

In 1792 Givore van Cortlandt and his son Philip van Cortlandt
gave a Lease to Underhill for the Waters of Corton River
including two described parcels of Land The One on The South
Side of Corton River where he built the mills with about thirty acres
on The South Side and about 70 acres on The North Side of
Corton River opposite to that Lease on The South Side - This
Land on The North Side is part of River Lot No. I. (one) of the
Manor of Cortlandt mentioned in my Grand Father's will
which he devised to my Father during his Natural Life and
after his death to his Eldest Son by an In Tail -
The Law of The State of New York abolished The In Tail
and gave The fee to his Son Philip -

After The Underhills had The possession of the property and
built their mills say eight or ten years Philip van Cortlandt
was desirous to build a mill and take part of the Waters
of Corton bargained with the Underhills for a certain pro-
portion of The Water (the whole River having been leased to
the Underhills) but relinquished The last 1/2. Th. van Cortlandt
built The mill which was in full operation to his death
Givore van Cortlandt made his will and devised certain
mill privileges to his different children & to take The
waters from Underhill's Dam -

Philip van Cortlandt never recognized The Right of his
Father to the exclusive Right to Corton he claiming The
One half of The River as the absolute Owner of Lot No. One
& by his will and last Testament gave The Land leased to
Underhill in that Lot with The Water of Corton River to the
middle thereof to his Brother Givore

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