

Lease dated 27 September 1773 from
Henry Beckman & his wife Gertruydt to
Givore van Coertlands for Nine Lots & Ten
and the farm of Land now in possession of
General Givore van Coertlands containing about
324 Acres - This Lease was given for the lives
of Joanna van Coertlands - Stephen van Coertlands
and Givore van Coertlands his sons -

By the Last Will & Testament of Gertruydt
Beckman - she devised this Property to Givore van
Coertlands (the Father) during his natural life and
after his decease to his son Gilbert van Coertlands

On the 2nd Day of January 1704. Givore van
Coertlands assigned over all his right Title to
the Lease to his son Gilbert

On the 10th Day of September 1704 Gilbert van
Coertlands made his will & devised all this proper-
ty to his Brother Givore - his Father having
upwards of eight months previous assigned the Lease
to his son - This being the fact Givore van
Coertlands only had his life Estate in the Lands
& at his Death it was the property of his son Givore
by virtue of his Brother's Gilbert Will and the
Assignment of the Lease by his Father to him &
consequently the Father had no right whatever to make
any distribution of the Rents or could he have any
legal rights whatever - At his Death it belonged
bona fide to his son Givore & the three thousand
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On the 2nd Day of January 1784. Givre van
Coorlands assigned over all his right Title to
the Lease to his son Gilbert

On the 18th Day of September 1784 Gilbert van
Coorlands made his will & devised all this proper-
ty to his Brother Givre - his father having
upwards of eight months previous assigned the Lease
to his son - This being the fact Givre van
Coorlands only had his life Estate in the Lands
& at his death it was the property of his son Givre
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Assignment of the Lease by his father to him &
consequently the father had no right whatever to make
any distribution of the Rents or could he have any
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bona fide to his son Givre - & the three thousand
Dollars his son Givre paid to his three sisters

was entirely through the ignorance of Givore as to the
apportionment of the Lease of his father to his Brother
Gilbert - Givore never having seen the Lease but he
had always understood from his father he had just a lease
He also understood from his Mother Gilbert that there
was such a Lease - And Givore has certainly taking
all this information as a fact never having seen the Lease
He was persuaded by the Givore's concerned that he must
pay a great sum of money for what in fact belonged
to him - For he avers that his father had no claim
whatsoever on this Estate after his apportionment of the Lease
to his son Gilbert, only his life Estate to it.

I never saw the Lease taking all for granted by my
father's will - I wished ardently to comply with his
will - Now I believe that my father must
have forgotten that he had assigned this Lease to his
son Gilbert or he would never have compelled son
otherwise to oblige his son Givore ^{illegally} to pay a large
sum of money for rents &c &c which my father could
not control - I have lately discovered this iniquitous
thing - by Van Wyck's design, wishing to know what these great
rents were - I then for the first time since I made
the \$3000 - looked at the Lease I found the apportionment
on it to my great astonishment - I then discovered
that I had paid \$3000 for property belonging to me -
Had this investigation on the Underhill facts called up
this question I might never have looked at the Lease
& yet have remained in ignorance of the rights I had
been deprived of & though ignorance paid so much
money for property which actually at the time in
consequence belonged to me - But I never saw
the Lease & took all for granted that my

father by his will ordered to be done - When
at the same time I believe my father had
entirely forgot that he had made such an apportion-
ment of the Lease - I believe it was for years
out of his recollection and perhaps never said it him-
self after the apportionment - This is the only way I
can account for my father's conduct - For he was
honest & upright, If he had recollected his apportioning
the Lease to my brother Gilbert - He certainly ^{must}
have known that he had no control over this Lease
after his own death -

But so it is through ignorance not having
at any time been permitted to see that Lease and
wishing to comply with my father's will, I have
paid \$3000 - most unrighteously I was going
to pay - And on second thoughts, I think the
Equity will bear out the apportionment -
I have already paid towards the Underhill facts
& the water work concerns nearly or perhaps more
than \$2000 - I am in daily advancing money
to defray the costs of suits &c &c

My Lease is very singular - I have been
at a great expense to pay Old Vice Presidents Bill,
at Washington at the time of his death amounting
to upwards of \$2300 - I have had taken from me
a House in Earl Street by Nath. Tadmidge & Stephen D.
Puckman - I lost of all in that concern I have been
deprived of one fifth part of his Estate, which he frequently
told me he had given to me by his will - But which
was not permitted to see light - I have mentioned
these things to you so that you understand how I
have been treated by all - Besides my Brother also
had not treated me as a brother - In persuading me

was entirely through the ignorance of Bivve as to the apportionment of the Lease of his Father to his Brother Gilbert - Bivve never having seen the Lease but he had always understood from his Father he had just a lease. He also understood from his Brother Gilbert that there was just a Lease - And Geo Bivve has certainly taking all this Information as a fact never having seen the Lease he was persuaded by the Barts concerned that he must pay a great sum of money for what in fact belonged to him - For he avers that his Father had no claim whatever on this Estate after his apportionment of the Lease to his son Gilbert only his life Estate to it.

I never saw the Lease taking all for granted by my Father's will - I would readily to comply with his will - Now I believe that my Father must have forgotten that he had apportioned this Lease to his son Gilbert or he would never have compelled nor otherwise to oblige his son Bivve to pay a large sum of money for rents &c &c which my Father could not control - I have lately discovered this iniquitous

thing - by Van Wyck's design, wishing to know what these great rents were - I then for the first time since I read the \$3000 - looked at the Lease & found the apportionment on it to my great astonishment - I then discovered that I had paid \$3000 for property belonging to me -

Had this investigation on the Underhill facts called up this question I might never have looked at the Lease & yet have remained in ignorance of the rights I had been deprived of & though ignorance paid so much money for property which actually at the time in & conversely belonged to me - But I never saw the Lease & took all for granted that my

Father by his will ordered to be done - When at the same time I believe my Father had entirely forgot that he had made such an apportionment of the Lease - I believe it was for years out of his recollection and perhaps never said it himself after the apportionment - This is the only way I can account for my Father's conduct for he was honest & upright, If he had recollected his apportioning the Lease to my Brother Gilbert he certainly must have known that he had no control over this property after his own death -

But so it is through ignorance not having at any time been permitted to see that Lease and wishing to comply with my Father's will, I have paid \$3000 - most unrighteously I was going to say - And on second thoughts, I think the Exemption will bear out the assertion - I have already paid towards the Underhill suits & the water work concerning nearly or perhaps more than \$2000 - & am in daily advancing money to defray the costs of suits &c &c

My Lease is very singular - I have been at a great expense to pay Old Vice Presidents Bill, at Washington at the time of his death amounting to upwards of \$2300 - I have had taken from me a House in Great Street by Nat. Tadmaj & Stephen D.ushman - & last of all in that concern I have been deprived of one fifth part of his Estate, which he frequently told me he had given to me by his will - But which was not permitted to see light - I have mentioned these things to you to let you understand how I have been treated by all - Besides my Brother also had not treated me as a Brother - In persuading me

to convey 12 Acres of Land in Ling Ling to Elizab
Shunta for 3000 Acres in the Town of Portland on
the express promise that he would immediately convey
to me 1500 Acres - He now performed his promise
& gave all to Ch. G. Van Wyck -

So I am situated my funds are then low
& expect duty to receive Request from Lawyers
to advance them more money -

I have & taken all things to you
As I know that you are honorable & that
you would not wish to have any property but
what you are justly entitled to -
But the \$3000 I paid for the Lease I think
ought to be repaid to me with Interest from
the time I paid it in 1823 - until now -

I will make no further remarks -

Your Loving Mother Gairre