

APPENDIX XXVI.

JOHN TONKIN'S WILL.

This forth Day of July, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty four, I John Tonken of Springfield and County of Burlington, in the Western division of the Province of New Jersey, yeoman, being Sick and weak of Body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefore, I calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to Die, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament (that is to say): First and principally of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God Almighty that gave it, and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth, to be Buried in Christian like and decent manner, at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching such Worldly Goods and Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz : Imprimus, I give and Bequeath unto my dear and well beloved wife Susannah Tompkens, her heirs and assigns forever, my Negro Wench named Jane and my Best fether Bed. Item, I give and Bequeath unto my Dafter Elizabeth Tomkens, besides what I have already given her, all the Earthen ware now upon my mantel shelf. Item, I give and Bequeath unto my son Edward Tomkens, my great cher. Item, I give and Bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife Susannah Tomkens all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of my Estate to her During her natural Life and no longer, and after her Decease the same I give to my fore other sons (viz): John Tomkens, Charles Tomkens, Joshua Tomkens, and Jacob Tomkens, to be Equally divided between them, share and share alike. I likewise Constitute, make and ordain my Loving wife, Susannah Tompkens, to be the only and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, whome I order to pay all my Just Debts and funeral Charges, hereby utterly Disallowing all other former Wills and Testaments, Legacies and Executors by me before this time named,