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PECORD OF WILLS, SURROGATES COURT, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK, VOL. A 1787-1813

(No. 19.)

In the Name of God, Amen. I Mary Berger, of Richmond County in the State of New York, Widow of Jacob Berger of the said place deceased, and being of sound and disposing Mind and Understanding, do make this my last Will and Testament Imprimis. I desire to be decently buried. Item. I desire as followeth: [Page 46] that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be first paid and Satisfied. Item. As to my House and Land and all my real Estate and Farm, being on Statten Island in Richmond County in the State of New York, wherein I live and reside, together with my Negroe Slave and all my personal Estate of what kind or nature scever. I give & Bequeth the Same as follows, unto my Son, Henry Berger all my real Estate and Farm, together with all my personal Estate, & he, the said Henry Berger to pay to my Gran Daughter Mary Berger, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, current Money of New York, & also one Feather Bed and Curtens, at the age of Eighteen, and She, the said Mary Berger to have the use of the money bequeathed her after my Death, but if my Gran Daughter Mary Berger should die under age, or without issue, then I give, devise & Bequath the part or Share of her unto Henry Berger, and his Heirs and Assigns I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son Henry Berger the sole for ever. Executor of my Estate, and I do hereby revoke and make void all other former Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof, I the said Mary Berger, have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this fifth day of February in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five. [her signature] (LS.) Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Mary Berger, as and for her last Will & Testament, in the Presents of us, who where present, at the Execution Geo. Barnes. Beniamin Martino. John Ket(1)eltas.

Richmond County: Be it Remembered, that on the tenth day of August, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, personally came and appeared before me Adrian Bancker, Surrogate of the said County, George Barnes Esquire, Benjamin Martino & John Ket(1)eltas Yeoman, the Witnesses of the preceding Will of Mary Berger deceased, who were duely sworn and on their oath declared, that they did see Mary Berger, sign and seal the preceding Instrument, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Mary Berger, bearing date the fifth day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and Eighty five and heard her publish & Declare the same as and for her last Will and Testament; that, at the time thereof, she the said Mary Berger was of sound disposing Mind & Memory to the best of the Knowledge and Belief of them the Deponents, and that they subscribed the said Will as Witnesses thereto in the Testator's presence

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Adrn. Bancker, Surrogate

[Page 47] Richmond County: Be it also Remembered, That on the tenth day of August, one thousand, seven hundred and ninety one, Henry Berger, sole Executor of the preceding Will of Mary Berger deceased, likewise appeared before me Adrian Bancker, and was duely sworn to the true performance of the said Will, by taking the Oath of an Executor, as by Law appointed before me Adrn. Bancker, Surrogate

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(LS.) The People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God free and independent: To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern, send Greeting. Know Ye, that at Castle Town, in the County of Richmond and State