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12. *John' Leggett (John', Gabriel')*, born at West Farms about 1700-01; resided at West Farms, was a farmer and land-owner; died at West Farms before Aug. 28, 1777, and was buried in the Hunt's Point burying-ground. He was married at West Farms about 1740 to *Anna Hunt'*; d. ; daughter of *Thomas Hunt*

*The will of John' Leggett (New York Surrogate's Office, Liber 31, page 67) reads as follows: "In the name of God, Amen. I John Leggett, senr. of the West Farms in the borough and town of Westchester and county of Westchester and province of New York farmer being of sound disposing mind and memory [JzV] and Memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and testament in Manner following first and principally I committ my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner by my executors hereafter named, hoping for the Pardon of all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer, and as touching my worldly estate I do dispose thereof as follows: first I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be duly paid and satisfied in some convenient time after my decease. 2dly I give and bequeath unto my Son John Leggett and to his heirs and assigns forever All that farm he now possesseth. Item, a piece of Meadow Ground lying in the Planting Neck near the Fox Hills. Item one other piece of Meadow by Robert Hunt's Meadow. I also give and bequeath unto my said son John and to his heirs and assigns forever, the Moiety or half of a piece of Meadow ground lying on Cow Neck between Nathaniel Underbills on the one side and the Meadow of Cornelius Hunt on the Other side. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Son John, my negroes Dick and Sharp, and my silver tankard. 3dly I give, devise and bequeath unto my Son Cornelius Leggett, and to his heirs and assigns forever the farme whereon I now live with all the buildings thereon, also my piece of meadow lying on the Cosway on the Neck, also a piece of Meadow lying on the Island adjacent to a piece of Meadow late John Hedgers,*

*also the Moiety or half of a piece of Meadow lying on Cow neck between the meadow of Nathaniel Underbill and Cornelius Hunt the other half of said piece of Meadow I have before in this Will*

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*given to my son John Also I give devise and bequeath unto my said Son Cornelius and to his heirs and assigns forever, my meadow on the East side of Cow Neck adjoining the commons, that is now without my fence Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son Cornelius, My Negro Man Tite and my Negro boy Ben also I give and bequeath unto my Son Cornelius four Milk Cows and all my team and farming utensils. 4thly I give and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor, the wife of Thomas Lawrence, My Negro Wench Bett, and my silver cup. 5thly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ruth Leggett My Negro Wench Lill, and Negro Boys Harry and Lew, also one bed and bedding and all its furniture with my large looking glass and a table. Also I give her all my silver spoons and my desk and cupboard I also give my Daughter Ruth the use of one room and fire place in my house so long as she remains unmarried with the privilege of getting her firewood on my farm. 6thly I give and bequeath unto my two sons John and Cornelius the use and improvement of all my farm or Neck of Land called and known by the Name of Cowneck, in the borough of Westchester, for and during the term of seventeen years after my decease share and share alike, provided always that they payor caused to be paid unto my Daughter in law Mary Leggett, the Widow of my son Isaac Leggett deceas'd, the sum of twenty pounds Yearly and every Year, for the term of seventeen Years as aforesaid, but in case my said Daughter in law chooses to live on the farm, I give her the use of the house and twenty Acres of Land; in that case my Sons John and Cornelius are to pay her ten pounds a year and every year for the term of seventeen years as aforesaid, and at the Expiration of seventeen years as aforesaid, I give and bequeath Unto my grandson Stephen Leggett, Son of my son Isaac deceased, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all the said farm or Neck of Land that is Not before disposed of in this Will, provided*

*he my said Grandson Stephen shall and do pay unto my Grand daughter Sarah Leggett daughter of my Son Isaac Leggett, deceas'd. the sum of two Hundred and fifty pounds New York Currency, but in case my said Grandson, Stephen Leggett should die Not having lawfull Issue before he arrives at the age of Twenty one Years then and in that case I give devise and bequeath the said farm or Neck of land that is not before given in part in this Will unto my two Sons John and Cornelius, to them their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided share and Share alike, provided they pay my granddaughter Sarah Leggett, daughter of my Son Isaac, the sum of two Hundred and fifty pounds and my express will and Meaning is that my two Sons, John and Cornelius do bring up and Maintain in a decent and Christian like manner my Grandson Stephen Leggett for and during the term of Seventeen Years, that they have the use of the farm as aforesaid and also make fifteen rods of stone Wall on the said farm Yearly, and every year for said term of seventeen Years. Item I give unto my Son John the use of my Negro boy Jo untill my grandson Stephen before named arrives to the age of twenty one years and when he arrives to the age of twenty one Years I give*

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*him my boy Jo. 7th after my decease my Will further is that my Executors, or the survivor of them, do sell at publick Vendue all my Negro's, chatties and furniture and moveables of every kind that are not dispose'd of before in this Will, and the moneys thence arising shall be equally divided by my Executors between my Daughter Eleanor Lawrence, my daughter Ruth Leggett, and the Children of my daughter Susanah Embre, deceas'd, Share and Share alike, and the third part of my Moveables sold as aforesaid that shall be given to my Grand children before named, shall be subdivided by my executors between all my grand children before Mentioned share and share alike. I also give unto the children of my daughter Susannah Embre, deceas'd My Negro Wench Bell.*

*My will further is that as I have Made full and ample provis-*

*ion for my executor (herein after Named) that they not bring any charge or account agamst my Estate for the trouble they are at in executing this my Will, but shall faithfully execute the same gratis and for Nothing.*

*Lastly I Nominate and appoint my Sons John Leggett and Cornelius Leggett executors of this my last Will and testament, hereby Makeing void all former Wills by me made, declareing this only to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven. (Signed) John Leggett (Seal)."*

*Witnesses: Stepheniah West, Thomas Hedges, Daniel White.*

*Proved before Cary Ludlow, Surrogate of the Province of New York, Aug. 28, 1777.*

*There is no mention of his wife in the will of John" Leggett, so that she was dead before 1777. The only record we find of her is in the will of her father, Thomas Hunt, 1756, where she is named as being the wife of John Leggett, and in Bolton. The exact order of birth of the children of John' Leggett and Anna (Hunt) Leggett is not known, but from the order in which they are named in the will, it would seem to be as given above.*

*Authorities:*

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