I Esther Griffith of the town of Schroeppel County of Oswego and state of New York being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say First After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit To the joint School district known as District No 6 in the town of Schroeppel the sum of Three hundred dollars as a perpetual fund to be invested and kept at interest and the said interest to be annually expended and appropriated for the use of the Common Schools in said District in such a manner as the trustees of the said school district to be elected by the said board the interest of which is to be annually expended to purchase books to pay tuition or for any such purpose as shall decision may most profitably & effectually contribute to aid the moral & discipline of the district in obtaining instruction in Q x & Sheet, direct my executor hereinafter named to pay unto the hands of the aforesaid trustees the said sum of three hundred dollars to be invested and managed by them and I do give the sum of Ten hundred dollars to be invested by the Trustees of this society And I hereby constitute and appoint my executor to be the special trustee of this legacy to be expended by him for the purpose of the institution in manner as he may deem most judicious or expedient I also give to my nephews Benj Thomas the sum of Fifty dollars to Benj Edwards Jr. Joel P Chaffee Esq dollars to his wife Ann dollars & to each of his children five dollars and to Dr. [illegible] Effman son of Isaac Leffler five dollars and the remainder of all real estate owing under mortgage bonds or any evidence of debt due or belonging to me at the time of my death (to be secured therefor) I bequeath to my executor my dearest brother Galinus sum one thirteenth of said remainder to his children of my deceased brother Avis the sum thirteenth to my brother Stephen the sum thirteenth & to my sister Eliza & Thomas the sum thirteenth & to my brother Ariel the sum thirteenth My household effects and all personal property not disposed of as aforesaid I give and devise as follows to Eliza Thomas the widow of Elias Thomas my brother & to my sister Eliza Thomas I give all the residue of my said household effects and all personal property not disposed of as aforesaid to be equally divided between them share and share alike and I do hereby appoint my executor to be the sole trustee of this bequest and I do hereby authorize and empower my said executor to sell and convey the same and I do hereby revoke all other wills by me made and publish this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Esther Griffith (Seal)

The above and within instrument was subscribed by the said Esther Griffith in our presence and we at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto and we believe the said testatrix at the time of signing and publishing the same was of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint

Wm B Lange Schroeppel Oswego Co N.Y.
William Barker Schroeppel Oswego Co N.Y.



# SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament of Esther Griffith ~~Testamentary~~ DECEASED.

Oswego County, ss.

Wm B Lange and Miriam Barker being first duly sworn, in open Court, upon their several corporeal oaths, each for himself, doth depose and say, that they are subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Esther Griffith late of the Town of Schroeppel in the County of Oswego and State of New York deceased. And these deponents do further say, that the said Esther Griffith deceased, did in the presence of such 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 11th day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty 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,

Wm B Lange
Miriam Barker

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of July A. D. 1846
D. W. Shum Surrogate.

Oswego County, ss.

It appearing upon the proofs duly taken in respect to the Last Will and Testament of Esther Griffith late of the Town of Schroeppel in the County of Oswego and State of New York, deceased, that the said Will was duly executed, and that the said Esther Griffith 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 10th day of July A. D. 1846

D. W. Shum Surrogate.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Benjamin Lewis Deceased.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That heretofore, to wit: on the 9th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six Elizabeth Lewis Executrix named in the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Benjamin Lewis late of the Town of Schroeppel in the County of Oswego deceased, appeared in open Court, before the Surrogate of the County of Oswego 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,

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 at his office in the village of Phoenix in said County, on the 8th day of August A. D. 1886 to attend the Probate of said Will,

And afterwards to wit: on the 8th day of August A. D. 1886 satisfactory 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 proofs of said Will hereinafter set forth, upon this 8th day of August A. D. 1886 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: