

The last Will and Testament of William H  
Gerks of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County and State  
of New York, I William H Gerks, Considering the  
uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound  
mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the  
same) do make and publish this my last will  
and testament in manner and form following  
(that is to say,) First I will and ordain that  
my funeral expenses, and all other expenses and  
debts be paid out of my personal property,

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Gerks  
the Interest of one third of the remainder  
of my real and personal estate during her natural  
life ~~as long as she shall remain my widow~~  
which will be in Liece of dower. And the  
remainder of all my property I give and bequeath  
to my son George Willer Gerks to come  
in his possession when he shall arrive at the  
age of twenty one years,

And I further will that my executor sell my  
personal property as soon after my decease  
as convenient, and my farm lying in  
Unionville Mount Pleasant my said executor  
may sell at private sale or auction the time  
and manner to be at his own discretion  
And I hereby appoint and commit the guardianship  
of my son George Willer Gerks until he shall

in the age of twenty one years, unto my  
father John F. Gerks and the expenses of his  
maintainance and education to be paid out  
of the money which shall coming to him  
and I hereby appoint my said father John  
F. Gerks my sole executor of this my last  
will and testament; In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal the 12th day of February in the year of our Lord  
1800 the thousand eight hundred and fiftieth year.

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet  
now here subscribed by William H. Gerks the  
testator in the presence of each of us; and was  
at the same time declared by him to be his last  
will and testament; and we, at his request  
sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses,

Henry Clark residing in Mount Pleasant West Chester Co  
John C. Clark residing in Mount Pleasant  
West Chester Co

Westchester County  
Surrogate's Office of:

Be it Remembered  
that on the day of the date hereof the  
last Will and Testament of William H.  
Gerks late of the Town of Mount Pleasant,  
said County deceased, being the foregoing written  
instrument, was duly proved before Lewis C.  
Platt Surrogate of the said County, accord

ing to laws, as and for the last Will  
and Testament of the Real and personal  
estate of the said deceased: which  
said last Will and Testament and the  
proofs and examinations taken thereon  
are recorded in this Office.

In Testimony Whereof the  
Surrogate of the said County hath  
hereunto set his hand and affixed his  
Seal of Office this Twenty third day of  
July in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand eight hundred and  
fifty-five.

W. Platt  
Surrogate

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Wm. H. Stevens

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