

The last Will and Testament of Margaret Livingston
Registered this 3rd Day of September 1800

In the Name of God Amen. I Margaret Livingston of
Clermont in the County of Columbia and State of New York being of sound and disposing
mind by the blessing of God. do hereby direct that all my Just debts to be paid, that my Estate in
the Hardenburgh Patent at New Stormora be given to my Son Edward and his Heirs forever
That Sixteen Hundred pounds be put at Interest by my Executors within one Year after my Death
for the use of my Grand daughter Margaret D. Livingston the Interest to be paid her yearly, and
the principal sum when she shall attain the age of Seventy one Years or marry which ever shall first
happen. Also I give to my said daughter Margaret D. Livingston the Lot at the flats which I
lately bought of my Son Edward and now in the possession of Martin Heermaner and to her
Heirs forever. The residue of my Estate Real and personal I direct to be equally divided
amongst my Children, my family pictures only excepted which I give to my Son Robert, as also to
prevent all Controversy which I have been informed one of my Children has talked of raising
relative to the farm at Clermont I also advise the same to my said son Robert and his
Heirs free from all Charges and Incumbrances whatsoever, by Reason of any Improvements
I have made thereon or otherwise. And in Consideration of the faithful Services of my
Slaves I direct my Executors to manumit those among them above the age of thirty Years who
may desire it. And whereas Robin, Scipio, Naamah, and Van are now far advanced in life
and unable to support themselves by their Labour, my will is, that it be at their Option to live
with whom of my Children they prefer to live. and that so much of my personal Estate be
vested in the funds as will produce an income of Twelve pounds a Year for each of the said Slaves which
shall be paid to the Child or Children respectively for each respective Slave so Residing with them
is to say Twelve pounds yearly for each Slave, and whenever such Slaves or so much thereof as serves
the maintenance of such Slaves, to be divided as the Rest of my personal Estate. And I do
further direct that no one of my Children or either of their Representatives shall be entitled to
any Share of the personal Estate hereby bequeathed unless such Child his or her Representative
Representative shall first in due form of Law Release all claim or Demands whatsoever by
Reason of a Legacy bequeathed to him or her by a certain will of their Grandfather Robert Living-

ston deceased Dated the Twenty Seventh day of February one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty
one, which Release has been already Executed by most of my Children but that if any one of my Children
or their Representatives shall Refuse to Execute such Release then the Share of such Child
his or her Representative shall be equally divided in manner of aforesaid among such of my said
Children or their Representatives as already have or shall hereafter sign such Release. And I
do further order and Direct that that at the Expiration of the Term for which my Negro
Boy Tute is bound to Jacob Van Nop, my Executors do manumit said Negro boy and further
it is my will that my Executors shall out of my personal Estate put out to Interest the sum of
Three Hundred pounds the Interest of which shall be paid yearly to the Account of
as long as he shall continue to be the Minister of the Congregation belonging to the Lower Church of
New York and when he shall die or be removed from the said Congregation the said Sum of Three Hun-
dred pounds, shall be equally divided amongst my Children as before directed, further I do give and
bequeath my Negro Girl Mary and my Negro Boy Pete to my daughter Joanna her Heirs and
assigns forever. And I do further direct that one Hundred pounds out of my
personal Estate be put out at Interest which Sum together with the Interest shall when my Grand
Son Horatio Robert Gates Armstrong attains the age of Seventy one Years be laid out in Bond
for him, but if my said Grandson should happen to die before he attains that Age, then said one
Hundred pounds shall be equally divided amongst my Children as before directed. And last
ly I do appoint my sons Robert T. Livingston, John D. Livingston, Edward Livingston
Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me heretofore
made. In Witness whereof I the said Margaret Livingston have hereunto set my hand and seal
this Ninth Day of June one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six. Margt. Living-
ston. S. S. Signed, Sealed, published and Declared by the Testator as and for her last will
and Testament. In the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses in her
presence, and in the presence of each other. John Cox, John M. Gill, John Schuyler

Columbia Co. Be it remembered that on the second day of September in the Year our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred John Cox of the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess Surveyor
personally appeared before me Philip S. Hoffman Surrogate of the said County of Columbia and
being duly sworn says that he saw Margaret Livingston sign and seal the within instrument
purporting to be her last will and testament and heard her publish and declare the same as and
for her last will and testament. that at the time of executing thereof she then said Margaret was of

sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief of the Deponent and that John de Gelle John Schruer and the Deponent severally subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the Deponent
M. Hoffmann

Columbia sp. Do it also remember that on the said second day of September in the said Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred Edward Livingston one of the Executors in the within will namely personally appeared before me Philip S Hoffmann Surrogate of the said County and was duly qualified to the true execution and performance of the said will by taking the oath by law appointed
M. Hoffmann

29 The people of the State of New York by the Grace of God free and Independent: To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern send greeting. Know ye that at Livingston in the County of Columbia on the day of the date hereof before Philip S Hoffmann Esq. Surrogate of our said County the last will and Testament of Margaret Livingston deceased (a copy whereof is herunto annexed) was read and is now approved and allowed of by us, and the said deceased having whilst she lived, and at the time of her death, goods, chattels, or credits within this State, by means whereof the proving and registering the said will, and the granting administration of all and singular the Goods, chattels and credits, and also the auditing, allowing, and final discharging the account thereof, doth belong unto us the Administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning her will is granted unto Edward Livingston Esquire one of the Executors in the said will named he being ^{justly} sworn well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make and exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said Goods, chattels and credits and also to render a Just and true account thereof when thereunto required, In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed Witness Philip S Hoffmann Esquire Surrogate of the said County at Livingston of this said the second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and of our Independence the twenty fifth
M. Hoffmann

The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Stevens Registered the 13th day of September 1800

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Stevens of Elemont in the County of Columbia being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and understanding blessed be God for the same Do make and publish, this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say. First, I give and bequeath all my Plate to be divided in two equal Shares. one share to the Children of my Son John Stevens and the other share to the Children of my daughter Mary Livingston. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son John Stevens Two Hundred Pounds to be paid him when he comes of Age. Item, To my Grand daughter Elizabeth Stevens Livingston I leave Five Hundred Pounds after my death. To my Grand daughter Margaret M. Livingston and Juliana Stevens I leave each Two Hundred Pounds. To my daughter Mary Livingston I leave all my Clothing except the Common ones which I leave to my black woman Nancy and Silvia, to be equally divided between them. Item, I leave to my black woman Daphny, the Interest of Forty Pounds yearly during her natural life to be paid her half yearly by my Executors. I also give and bequeath to my black woman Nancy fifteen Acres of Land at Mendenham and five Pounds in Money. Item, I leave to Maria Duer the Interest of One hundred Pounds yearly till she is of Age. I leave my Chintz Bed and Window Curtains to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Stevens Livingston. I also leave her my Feather Bed. To my Grand daughter Elizabeth Stevens Livingston, and Margaret M. Livingston I leave two Trunks, with their contents (One of them is at Hoboken the other at New York) and also all my Table Linen, and Napkins, and all my China Ware. And all the things in my Room at New York, to be equally divided between them. Item, To my Grand daughter Juliana Stevens I leave my Chest of Drawers, and all the furniture of my Room at Hoboken. I leave all my Slaves their freedom. Item, It is my Will and I so hereby order that the legacies above devised be paid within six months after my decease to the Children of my daughter Mary. And these to the Children of my Son John into the hands of their father within the same period, as Guardian for their use till they are respectively of Age. Item, I do further order and direct that all the Real and Personal of my Estate, Real and Personal be divided within six Months after my death into two equal Parts and conveyed by my Executors who are hereby empowered to make the Division and convey the same. The one equal half Part of my said Real and Personal Estate to the Children of