

her death shall remain unconveyed pursuant to the same authority I advise what shall so remain unconveyed to all the children of my said daughter equally to be divided between them as tenants in common in fee simple and ordain that if any of them be then dead and have left issue that such issue take the share that would have belonged to the father or mother equally to be divided among such issue of a deceased child of my said daughter if there be more than one child as tenants in common in fee simple I do hereby constitute my wife Gertrude my son in law Rob^t. Livingston my daughter Margret Livingston and my friend William Smith of New York to be the Executors of this will and I give them and the Major part of them Authority to manumit my negro Bobin and his brother Sam and to use so much of my estate for their Indemnity as may be necessary to give them the full benefit of their freedom after the decease of my wife or sooner if she shall consent thereto and I also authorize my Executors or the Majority of them the survivors and survivor of them to do all acts necessary for the partition and severance of any lands I may hold in common with any other person or persons In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty third day of October A.D. one thousand seven hundred and seventy five 1775. Henry Beckman (S^d) Signed Sealed and published by Col^l. Beckman the Testator to be his last will and Testament and signed by us as witnesses thereto at his side and at his request and by him first in our presence the Testator having in a great degree lost his sight at the same time declared that the same had been frequently read to him by John White Jun^r: one of the subscribing witnesses

John White Jun^r: Johannes Got^t of Miller John Hauke
City of New York so Be it Remembered that on the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four personally came and appeared before me Thomas Sedwell Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York Margret Livingston an Executrix of the preceding written will of Henry Beckman deceased and being duly sworn on her oath declared that the preceding written instrument purporting to be the will of the said Henry Beckman bearing date the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five did contain the true last will and Testament of the said Henry Beckman as far as she knew or believed and that she would well and truly perform the same by paying first his just debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods chattels and credits will thereto extend and the law require

Thomas Sedwell Judge of Probates
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 the City of New York on the fourth day of June last before Thomas Sedwell Esquire Judge of our Court of Probates the last will and Testament of Henry Beckman deceased (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) was proved in common form and is now approved and allowed of by us and the said deceased having what he lawfully Goods Chattels or credits within this State by means whereof the proving and registering the said will

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and the granting administration of all and singular the said goods chattels and Credits and also the auditing allowing and final discharging the account thereof doth belong unto us the administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will is granted unto Margret Livingston an Executrix in the said will named She being first duly sworn well and faithfully to Administer the same and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Court of Probates to be hereunto affixed Witnesses Thomas Sedwell Esquire Judge of our said Court at the City of New York the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four
Thos. Sedwell C^l

Robert Livingston being in health of body and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when it shall please God to call home hence & being this day to set out on a journey in which if any unforeseen event should befall me I may not have an opportunity to make such a disposition of those worldly Goods which it has pleased God to bestow upon me as I think Justice requires do declare this to be my last will and Testament & making my dear wife my sole Executrix and desiring her after committing my body to the earth in the most frugal manner to pay all my just debts I bequeath and devise to her all my real and personal estate to the use of her and her heirs forever and leaving my dear children to her care I can make no other provision for them at present because I think this best for them and most suitable to my Circumstances therefore leaving them with the most sincere regard to their eternal and temporal welfare I sign this as my last will and Testament the third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six

Robert Livingston
Signed and published in the presence of us who were requested to witness the same
Wat. Du Bois Jun^r: Rob^t. Livingston Jun^r: John Struention

It having pleased God to make a considerable addition to my real estate since I made the above will I republish it this fiftieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three with this sole alteration that the house and farm at Clarendon shall be my wife's only during her life after which it is to go to my heir as the law directs
Robert Livingston

Signed and published in the presence of us who were requested by Rob^t. Livingston to witness the same in his presence
Young Serol. Margret Hill - Waldmire W^m Post.
City of New York so Be it Remembered that on the fourth day June in the year of our

Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four personally came and appeared before me Thomas Sedwell Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York Margret Livingston the Executrix of the preceding written will of Robert Livingston deceased and being duly sworn on her oath declared that the two preceding written instruments the one purporting to be the will of the said Robert Livingston bearing date the third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six the other purporting to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament bearing date the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three did contain the true last will and Testament of the said Robert Livingston as far as she knew or believed and that she would well and truly per

perform the same by paying first his just debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as such goods chattels and credits will thereto extend and the law require

Thomas Sedwell Judge of Probates

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 the City of New York on the fourth day of June last before Thomas Sedwell Esquire Judge of our Court of Probates the last will and testament of Robert De Livingston deceased (a copy whereof is herewith annexed) was proved and is now approved and allowed of by us and the said deceased having whilst he lived and at the time of his death goods chattels or credits within this State by means whereof the proving and registering the said will and the granting administration of all and singular the said goods chattels and credits and also the auditing allowing and final discharging the Account thereof doth belong unto us the Administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will is granted unto Margaret Livingston the Executrix in the said Will named she being first duly sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Court of Probates to be herewith affixed Witness Thomas Sedwell Esquire Judge of our said Court at the City of New York the First day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

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In the Name of God Amen. I Elias Desbrosses of the City of New York Merchant being of good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same considering the certainty of death do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following First and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping that I shall have a resurrection to eternal life thro' the satisfaction and righteousness of Christ my redeemer and as to such temporal estate as God has blessed me with I do dispose thereof as follows. I desire that all my just debts be discharged. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Brother James Desbrosses all the lands shown in the Herdsburgh Patent. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Sisters Magdalen & Elizabeth Desbrosses and to the Survivors of them the lot dwelling house and store fronting King Queen and Dock Street situate in the City of New York with all the Plate household furniture during their natural lives and after their decease give the said lot dwelling house and store unto my Niece Maryann Desbrosses and to her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew James Desbrosses and to his heirs and assigns forever the lot and dwelling house fronting Queen and Dock Street which I bought of the heirs of Cornelius Velorrie with all the Plate household furniture during their natural lives and after their decease give the said lot dwelling house and store unto my Niece Maryann Desbrosses and to her heirs and assigns forever. Item I do give and bequeath the sum of one thousand Pounds lawful money of New York unto the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in communion of the Church of England as by law established in trust to be paid at Interest by the Vestry of that Corporation for the Maintenance of a French Clergiman who shall perform divine service in the French language in this City according to the Liturgie of the Church

of England as by law established and should it be any considerable time before such establishment is effected then the interest arising therefrom the said thousand pounds shall become a principle for the same use. Item I give and bequeath unto the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by law established the sum of five hundred Pounds lawful money of New York to be by them laid out and applied for the cloathing and educating the poor children of Trinity Church School in this City. Item I give and bequeath unto M^{rs} Charlotte Savieres the sum of twenty pounds per annum during her natural life. Item I give and bequeath unto the widow Coz at the sum of ten pounds per annum during her natural life. Item I do give and bequeath unto my Brother James my Sister Magdalen my Sister Elizabeth my nephew James and my Niece Maryann Desbrosses and their respective heirs and assigns forever all the residue of my estate both real and personal to be by them equally divided into five equal Shares. Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my Brother James my Sisters Magdalen and Elizabeth my Nephew James and my Niece Maryann Desbrosses or the Survivors of them to be Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this day of June one thousand seven hundred & eighty three in the City of New York. Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as for his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and at his request. Adrian Renaudet. Smith Richards. Stephen Randall. City of New York. Be it remembered that on the second day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty four Personally came and appeared before me Thomas Sedwell Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York Smith Richards of the said City Grace and being duly sworn on his oath declared that he did see Elias Desbrosses Sign and seal the proceeding written instrument purporting to be the will of the said Elias Desbrosses bearing date the day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament that at the time thereof he the said Elias Desbrosses was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of him the deponent that his name subscribed to the said will is of his own proper hand writing which he subscribed as a witness to the said will in the testator's presence and that he the deponent saw Adrian Renaudet and Stephen Randall the other witnesses to the said will subscribe their names as witnesses thereto in the testator's presence

Thomas Sedwell Judge of Probates

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