

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the eighteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four David B. St John executor named in the last will and testament of William Stickney late of the town of Edmeston in the County of Otsego deceased appeared in open Court before the Surrogate of the County of Otsego and made application to have the said last will and testament which relates to both real and personal estate proved and on such application the Surrogate did ascertain by satisfactory evidence who were the widow heirs and next of kin of said testator and their respective residences and some of them appearing to be minors having no general guardian a special guardian was appointed to take care of their interests in the matter of proving the said will by an order for that purpose duly entered by said surrogate and thereupon the Surrogate did issue a citation directed to the said widow heirs next of kin and special guardian by their respective names stating their respective places of residence requiring them to appear before the Surrogate of the County of Otsego at his office in Cooperstown in said County on the twenty ninth day of May then instant and afterwards to wit on the said twenty ninth day of May satisfactory evidence by affidavit was produced and presented to the said Surrogate of the service of the said citation in the mode prescribed by law and on that day no one appearing to oppose the probate of the said will such proceedings were therupon had that the Surrogate took the proof of the said will on the day last aforesaid and he adjudged the said will to be a valid will of real and personal estate and the proofs thereof to be sufficient which said last will and testament and proofs are as follows that is to say

Will

The last will and testament of William Stickney of Edmeston in the County of Otsego and State of New York I William Stickney considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say Section 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Amy Stickney the use and occupancy of the two following described portions of my real estate during her natural life to wit 1st all that certain piece or parcel of the tillable land which I purchased of Simon Joseph and Jacob Gratz situate in Great Lot No 3 in the Wharton Creek tract in the town of Edmeston aforesaid which said parcel of land lies between the south line of Great Lot No 2 in the tract aforesaid and the Wharton Creek or mill pond 2d all the land owned by me in Great Lots No 1 and No 2 in the Wharton Creek tract aforesaid which lies north of the north bank of said mill pond and east of a line which shall be made by extending the west line of Oliver S. York's land southerly to the said mill pond and northerly in the direction west line to the North line of my land in said great Lot No 1 which is the south line of lands belonging to the

estate of Thos B Gates deceased which said two parcels of land shall be taken and accepted of by the said Amy in lieu of dower in my real estate I also give and bequeath unto the said Amy Stickney the following articles of personal property to wit All of my household of every description which shall be meant to include all articles of personal property in and about the house also my family library four cows one yoke of oxen one yoke bows traps and ring twenty sheep four swine one horse one single harness one harness for two horses one one horse wagon one two horse wagon whiffletrees and clevis for two horses three log chains two ploughs and clevis for the same two harrows and clevis for the same one grain cradle and scythe two grass scythes and matts for the same one two horse sleigh one cart two sickles and provisions sufficient to last her six months after my decease The above named articles of personal property are to be taken and accepted of by the said Amy in lieu of all articles or value of personal property which she might be entitled to by law as my widow Section 2 I give and bequeath unto my son William Stickney for all of that certain piece or parcel of land in Great Lot No 3 in the Wharton Creek tract in the town of Edmeston aforesaid which I sold to him by contract on or about the 8th day of September A.D. 1841 it being the same lot or parcel of land on which he now resides and occupies consisting of about fifty four acres of land more or less Section 3 All the residue of my real estate not described in the two preceding sections now owned by me and