

## Probate of the Will of William Walradth

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The people of the State of New York by the Grace free and independent: To all to whom these presents shall come, or may concern send Greeting: Know ye that at Johnstown in the County of Montgomery before James Lansing Esq. Surrogate of our said County the last Will and Testament of William Walradth deceased (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) was proved and is not 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 where 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 Willis granted unto Catharine Walradth Executors & Adolph Walradth & Peter Walradth Executors in the said Will named & they being first duly sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and to make and exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto requested. In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed. Witness James Lansing Esquire, Surrogate of the said County at Johnstown the nineteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two and of our independence the twenty seventh.

James Lansing

In the Name of God Amen I William Walradth of the Town of Canajoharie and County of Montgomery in the State of New York being weak in Body but of sound memory blessed be God, do this eleventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say, First and principally I comment my Soul unto the Hands of all mighty God who gave it me and my Body to this Earth from whence it came in hopes of a full pardon of all my Sins and a joyful Resurrection through the merits and interception of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ. And as for that worldly estate wherewith it haste pleased God to bless me with I give and devise and bequeath the same in manner and form following – **First I give to my beloved Wife Cathreen Walradth all my real & personal Estate as long as she remains my Widow and one third of my real and personal estate during her natural life, and I will that my Wife shall have the west Room in my House for her own use as long as she remains my widow. Item I give to my Son Peter Walradth the Farm I now live**

On with the Lease lot that joins my Farm to him his heirs and assigns forever, he working the said Farm with his Brothers until they come of age and using his Mother as I use to do in my life time. I give to my Son Peter Walradth my Wagon my ploughs my Harrow my Slays and Tackling that shall be my property at the Time of my decease to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my Son Abraham Walradth two hundred pounds in cash and a span of horses as soon as he comes of age to be paid out of my Estate by my Son Peter Walradth and a Sett of good Tackling and a good Saddle and Bridle and a Horse besides the one he now owns. Item I give to my Son Garret Walradth two hundred pounds in Cash and two Horses besides the one he now owns and a good Set of Tackling and a good Saddle and Bridle as soon as he comes of age to be paid by my Son Peter out of my Estate when my Son Garret comes of age to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Seeber ten pounds to her her heirs and assigns forever. I will that the remainder of my personal Estate be divided between my three Sons Peter Walradth Abram Walradth & Garret Walradth equal share & share alike after my Wife's decease or when she is no longer my Widdow (sic) to them their heirs & assigns forever. I make constitute and ordain my beloved Wife Cathereen Walradt my Executrix, Adolph Walradth, Peter Walradth Executors to this my last Will & Testament, they paying my just Debts & funeral expenses six months after my decease. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eleventh Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two. Signed sealed published and, declared by the said William Waldrath as and for his last Will and Testament in the presents of us who at his request and in his presents and in the presents of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto.

**William Walrath L. S.**

N.B. the words to him his heirs and assigns forever were interlined before execution hereof, and the word of was interlined before execution hereof, the word came was interlined before execution hereof.

Peter Walrad, Adolph Walrad, Charles Powell  
(his mark)

Be it remembered that on the nineteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & Two personally appeared before me James Lansing Esquire Surrogate of the County of Montgomery Charles Powell who being duly sworn despoth and saidth that she saw William Walradth sign & seal the within Instrument purporting to be the last Will & Testament of the said William Walradth, and that he heard him publish & declare

The same as and for his last Will & Testament. And that the said William Walradth was at the same time according to the best of the knowledge & belief of his deponent of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding. And that the Name of this deponent subscribed thereto as a witness is of his own proper writing. And that he at the same time saw Peter Walradt & Adolph Walrad subscribed as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

James Lansing

The proceeding are true copies of the original of the last Will & Testament of William Walradth deceased of the Certificate of the proof thereof and of the Letters testamentary thereon.

Registered the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1802 by me

James Lansing Surrogate

Be it remembered that on the said Nineteenth Day of November in the Year aforesaid personally appeared before me the said Surrogate Catharine Walradth Executrix & Adolph Walradth & Peter Walradth Executors in the last Will & Testament of the said William Walradth deceased named and were duly sworn to the faithful performance of the said Will.

James Lansing