

In the name of God Amen I, Betsy Merry, of the County of Orange in the State of New York do hereby certify that I am of sound mind & memory though weak & infirm by disease in body as made public & declare this my last will & testament in manner following that to wit I give & devise & bequeath unto my three children William John & Mary all my real & personal estate of whatever name, nature or description whatsoever whatsoever the same may be situated to be divided among them equally share & share alike; & in case of the death of any of my said children before the age of twenty one year without lawful issue or issue then the share or portion of the one so dying I give & devise to the survivor or survivors of them and I do hereby declare of & commit the custody & custody of my said children & each of them for such time as they or any of them shall respectively continue unmarried & under the age of twenty one years unto my mother Mrs. Maria B. Hall.

Second It is my wish & desire that my executor and executrix hereinafter named shall as soon as practicable convert my real estate into money and invest the same together with all my personal estate into bonds securities or bonds, mortgages, or real estate & that the interest thereof only (Provided my debts shall be satisfied) be applied to the education & maintenance of my said children but if the interest shall not be sufficient therefor so much of the principal as shall be necessary may be used for the purpose of education & maintenance of my children aforesaid.

Third I hereby nominate & appoint my mother Mrs. Maria B. Hall executrix & James H. Gould of Orange County my executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty five.

Betsy Merry  
Mrs. Maria B. Hall  
James H. Gould

All foregoing instrument concerning of her name as at the date thereof signed sealed published & declared by the said Betsy Merry as and for her last will & testament in presence of two or more witnesses and in her presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Mrs. Maria B. Hall  
James H. Gould  
Eliza Cherry Co. Notary

SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament

Betsy Merry DECEASED.  
Orange County, ss. Helena A. Knapp and Mrs. Agnes Gould being first duly sworn, in open Court, upon their several corporal oaths, each for himself, doth depose and say, that they are subscribing witnesses to the

last Will and Testament of the Widow of Shoeny in the County of Orange and State of New York deceased. And these deponents do further say, that the said Betsy Merry deceased, did in the presence of each of these deponents, subscribe his name at the end of the instrument in writing, which is now here shown to these deponents, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, and which bears date on the 13th day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. That the said deceased did at the time of subscribing his name to the said instrument as aforesaid, declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their own respective names at the end of said instrument, as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, each at the request of the said deceased, and in his presence and in the presence of each other; That the said deceased, at the time of so subscribing his name to said instrument as aforesaid, and publishing said instrument as aforesaid, was upwards of twenty-one years of age, and a citizen of the United States; that he appeared to be, and deponents believe, he was of sound mind, memory and understanding, and not under any restraint, and as deponents verily believe, in all respects competent to devise real estate; that each of these deponents saw the other sign his name to said instrument in the presence of the said deceased,

Helena A. Knapp  
Mrs. Agnes Gould

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
6th day of July A. D. 1855  
J. W. Shuman Surrogate  
Orange County, ss.

It appearing upon the proofs duly taken in respect to the last Will and Testament of Betsy Merry late of the Town of Shoeny in the County of Orange and State of New York, deceased, that the said Will was duly executed, and that the said Betsy Merry at the time he executed the same, was in all respects competent to devise real estate, and not under restraint, the said last Will and Testament and the proofs and examinations are hereby recorded, signed and certified by me, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, this 6th day of July A. D. 1855.

J. W. Shuman Surrogate.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
Clara A. Draper Deceased.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That heretofore, to wit: on the 21 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five in the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Clara A. Draper late of the Town of Redfield in the County of Orange deceased, appeared in open Court, before the Surrogate of the County of Orange and made application to have the said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT which relates to both Real and Personal Estate proved; and on such application, the said Surrogate did ascertain by satisfactory evidence who were the heirs at law and next of kin of the said testator, and their respective residences, that all of said heirs having made the proof of a citation in this matter

and said Surrogate did thereupon issue a Citation in due form of law, directed to the heirs at law, and next of kin by their respective names, stating their respective places of residence, requiring them to appear before said Surrogate in the village of Redfield in said County, on the 21 day of July A. D. 1855 to attend the Probate of said Will.

And afterwards to wit: on the 21 day of July A. D. 1855 mandatory evidence by affidavit, was produced and presented to said Surrogate, of the due service of said Citation in the mode prescribed by law; and on that day no one appearing to oppose the Probate of said Will such proceedings was thereupon had in said Court afterwards, that the said Surrogate took the proof of said Will hereinafter set forth, upon this 21 day of July A. D. 1855 and he thereupon adjudged the said Will to be a valid Will of Real and Personal Estate, and the proofs thereof to be sufficient, which said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, and proofs are as follows, that is to say:

WILL: