

N.Y. Supreme Court

Edw. S. Genes

vs

Gerard R. Beckman }
William Richards & National }
Bry Co. }

County of Westchester ss

of

being duly and severally sworn each for himself says that he was well acquainted with Stephen S. Beckman late of the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County deceased in his life time. That the said Stephen S. Beckman died at said town of Mount Pleasant at his family residence or about the 30th day of October 1856. that he was acquainted with him for at least 15 years before his death. That the said Stephen S. Beckman was a physician by profession a man of property and very respectably connected and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. That for several years before his death he was unable to attend to business in consequence of a stroke of paralysis and that his son Gerard R. Beckman virtually took charge of and kept the house of the said

Stephen D. Beckman with the aid of a house
keeper.

That deponent has known the said
Gerard R. Beckman one of the defendants
in this action for at least fifteen years
last past and that the said Gerard R.
continued with the said house keeper of his
father to keep house at the Honesdale (Mansion)
where his said father had resided for some
years after his father's death and until
the Honesdale property was divided and
apportioned among the devisees under his
father's will and codicil since which time
he has lived in a smaller house in the village
of Beckmantown in a style of living much
reduced and less expensive. That the said
Gerard R. is not a person of good health.

deponent is informed and believes that he has
a weak and deformed ankle which renders
him unable to attend to active business. That
his health and manner of life requires that
attention and care which he could not well
get in a hotel or boarding house. deponent
is informed and believes that it was an
expressed wish of his father the said Stephen
D. Beckman that the trustees of his estate
should furnish the said Gerard R. with
a house or that he should not be compelled
to board ^{and} and that he bequeathed a portion of his household
furniture to them in trust for that purpose. That from
deponent's knowledge of all the circumstances
he believes such an arrangement to be not
only proper but required by the situation
and manner of life of the said Gerard R.

That such mode of living this defendant considers about if not quite so economical under the circumstances as any other that could be adopted and not more expensive than boarding at a respectable hotel or boarding house.

Deponent is a housekeeper and is acquainted with the expenses of living and housekeeping in the County of Chester from his knowledge of the ^{necessities and} circumstances of the said Gerard. R. Beckman he believes that Twelve hundred ———— dollars per annum will make more than sufficient for his support and maintenance.

Deag. Binkhout

H. N. Parwell

James H Scribner

A. Leonard

Henry Turner

L. W. Hall

Das H. Bremer