

A. Block of property in New York was bid off at auction 1786 by John Quackenboss who bought it in trust for himself and five others among whom was your ancestor Henry Kip; these persons met together and balloted for these lots, and on such balloting four lots fell to the share of Mr Kip. All the others have received by deeds of conveyance from Quackenboss their lots, but though a deed undoubtedly was executed to Kip of his four lots none has been found and he dying shortly afterwards and the lots not then being valuable they were neglected and were sold from time to time for taxes and entirely passed from the knowledge of the heirs of Kip who until lately remained utterly ignorant of their existence

Mildah Gregory a widow the mother of J. W. Benedict a lawyer of this city obtained possession of two of the lots and on investigating the title discovered the above to be the condition of the title and he with much trouble has hunted up the heirs of Henry Kip and proposed to them that his mother shall hold the two lots and will seek at his own expense to recover the other two for one half. In his efforts to find who Henry Kip was he disclosed to the heirs of Quackenboss the state of the lots and because no deed out of Quackenboss is on record of the lots ^{they} have commenced an action of ejectment against Mrs Gregory to recover to themselves the lots

Mrs Gregory being in possession can it be thought successfully defend her possession if she can obtain the Kip title to the lots. All the heirs who have been seen are quite willing to accept the proposition of Mr Benedict, as it is attended with no expense or risk to them but with the possible gain of something in case of success; and all who have been seen have executed a conveyance of the lots

to her. The following will shew to you who are now the legal representatives of Henry Kip and entitled to the property designating such of them who have already executed to Muldah Gregory a deed of the lots in all respects a copy of the one now enclosed to you. Will you please do the same and have it returned by *mail* ——— immediately to J. W. Benedict No 2. Bay St. New York as the suit of Ejectment will soon be tried and it is feared that all that is not conveyed to Mrs Gregory will be recovered by the heirs of Quackenboss who certainly are not entitled to it.

Henry Kip died in 1795 leaving all his Estate to his Widow Helena Kip

Helena Kip died in 1799 leaving her residuary Estate as follows

$\frac{1}{8}$ to Elizabeth Kip now living the wife of John H Bailey.
She & her husband have executed the deed to Mrs Gregory
of the residue being $\frac{7}{8}$ she left
 $\frac{1}{4}$ to James H Kip who has died leaving all his estate to Abel T Anderson & Joseph C. Hornblower who is Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey in trust. These Gentlemen are living and have executed the deed to Mrs Gregory.

$\frac{1}{4}$ to William Linn he has died leaving one son who resides in the western part of the state of New York, the deed has been sent to him to be executed but is not yet received.