

*S.P.* The People of the State of New York by the Grace  
of God free and Independent -

To all to whom these presents shall  
come in any manner Senting -

Know ye that on the twenty fourth  
day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight  
hundred and twenty three at Orange in the County of Orange  
before Charles Hayden Esquire Surrogate of and for said County the last  
will and testament of John Rice, late of Orange of said County  
(a copy of which is herewith annexed) was presented and is now  
affirmed and allowed of by us. And the said deceased being child-  
less he died on the first day of March next last and having  
within this State by means whereof the passing and registering of  
the said will and the granting of Administration of all and singular  
the said goods chattels and credits, and also the auditing allow-  
ing and final settling of the account thereof doth belong  
unto us. The Administration of all and singular the said goods  
chattels and credits of the said deceased, and in any way concern-  
ing the said will is granted unto Joseph Rice and Edwin  
Rice the Executors of the said will therein named, they being re-  
spectively first duly sworn well and faithfully to administer  
the said will to make and exhibit to the best of their ability  
a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods  
goods chattels and credits and also to render a just and  
true account of the Administration thereof when & where  
so required -

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of  
office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed -  
Witness Charles Hayden Esquire Surrogate of the said County at  
Orange in said County the day and year first above written  
to Charles Hayden

[Here follows a copy of the will annexed (Copy) vice Book  
of wills]