

Will of Henry Walradt of Minden

The following will was written April 4, 1815 and probated January 19, 1822. It was found in the DAR application of Betty Sheridan Cathey under Patriot Henry Walradt (subject of the Will). This Henry Walradt was known as Henry Walradt, Esq. and was a Justice of the Peace. His wife was Elizabeth Bowman.

The will had a number of corrections by the transcriber and it appears as if the original will had been difficult to transcribe. The name Solomon Satman should have been Solomon Putman, and Henry I. Doller should be Henry I. or J. Zoller, according to descendants in those two lines. According to an abstract the Witnesses were: Jacob Bonostadt, Adam M. Conterman, and Christopher Glazier. These names may also have been difficult to transcribe.

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Walradt of the town of Minden, County of Montgomery and State of New York, being of sound memory thanks be to God but calling to mind the mortality of my body but uncertainty of the hour of my death, do make ordain and constitute this to be my last Will and testament concerning my worldly Estate with which it has pleased the Lord to bless me; after commending my soul into the hands of a merciful Saviour and my body to a decent burial; I give devise and bequeath order and dispose of the same in manner following.

First, I give devise and bequeath unto my son Adam Walradt and to his heirs and assigns forever, the farm whereon I now live being part of a patent granted to HartmanWindecker and others, with every thing to and on said farm belonging as also fourteen acres of land in the South East corner of Lot No. two in a patent called Lansing's Patent situated in the town aforesaid. And further that my said son Adam or his heirs shall and do convey or cause to be lawfully conveyed unto my son Peter H. Walradt his heirs and assigns forever the one half of fifty five acres or land part of lot number twenty four in a patent granted to Colden and Rightmyer in said town. And in case my said son Adam or his heirs shall refuse or neglect to convey the same as aforesaid either in my life time or soon after my decease then and in such case I do herewith give and devise unto my said son Peter H. Walradt his heirs or assigns the worth or value of said one half of the fifty five acres of land in money to be paid by my said son Adam or his heirs and at any time whenever demanded. And futher I give and devise unto my said son Peter his heirs and assigns the sum of sixty dollars to be paid either in my life time or soon after my decease by my said son Adam or his heirs. And I do further give devise and bequeath unto my said son Peter H. Walradt and to his heirs and assigns forever twenty five acres of land I own in lot number one hundred and thirteen in a patent granted to George Klock, William Nellis and others on the north side of the Mohawk River.

Further I give and devise unto my daughter Elizabeth late the wife of Moses Van Campen deceased, or to his heirs or assigns the sum of thirty seven dollars to be paid by my son Jacob Walradt or his heirs one year after my decease. And further I give and devise unto my two daughters Mary the wife of Stephen Scriber and Margareth the wife of Solomon Satman, unto each of them the sum of thirty seven dollars to be paid by my son Adam or his heirs one year after my decease to be paid unto my daughters, Catharine

the wife of Henry I. Doller & Anna the wife of Henry Moyer to each of them or their heirs or assigns the sum of thirty seven dollars to be paid by my son Peter H. Walradt or his heirs one year after my decease. And further I give and bequeath unto my son Adam Walradt his heirs and assigns my Iron bound wagon and mine Iron pipe stove now in my dwelling house. And further I give and devise unto my said sons Adam and Peter and to my daughters above named all my bed steads, beds, bed cloaths & bedding my Iron small kettles my brass tea kettle my pewter ware and all such furniture as shall be found my property at the time of my decease to be divided among them. And I do herewith order that all my just debts shall be paid by my sons Adam and Peter or their heirs. And if any money shall be standing out at the time of my decease it shall be unto my sons Adam and Peter or heirs.

Lastly I do hereby appoint as executors to this my last will & testament Peter T. Moyer and my sons Adam and Peter. And I do herewith ratify and confirm this and no other as my last Will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Henry Walradt (L.S.)