

L.S. The people of the State of New York in the Year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven  
shall come together.

Knowing that on the fourth day of April in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven  
at New York in the County of Orange before Robert Hayden  
Sergeant of and for said County, the last will and testament of  
Samuel Hopper late of Orange in said County deceased, a copy of  
which by the said Hopper, was duly proved and is now affirmed and  
decree of by us: these things being observed, while the land was  
at the time of his death, goods chattels and credits within this State,  
by seeing whereof the proving and registering of the said will under  
the granting of Administration of all and singular the said goods  
chattels and credits, and also the auditing, allowing and  
final discharging of the account thereof doth belong unto us —  
Now therefore the Administration of all and singular the said  
goods chattels and credits of the said deceased, and in  
any way concerning the said will, is granted unto the  
Benevolent of Mexico aforesaid, from of the conceiving thereof  
over and above, he being first duly sworn well and faithfully  
to administer the same, and to the best of his ability to  
make and exhibit into the office of the said Surrogate, or  
true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said  
goods chattels and credits within the space of six Cal-  
endar months from this date; and also to render a just  
and true account of the administration thereof when  
thereunto required. In testimony whereof we have  
signed the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be here  
unto appended. Witness Robert Hayden Clerk Surrogate  
of the said County, this fourth day of April in the year  
first above written.

R. Hayden, Surrogate

[Here following a copy of the will under Book  
of 1111]