

Witt Family

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Will of CHARLES D. WITT
 Extracted and Submitted by
 Deborah Culbert

(Will extracted from the archives at the courthouse in Kingston, Ulster County, New York. Not all words were readable.)

In the name of God amen. I, **CHARLES D. WITT** at present at my House in Marbletown and considering the uncertainty of life, especially in those times of Trouble, and as I am in a few days to go down to New York, where I may fall a Victim to British Tyrants who are --- in order to Invade that Metropolis it may be uncertain whether ever to return, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament ----- following.

First I commend my self into the Hands of Almighty God, the great author of my being fully relying on his Mercy and goodness for all that I stand in need of through time and Eternity, through the media-tion of Jesus my Redeemer whose Blood I trust will wash my — Soul from all its foul stains.

Secondly, I give without the least --- unto Jesus the beloved of my Soul my five dear Children to be --- as it pleases him. But oh, that they may love Jesus.

Thirdly, I do hereby Vest full power and authority in my Executor hereinafter --- named and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to --- Dispose of, Grant and Convey such a part of my Estate, either real or personal as shall deem fit and convenient to them for the payment of all my Just Debts.

Fourthly, I Give unto my son John a Negro Servant, which he may chuse for his Birthright.

Fifthly, after all just Debts are paid the Residue and Remainder of my estate as well as Personal I give Devise and bequeath unto my five Children who are Equally Dear to me and do therefore give them an Equal share therein that is to say unto my Eldest son **John** a Just one fifth part thereof To hold to him his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever. Unto my son **Gerrit** a Just one fifth part thereof To hold to him his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever. Unto my eldest daughter **Margrietje** a Just one fifth part thereof To hold to her heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever. Unto my daughter **Mary** a Just one fifth part of my whole Estate as well Real as Personal To hold to her heirs Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever. And to my youngest Daughter **Anne** a Just one fifth part thereof To hold to her heirs executors, administrators and Assigns forever. And in case any of my Children should Die without lawful issue before they arrive to The age of twenty one years the share and portion of such Child so dying shall go to the surviving Children and be equally divided amongst them.

Lastly I do nominate constitute and Ap-point my Brother **Andries I. D Witt**, my son **John** and my sisters son **Benjamin Nukerk Junr.** To be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and as there may be considerable trouble in settling my Affairs and my Nephew **Benjamin Nukerk** may have so great a share thereof as to be detriment in his other business – I do therefore Give unto the said **Benjamin Nukerk Junr.** One of my Executors for his care and trouble which he may have in the Settling my Affairs the sum of one hundred Pounds to be paid Out of my Estate before my Children make division of the same So that each may be Equal in this Expense.

In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal This seventh Day of July Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 As signed by Charles D. Witt

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GENEALOGY INFORMATION RE: WILL OF CHARLES DeWITT

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Charles DeWitt was the son of Johannes Andriessen DeWitt (son of Andries DeWitt and Jannetje Egberts) and Mary Brodhead (daughter of Charles Brodhead and Marytje TenBroeck).

b. 1727 in NY

d. 27 August 1787 in Ulster County, NY and buried in Hurley, Ulster County, NY

m. 20 December 1754

Blandina DuBois was the daughter of Gerrit DuBois (son of Jacob DuBois and Gerritje Gerritsen) and Margrietje Elmendorf (daughter of Conrad Elmendorf and Blandina Kierstede)

b. 1731 in NY

d. 4 November 1765 in Ulster County, NY and buried in Hurley, Ulster County, NY

Children:

1. **Johannes "John" DeWitt**; b. 1755 Ulster County, NY; christened 2 November 1755 Kingston, Ulster County, NY; m. unknown; d. unknown
2. **Margrietje DeWitt**; b. 1758 Hurley, Ulster County, NY; christened 9 July 1857 Kingston, Ulster County, NY; m. 10 April 1783 Johannes Bruyn; d. unknown
3. **Maria "Mary" DeWitt**; b. 1760 Hurley, Ulster County, NY; christened 12 October 1760 Kingston, Ulster County, NY; m. 10 April 1783 Jacob Hasbrouck; d. unknown
4. **Gerrit DeWitt**; b. 1762 Hurley, Ulster County, NY; christened 15 August 1762 Kingston, Ulster County, NY; m. 15 November 1786 Catryntje Ten Eyck; d. after 1790
5. **Ann DeWitt**; b. 1764 Hurley, Ulster County, NY; christened 18 November 1764 Kingston Ulster County, NY; m. 16 February 1786 Peter Tappan, Jr.; d. unknown

Notes:

Charles DeWitt was a member of the Colonial Assembly from 1768-1775. He was one of the nine men who voted to approve of the proceedings of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Provincial Convention of April 1775 and of the 3rd and 4th Provincial Congresses. He was a member of the committee to draft a constitution for the State of New York and sat in the State Assembly 1781-1785. Military record: commissioned Colonel of a regiment of minutemen on 21 December 1775. He was the 2nd child of Johannes DeWitt and Mary Brodhead; their children were: Anne, Charles, Andries, and Mary.

Blandina DuBois is marriage #1260 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston. She died November 4, 1765 at the age of 34 years.

John DeWitt is baptism #6617 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston; 1790 Federal Census taken in Hurley, Ulster County, NY; John DeWitt - 1 free white male 16 and older, 2 free white males under 16; 6 free white females, 0 all other free persons, 7 slaves.

Margrietje is baptism #6806 and marriage #1734 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston.

Mary is baptism #6965 and marriage #1735 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston.

Gerrit is baptism #7096 and marriage #1807 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston. 1790 Federal Census taken in Hurley, Ulster County, NY; Gerritt DeWitt - 1 free white male 16 and older, 1 free white male under 16; 2 free white females, 0 all other free persons; 5 slaves.

Ann is baptism #7231 and marriage #1788 in the Old Dutch Church in Kingston.

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1790 Federal Census, Hurley, Ulster County, New York

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