

Will.

In the Name of God Amen. I Philip van Cortlandt of the Town of Cortlandt being in sound mind and Memory do make this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills in Manner and form following —

1 And first it is my Will that my Earthly Body be buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named and all my Debts paid soon after my Decease —

2 And whereas it may appear by the last will and Testament of my deceased Grand Father Philip van Cortlandt that the Lot of Land whereon I now reside at the mouth of Croton River being known as front Lot Number One of the Manor of Cortlandt was devised and left to my Father Gierre van Cortlandt with Intail to his Eldest Son and as the Laws of the State of New York have abolished all Intails and my right established both by Law and the decree of my Father I am authorized to dispose of the Same —

3 And whereas at my Decease it may be probable that a Balance of monies may be due from me to the Estate of my deceased Father and in order to discharge the same without disagreement among my Relations and to promote harmony and prevent Law Suits. I do hereby direct and it is my Will that the said Lot of Land on which I live the same being amply sufficient shall be accountable for the Extinctionment thereof and as my Brother & Sister will be entitled to an Equal part of the Balance which may be due from me to the Estate and as the Land I shall give to Each will be of more Value than their Individual Share of said Balance it is my Will that no Account be made thereof This being a Settlement —

4 Therefore in Consideration of the above I do in the first place give and bequeath unto my Brother Gierre van Cortlandt and to his heirs and assigns for ever all that part of said front Lot Number One of the Manor of Cortlandt. Beginning at the North West Corner thereof where it joins the Land of Jan Conklin and runs with the Line of said Lot north Easterly to the Landing Road then following the said Road to a Run of Water then down the said Run of Water to Croton River, then to the middle thereof then down the said River keeping the middle

Therof, passing the deep hole to an Island called Deer Island
then to the Tree standing on the South side of said Croton River
and is the corner of the Town of Greenburgh and of the Town of New
Castle then down Croton River on the South side Therof, to Hudson
River then Northerly and as it may run with the waters of the said
Croton to the Meadow Creek then up the same to the Neck of
Land then following the said Neck of Land and Meadow Creek
until it comes to dike made by Robert Underhill then a West
Line to Hudson River. then Northerly along the said Hudson
River to the place of Beginning. Containing about Six hundred
Acres of Land. Subject to the discharging the aforesaid Ballance
and also the payment of five hundred Dollars when keeping
as stipulated to be paid to the lender bills on the Bank given
them for the mills seat to be paid for buildings exclusive
of mills which said building, was erected on the Land hereby
bequeathed —

5 I Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Catharine
during her natural life all that part of said Lot Number One
Beginning at the Line of John Conkling's Land on the North Easterly
side of the Landing Road and runs with said Road Easterly to a Run of
Water then down the same to Croton River, then to the middle
Therof, then up the same to the Brook North Easterly of the House
where David Ford now lives then following on the Brook to where
the Brook was blown to drain the Swamp, thence North Westerly
course to the line of said Lot Number One in the South Westerly
End of said Swamp then following the line of said Lot to the
place of Beginning Containing about two hundred Acres and
after the decease of my said Sister Catharine I give and bequeath
The same to her son Philip G. Knapp his heirs & assigns for ever
Subject nevertheless to the discharging the aforesaid Ballance

6 I Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Cornelia
and to her heirs and assigns for ever Subject to the proportion of
the aforesaid Ballance the North Easterly End of said Lot Num-
ber One Beginning at the mouth of Bond Brook and runs to
the Lot Ceased to Jeremiah Gussing for the Still House, then following
on the Easterly side Therof leaving Garret Williams possession

of House Stable and Garden on The Corner to the East
until it comes to the Road, then up The Road as runs to the
North West by line of said Lot number One then South
East by along The said line to the North East Corner thereof
then South East by along the said line to Craton River to The
Place of Beginning Containing Two hundred Acres more
or less running Thruout for the use of the part to be bequeathed
to my Sister Ann that piece of Ground lying before The House
where Jeremiah Gysling lives Containing about One Acre to
extend far enough so as to include a Spring of water which may
be brought to the house. Also leaving One Acre North by
thereof to place a Barn or Stable leaving a Lane between The
two Lots from the Road Eastward —

7 Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ann
and to her heirs and assigns for ever All that part of said Lot
situate between the part bequeathed to my Sister Catharine
and the part bequeathed to my Sister Cornelia containing
about Two hundred Acres including The Two Acre pieces in
front of The House ~~at~~ Jeremiah Gysling lives. Subject & over-
thelp to the discharging the before mentioned balance

8 And whereas I am indebted to my Sister Catharine
as may appear from Settlements to be made and in order to secure
the payment thereof I do hereby direct that my part of the Mills
South of Craton River and The House and Land in the possession
9 of John T. Hollman be accountable and I do hereby give and bequeath
the said House & Land and my part of the said Mills and every thing
appertaining Thereto together with what the said John T. Hollman
is or may be in my Debt on account thereof unto my Nephew
Gideon C. Van Wyck and to his heirs and assigns for ever Subject to an
equitable discharge of the Debt hereafter to be found due to my
Sister Catharine as aforesaid —

10 And whereas I have received money from Walter
Howler which arose from his being miller and Junior intending
the mills left by the underhills and have also received some profits
from the Lands belonging to The Estate of my deceased Father
South of Craton River and South and East of John T. Hollman

and whereas I have paid the Taxes and for Improvements made Thereon but perhaps not equivalent and as my deceased Father by his last will did give and bequeath to me a part thereof Therefore wishing that full compensation be made. I do give and bequeath the said part which in my Opinion is of more value than the Equivalents unto my Brother Pierre and my Sister Catharine Cornelia and Ann and to their heirs and Assigns for Ever —

Having thus far arranged and disposed of the Estate which was derived from my Grand Father and Father in the most Equitable manner that my understanding could devise in order to prevent discord and promote happiness good will and Affection among all concerned which I hope and pray may be the result —

I shall now proceed to dispose of what it has pleased my heavenly Father and God to bless me with in Addition And in order to prevent difficulties in the distribution of Articles of trifling Amount and to place in one confidential Person property sufficient to discharge all my Debts. I do give and bequeath unto my Nephew Philip G. Van Wyck and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever all the residue of my Estate both Real and Personal Excepting such parts thereof as I may particularly designate give and bequeath by a Codicil or Codicils hereafter to be made and added to this my last will with full power to sell and convey Real Estate for the Mortgage fulfill Contracts collect Debts and pay all what is due from me to the People of the State of New York and all other Demands against me except such as is already provided for by this my last will

And I do hereby direct and appoint my Brother Pierre van Cortlandt my Nephew Pierre G. Van Wyck and Joseph Philip G. Van Wyck Executors and my Sisters Cornelia Wickman and my Sister Ann van Rensselaer Executrixes to this my last will —

Signed sealed published and declared to be my last
will and Testament the ninth Day of March In
the Year One Thousand Eight and Twenty four

In the Presence of

Robert Acker

Rachel Tompkins

John Guider —

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Will of Philip
van Cortlandt

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