....	Son-in-law, Hendrick Decker of Claverack District, N. Y., yeoman.....	Nov. 12, "
Absalom Woodworth, merchant, New York.....	Brother, Robert, East District Manor of Rensselaerwyck, N. Y., yeoman.....	Nov. 12, "
Thomas Kennedy, mariner, formerly of New York, late of Philadelphia.....	Daughter, Rachel Willett, Flushing, L. I.....	Nov. 15, "

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Daniel Nichols, farmer, North East Precinct, N. Y. ....	Son, Josiah, farmer, of North East Precinct, N. Y. ....	Nov. 16, 1785
Samuel Thurston, weaver, Richmond Co. ....	Nephew, John M. Thurston, yeoman, Charlotte Precinct, N. Y. ....	Nov. 23, "
Joshua Carman, yeoman, Beekman's Precinct, N. Y.	Widow, Sarah, and son-in-law, Robert Sands. ....	Nov. 23, "
Eleazer Owen, Wallkill Precinct, N. Y. ....	Abiel Fry, shopkeeper, Orange Co., husband of the late widow of Eleazer Owen. . .	Dec. 3, "
James Rogers, Jr., yeoman, Wallkill Precinct, N. Y. ....	Brother, Samuel, yeoman, Wallkill Precinct, N. Y. ....	Dec. 3, "
Simon Brachin, yeoman, Schenectady, N. Y. ....	Brother, John, yeoman, Normanskill, Albany Co., N. Y.	Dec. 6, "
Volckert I. Witbeeck, yeoman, Kinderhook District, N. Y. ....	Widow, Ann, Kinderhook District, N. Y. ....	Dec. 6, "
William Dusinberre, physician, Haverstraw Precinct, N. Y. ....	Son, William, physician, Haverstraw Precinct, N. Y.	Dec. 6, "
Jonathan Fish, yeoman, New town, L. I. ....	Son, Nicholas, Lieut. Col., New York. ....	Dec. 7, "
John Christie, corporal in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.	Widow, Ellenor, Rumbout Precinct, N. Y. ....	Dec. 7, "
Samuel Green, yeoman, South Hempstead, L. I. ....	Brother, Daniel, shopkeeper, New York. ....	Dec. 14, "
Nathaniel Tylee, Captain, New York. ....	Asher Cook, mariner, New York. ....	Dec. 13, "
Adrian Van Brunt, yeoman, New Utrecht, L. I. ....	Brother, Rutgert, Col., Gravesend, L. I. ....	Dec. 19, "
Benjamin Lester, yeoman, Halifax, N. S. ....	Thomas Lawrence, yeoman, Flushing, L. I. ....	Dec. 19, "
Lena Lansing, Albany, N. Y.	Grandsons, Jacob Jac. and Jacob Jno., Lansing, merchants, Albany, N. Y. ....	Dec. 19, "
Annatie Wendell, Albany, N. Y. ....	Kinsmen, Jacob Jac. and Jacob Jno. Lansing, merchants, Albany, N. Y. ....	Dec. 19, "

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Cornelius Bloomendal, yeoman, West District, Manor of Rensselaerwyck, N. Y. . . . .	Nephew, John Bloomendal, West District, Manor of Rensselaerwyck, N. Y., farmer. . . . .	Dec. 19, 1785
Danvers Osborn, private in Col. Hammond's Reg't. . . . .	Brother-in-law, John Buckhout, cooper, New Marlborough Precinct, N. Y. . . . .	Dec. 20, "
William Clauw, yeoman, District of Coxhacky, Albany Co., N. Y. . . . .	Stephen Haight, merchant, District of Coxhacky. . . . .	Dec. 24, "
Jacob C. Van Loon, yeoman, Coxhacky District, N. Y. . . . .	Widow, Catharina, Coxhacky District, N. Y. . . . .	Dec. 24, "
Alexander Query, mariner, New York. . . . .	Widow, Elenor, New York. . . . .	Dec. 26, "
Matthew Gault, merchant, Rumbout Precinct, N. Y. . . . .	Widow, Lidia, Rumbout Precinct, N. Y. . . . .	Dec. 27, "
Ann Crosfield, spinster, New York. . . . .	Brother, Stephen Crosfield, gentleman, New York. . . . .	Dec. 27, "
Isaac I. Sebring, merchant, New York. . . . .	Brother, Jacob, yeoman, Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . .	Dec. 27, "
John Christie, forage master for the New York Line. . . . .	Widow, Anne, New York. . . . .	Dec. 29, "
John Akins, weaver, Charlotte Precinct, N. Y. . . . .	John Nelson, yeoman, Charlotte Precinct, N. Y., husband of Sarah, late widow of John Akins. . . . .	Dec. 30, "

## ERRATA.

Page 12 (2 lines from bottom).—For Lucy Elisabeth Sterlin read Lucy Ely, Elizabeth Sterlin.

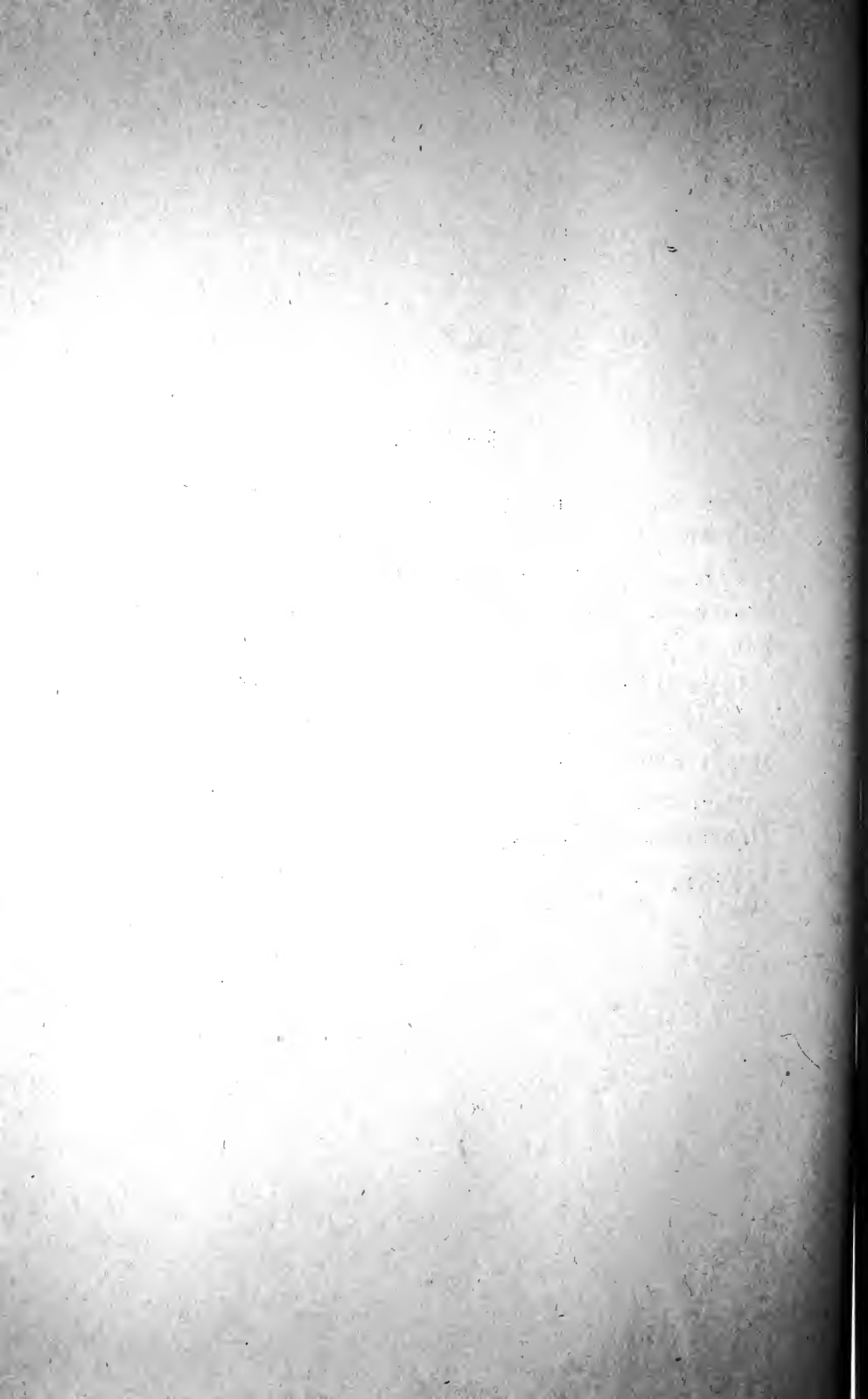
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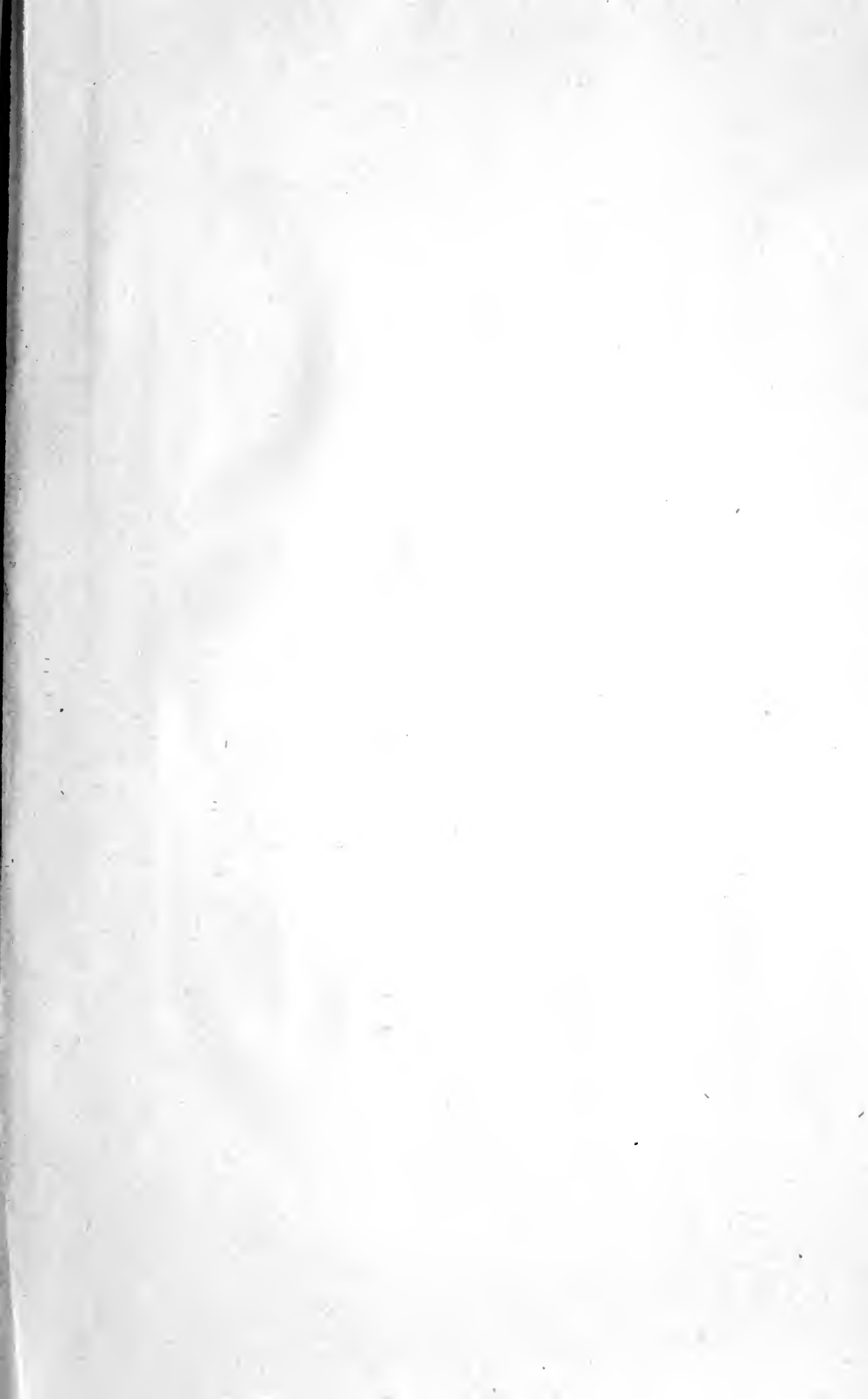


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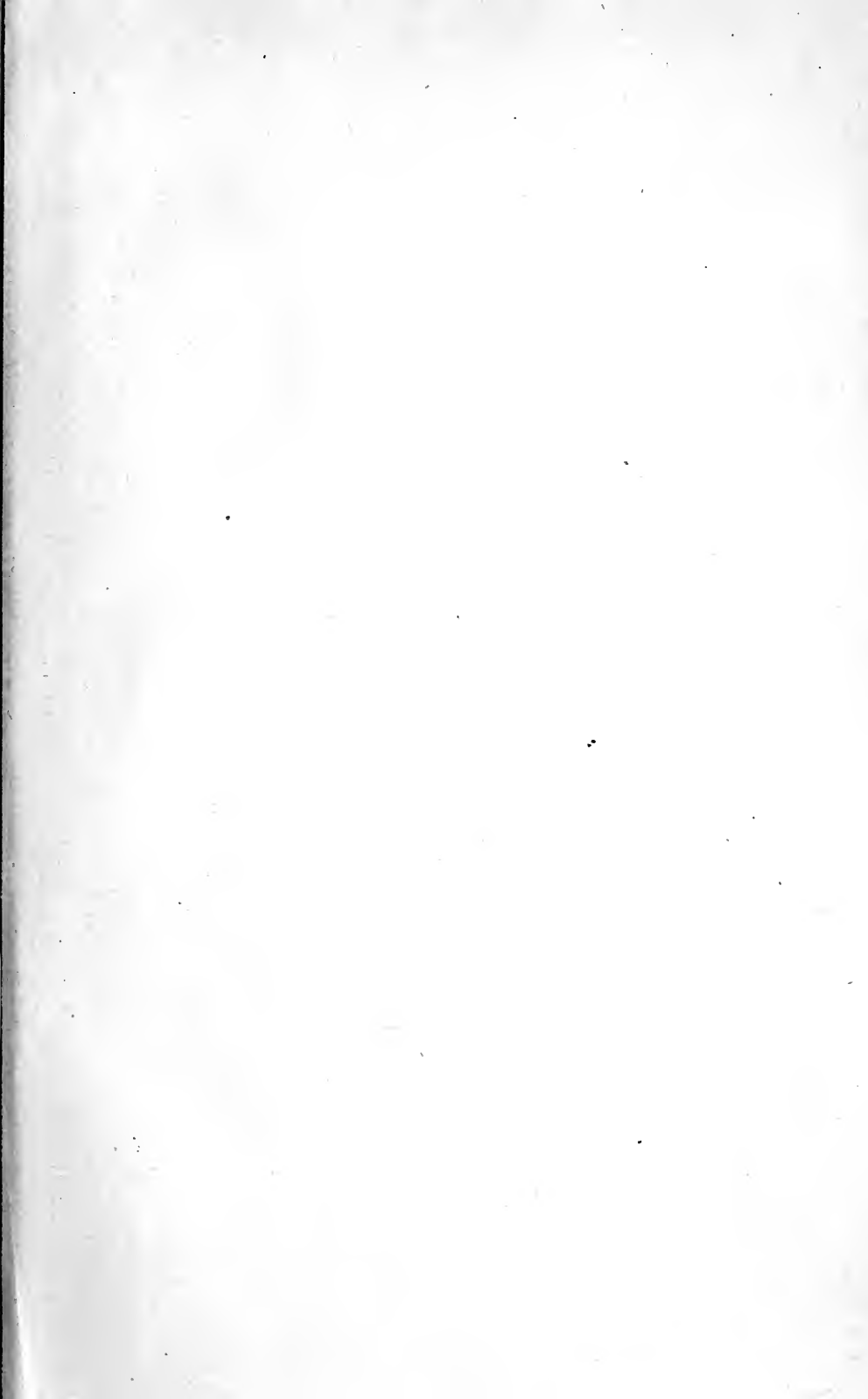
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