

In the Name of God Amen: I John Yerks of Mount Pleasant, County of Westchester and State of New York farmer being infirm in Body but by the blessing of God of Sound Mind & Memory but calling to mind the Mortality of the Body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following, viz. First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like and decent Manner at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith I have pleased to bless me within this life. I give and dispose of them in manner & form following. *Imprimis* I will that all my lawfull Debts be paid by Monies raised & raised out of my Estate, Item, I will that my Farm with the Farming Utensils and what may Remain of my Moveable Estate after paying my Debts, shall Remain in the hands of My Wife Susanna to be applyd for her use as long as she shall live, with Leave for my said Wife to choose which or as many of the Children to live with her as she shall think proper. Item, at her Death I will, that all the Moveables together with the Farm shall be Divided into four equal parts between my four Sons, James, John, Peter and William, and that my said four Sons, conjunctly shall pay to each of my Daughters, viz. Sarah, Abbe, Elizabeth, Susanna, Jean, Eve & Mary, the full sum of Twenty pounds of Lawfull money of the State of New York, as soon as may be after the Division of my Estate among my said Sons; also I bequeath Over and Above to my Daughter Jean, a feather Bed Two pillows Two Sheets, Two Blankets & Coverlid together with a trussed complete, for her own use. Also I Will that if any of my said Children should die before the Division of my Estate as aforesaid that their share, her, or their share shall be equally Divided among the surviving Children, in case they dying should have no Children of their own living, but in case there should be Children grand Children thereon that case, her or her share, shall go to their Children. — Lastly in consideration of the Love and Affection I entertain for my Beloved Sons, in hopes that they will live in peace and unity with one another and with their Sisters, I do hereby constitute

and

and appoint my said sons, James, John, Peter & William, to
be my Only Executors, of this my last Will and Testament, ~~and~~
ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will
and Testament, hereby Revoking and annulling all former
wills & Testaments by me at any Time preceding made.
Published, pronounced, and declared by me to be my last
Will and Testament this 13th day of January Anno Domini
1795

In presence of—
the word God being read between
the said John & I from beginning
JSAAC VANTASSEL
John Yorkes
William Adams

John Yorkes
mark

Westchester County ff: Be it remembered that on the seventh day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and ninety five,
personally appeared before me Philip Bell Surrogate of the said County
of Westchester, William Adams of the Town of Mount Pleasant in the
County aforesaid, Physician, and being duly sworn on his oath declared that
he did see John Yorkes sign and seal the preceding written Instrument,
purporting to be the will of the said John Yorkes bearing date the thir-
teenth day of ^{October} in the year one thousand seven Hundred and ninety five;
and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last will
and Testament: that at the time thereof he the said John ~~was~~ ^{Yorkes} was of
sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and
belief of him the Depoent, and that Isaac Vantassel John Yorkes
and the Depoent severally subscribed the said ^{will} as witness thereto in
the Testator's presence.

Philip Bell.

Westchester County ff: Be it also remembered that on the same seventh day of
October in the said year one thousand seven Hundred and ninety five,
James Yorkes, John Yorkes, Peter Yorkes and William Yorkes the Executors
of the preceding written will of John Yorkes deceased, likewise appeared before
me the said Philip Bell, and were duly sworn to the true and faithful execution
and performance of the said will.

Philip Bell.