

Will, NY, Clinton, Edward Soper, 1813

State of New York]
Clinton County]

In the name of God Amen.

EDWARD SOPER in the town of Peru in the county of Clinton and state of New York being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory to make and publish this my last will and testament in Manner and form following (that is to say)

Firstly I ordain that my funeral charges be paid.

Secondly I give and bequeath a sufficient part of my estate to pay all of my honest debts, and

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife **MARY SOPER** fourth part of all my personal property to dispose of as she may think fit.

I also give and bequeath to my oldest son **ORRA SOPER** and equal fourth part of all my personal estate.

I also give and bequeath to my second son **BRIGGS SOPER** one equal fourth part of my personal property.

I also give and bequeath to my youngest son **EDWARD SOPER JUNR.** one equal fourth part of all my personal estate.

All after the payment of my funeral charges and honest debts as above said accepting and reserving one set of blacksmith's tools, part of them not done which I have paid for to **THOMAS STAFFORD**, and the remainder of them are here at home which I give and bequeath to **JAMES PERRY**, my wife's son, and I also reserved out of the above property then sheep which I give and bequeath to my daughter **EUNICE SOPER**. And also I give and bequeath by way of Reserve out of the above property six dollars to my daughter **DEBORAH HILL** and a further reserve of five dollars out of the above personal property I give and bequeath to my daughter **OLLA SOPER**. I further do ordain in this my last will and testament that in consideration of the set of blacksmith tools above mentioned that **JAMES PERRY** my wife's son will pay ten dollars towards the discharging of my honest debts.

I also give and bequeath all of my farm on which I now live containing one hundred acres which I hold my lease from **ROBERT ADAIR BELL** to my sons **ORRA SOPER**, **BRIGGS SOPER** and **EDWARD SOPER JUNR.**, and **JAMES PERRY**, my wife's son. All Above mentioned to be equally divided between them.

And I do also constitute and appoint my beloved wife **MARY SOPER** my sole executrix of this my last will and testament here by revoking all former Wills by me made.

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In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the 4th day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

EDWARD SOPER {seal}

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above named **EDWARD SOPER** to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

HENRY KNIGHT
BRIGGS SHERMAN
NEHEMIAH HOBART