

The Last Will &
Testament of
Charity Ferris dec -

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I Charity Ferris of the Town of Westchester in the County of Westchester being at this time sick and weak in body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, think is proper to make the following disposition and distribution of my temporal property, and for that purpose do constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, in the first place I order and direct my Executors herein after named and appointed to Sell and dispose of in their discretion either at publick or private Sale a messuage and piece or parcel of Land situate on Throg's Neck in the Township and County aforesaid commonly called the Martin place which I purchased at a Sheriffs sale on Execution, and the Monies arising therefrom to consider as Assets in their hands for the purposes hereafter mentioned __ And I do hereby authorize them and the Survivors and Survivor of them to execut[e sufficient Grant and Title to the Purchaser thereof- - 2^{dly}. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Anne Pell and to her assigns Two Hundred and fifty dollars to compensate her for extraordinary trouble and care in the management of my own and of her father's property as an Executrix, also my large Silver Tankard. 3^{dly}. I Give and Bequeath to my Son Edward Ferris Two Hundred and fifty dollars in trust for his Wife Elizabeth to be laid out by her in Plate in her discretion for herself and her Children after her death; also a good feather Bed, bolster and pillows to my said son Edward and his Assigns. – 4^{thly}. I Give and Bequeath to my son George Ferris and his Assigns one other good feather Bed, bolster and pillows. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx 5^{thly}. I Give to my son James Ferris

Ferris and to his Assigns Two Hundred and fifty dollars, also five Cows and one Score of Sheep out of my share of the Stock on the Farm and fodder for them off the said Farm until the next growth of grass after the time he shall be entitled to receive them. 6^{thly}. And whereas I hold an Obligation or Single Bill against my son Thomas Ferris for the principal sum of Two Hundred pounds dated ninth day of July in the year 1785, on which a considerable sum for Interest is due. Now if my said Son Thomas Ferris his Heirs Executors or Administrators shall pay to my Executors the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars in six months after my decease, in such case I do hereby release the said obligation to my said son Thomas and to his Heirs Executors and Administrators and declare the same to be void and cancelled.- 7^{thly}. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Harrison and to her Assigns the third choice of a good feather Bed, bolster and pillows, as also my smallest Silver Tankard. 8^{thly}. And Whereas I hold two Obligations against my son David Ferris, the one a penal Bill dated the 17th. day of May 1796 for the principal sum of One Hundred and twenty pounds nine shillings, and the other a single Bill dated the 3d. of July 1797, for principal sum of Fifty pounds, on both of which considerable sums are due for Interest; but if my said Son David Ferris his Heirs Executors or Administrators shall pay to my Executors the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars in six months after my decease, in that case I also release to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators the said two Obligations

Obligations and declare the same to be cancelled. 9^{thly}. I Give and Bequeath to my said son David Ferris and to his Assigns all the remainder of my share of the Stock on the Farm not herein before disposed of, the farming Utensils and Crops of Grain and Hay gathered and growing on the Farm and Provisions in the House at the time of my decease. – 10^{thly}. I Give to my Granddaughter Charity daughter of my said son James fifty dollars to be lodged in his hands in Trust for her use. 11th. All the residue and Remainder of my Estate I Give and Bequeath to my two Daughters Anne Pell and Abigail Harrison and to my aforesaid ^{son} George Ferris and to their several and respective Assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike; but the share of my said Daughter Abigail is to be paid to herself personally. 12th. With respect to my Slaves, it is my wish and desire I and do so order and direct that they be manumitted and liberated in the manner following – My Wench Phebe is to be free immediately after my decease – my Wench Betty and her infant Child Eliza, and two men Elijah and Abraham are to remain in the service of my son David as usual on the farm for the term of one year from the time of my decease and then to be manumitted according to Law; but if the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Westchester shall after time refuse to manumit them as the Law directs, then I direct my Executors to do it in such way as they shall ^{judge} most proper so that they be actually free. My Boy Israel is to live in
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the service and employ of my son David as usual on the farm until he shall be twenty one years of age and then to be free.
13th. Whereas my Daughter Anne Pell hath had and still must have much care and trouble as an Executrix in the management of her father's Estate, and I being fully satisfied of her having discharged her duty as far as she was able, I myself being incapa^{ble} of assisting her, do for the sake of preserving peace and good Will among my Children after my death, desire that they may be also satisfied with her conduct, and come to amicable settlements with her – But if any of my Children who are Legatees in the Will of their Father shall cause vexation in Law or otherwise to my said Daughter Anne Pell as an Executrix as aforesaid in the settle=
=ment of his or her share of the Estate, in such case I do order and direct my Executors to withhold and retain whatever may be given by this my Will to any or either of my Children from such Child and his or her Assigns who shall cause vexation or Law Suit, and distribute the same among the other Legatees share and share alike – And Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my Daughter Anne Pell Executrix and my Sons Edward and George Ferris Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others before this time made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Nineteenth Day of September in the Year One thousand Eight Hundred and Seven.

Signed, Sealed, published and Declared
by the said Charity Ferris as and for
her last Will and Testament in the [signed] Charity Ferris [seal]
presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed
our names as Witnesses thereto in her presence
and in the presence of each other –
[signed] James Briggs
[signed] James Oakley
[signed] John Breward