

Transcription of 1796 Deed for Palatine Farmstead Property

The original deed was donated on Sept 1, 2022, by Bill Cotting and Sandy Cotting Kane to the Rhinebeck Historical Society. It was found by Sandy Kane in a secretary among other family papers kept there, wrapped around a smooth piece of wood that looks very much like a rolling pin.

Accession ID #s of the deed pages are 2022-36.1, 2022-36.2, and 2022-36.3. This transcription is 2022-36.4.

Know all men by these presents that We Laurence Deel, Son and Heir of the within named Martin Deel, and Elizabeth Deel, wife of the said Laurence Deel in consideration of the sum of three hundred **& fifty (interlined)** pounds lawful money of New York to us in hand paid by George Elsefer and David Elsefer of the Town of Rynbeck, have granted assigned transferred and made over, and do hereby grant assign transfer and make over to the said George Elsefer & David Elsefer their heirs and assigns for ever, the premises described in the within written Indenture: To have and to hold the same with the privileges & appurtenances to the said George Elsefer & David Elsefer, their heirs and assigns for Ever; they the said George Elsefer & David Elsefer, their heirs or assigns performing the conditions therein required. And I the said Laurence Deel do covenant to & with the said George Elsefer & David Elsefer that I have good right to grant assign transfer & make over the said premises as aforesaid, and that the said George Elsefer & David Elsefer their heirs and assigns shall & may hold the said premises free of & from all molestation from me my heirs executors or administrators, [fragment missing—presumably the word “or”] any person or persons lawfully claiming the same under me or them or either of them. In witness whereof we the said Laurence Deel & Elizabeth Deel his wife have hereunto set out hands & seals, this thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety six.

Laurence **X (his mark)** Deel; Elizabeth **X (her mark)** Deel

Sealed & delivered in presence of—the words “& fifty” being interlined—Maria M. Brooks, D. Brooks

Acknowledged by the said Laurence Deel & Elizabeth his wife as their marks voluntary act & deed, the said Elizabeth being examined privately & apart from her husband confessed she executed it freely without any fear or compulsion of her said husband—and their [sic] being no material interlineations nor erasures I do allow the same to be recorded.

April 30th 1796

D. Brooks, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Dutchess.