

Will: Theophilus Beekman

Will of Theophilus Beekman; written 20 May 1783; probated 8 Jan 1807.

In the Name of God Amen, I Theophilus Beekman at present of the precinct of Cornwall in the County of Orange and State of New York Yeoman being in a good State of health and sound mind and memory blessed be God do this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and eighty three make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say

Imprimis - I order all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid in as short a time after my decease as may be done with conveniency.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Beekman daughter of John Beekman late of the City of New York deceased the sum of two hundred pounds current money of New York.

Item - and all the residue and remainder of my Estate both Real and personal which I shall die seized of either in possession reversion or remainder I give devise bequeath and confirm unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Beekman to be holden to her my said Wife Elizabeth and to her Heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my said beloved Wife Elizabeth sole and only Executrix of this my last Will and Testament in trust for the purposes in this Will contained hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and this only as and for my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof the said Theophilus Beekman have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Theophilus Beekman

Signed Sealed and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and Sealing thereof and at his request subscribed the same as witnesses - James Matthews, Selah Matthews, Thos Moffat; City and County of New York

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven personally came and appeared before me Silvanus Miller Surrogate of said County Bernard O Blenis of the City of New York Gentleman who being duly sworn on his oath declared that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Theophilus Beekman deceased

having frequently seen him write that name Theophilus Beekman subscribed to the preceding Instrument of writing purporting to be the Will of the said Theophilus bearing date the twentieth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty tree is in the proper handwriting of him the said Theophilus and also that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Thomas Moffat one of the subscribing witnesses to the said Will now also deceased, and that the name Thomas Moffat subscribed as a witness thereto is in the proper hand writing of him the said Thomas to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent - Silvanus Miller.

Greetings . . . State by means whereof 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 Will is granted unto Elizabeth Beekman the executrix . . eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven - Silvanus Miller

[source] New York Wills and Probate Records; Volume 46 (1804-1807), page 428; Will of Theophilus Beekman.

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