

# Godfrey Shew's Estate

## Certificate

State of New York  
 Jefferson County } Surrogate Court: Before J. R. Perkins Surrogate  
 I J. R. Perkins surrogate in and for the county of Jefferson  
 do certify upon proofs and examinations taken  
 before me at my office in Watertown in said County  
 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1853. By the oaths of  
 Charles D. Clarke and Gordon P. Francis the subscribing  
 witnesses to the foregoing Will, that said Will was  
 duly executed that the Testator at the time of  
 executing the same was in all respects competent  
 to devise real Estate and to bequeath personal property  
 of sound and disposing mind memory and  
 understanding of full age and not under any  
 restraint. That said Will has been duly proved  
 approved established and confirmed as a good and  
 valid Will of real and personal Estate.

And I further certify that said Will with the  
 proofs thereof taken and the certificate thereon endorsed  
 is recorded in the office of said Surrogate in the  
 book kept for recording Wills Testaments and  
 codicils.

In Testimony whereof I have  
 hereunto affixed my seal of office  
 and subscribed my name this  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1853.

J. R. Perkins  
 Surrogate

J. S.

Recorded Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1853.

J. R. Perkins  
 Surrogate



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Order

At a surrogate's court held in and for the  
County of Jefferson at the surrogate's office  
in Watertown on said county the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1833

Present J. A. McKim's Surrogate

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Godfrey  
Shew deceased

By it remembered that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, Lyman  
Shew of Champion in said county appeared before said  
surrogate and made and filed his petition on oath stating  
and thereby said surrogate was satisfied, that Godfrey  
Shew late an inhabitant of said county and owning  
real and personal estate therein had died having previ-  
ously duly made and published his last will and  
testament disposing of said estate and therein had  
named the said Lyman Shew sole executor thereof  
that the said deceased left him surviving the following  
named heirs and next of kin, viz. Lyman Shew  
Jacob L. Shew Alonzo Shew John P. Shew Abigail J.  
Harris wife of Gordon P. Francis of Champion aforesaid  
Susan Youngs and Joseph Youngs her husband and  
Daniel Shew residing somewhere in the state of Indi-  
anna. - That Sally Shew of Champion aforesaid  
is the widow of said deceased and that all are of  
full age. And by said petition it was prayed that a  
citation might issue out of and under the seal  
of this court to be directed to the proper persons  
requiring them at such time and place as should  
be therein mentioned to appear and attend the  
probate of said will and that such further or other  
proceedings should be duly had as may be requir-  
ed to the proving and recording of said will and  
the granting probate and letters testamentary thereof  
Thereupon said surrogate being satisfied of the truth



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of the matters stated and set forth in said petition did issue a citation under his hand and official seal bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833, directed to the persons above named stating their places of residence respectively and that Lyman Shew the executor in said Will named had applied to the surrogate to have the same proved as a Will of real and personal Estate, and requiring them personally to be and appear before said surrogate at his office in Waterstown in said County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1833 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and attend the probate of said Will.

Thereupon process was continued until the return day thereof - At which time and place last mentioned appeared before said Surrogate the said Lyman Shew, and filed with said Surrogate proof by affidavit of the due service of said citation on all of said persons residing on this State and of the publication of the same in the State paper pursuant to the Statute, and no one appearing to oppose the said surrogate did proceed to hear the proofs and allegations of the parties on the premises. The said Will was produced, and Charles P. Clarke and Gordon P. Francis the subscribing witnesses to said Will were severally duly sworn and testified as such Witness, which testimony after being reduced to writing was carefully read over and subscribed by them respectively, and the same was afterwards recorded as follows hereinafter -

Whereupon said Surrogate being satisfied from said proofs, and examinations, that said Will was duly executed that the Testator at the time of executing the same was in all respects of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding



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of full age and not under any restraint and competent to make a will. That said will was duly made and published as a will of real and personal estate. Both order and decree that said will be and the same is hereby proved approved established and confirmed as a good and valid will of real and personal estate and that the same be recorded as such and the same with the proofs thereof taken and the certificate thereon endorsed, is of the day & year first aforesaid recorded in the office of said surrogate in the book kept for that purpose which record follows, immediately hereinafter. And it is further ordered that Lettis Testamentary upon & Tynnan Shew the sole Executor named in said will

Wm. J. M. Perkins Surrogate  
of said County at Watertown the day  
& year first aforesaid

Wm. J. M. Perkins Surrogate

Recorded Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1833

Wm. J. M. Perkins Surrogate

## Will

I, Godfrey Shew of the town of Champion in the County of Jefferson & State of New York do make publish & declare this to be my last will & Testament. First I give & bequeath to my wife Sally five hundred (500) dollars in cash which is to be her due on my decease & if not paid to draw interest from that date. I also give & bequeath to my said wife all my household furniture. I also give & bequeath to my said wife a residence & home on my now dwelling house & the exclusive use of one room, her choice therein & such right in the cellar & well & out houses as as may be needed for a single woman. This last bequest shall cease when she ceases to make my house her home or marries - I also give & bequeath to my said wife a support & living comfortable & respectable & according to her degree in life in sickness & in



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health during her natural life & I charge my  
executor & my estate herein after named with the  
fulfillment of this bequest. The above bequests  
are on full satisfaction & discharge of all dower  
rights. All the remainders of my real & personal  
estate of every name I give & bequeath to my  
son Lyman & to his representatives & constitute him  
sole Executor of this my will revoking all others  
by me made - In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this second day of December in the  
year 1843. in the presence of Charles E Clarke & Gordon  
& Francis who have hereunto set their hands &  
pieces of residence & at my request in my presence  
& in the presence of each other as witnesses -  
Charles E Clarke ; Godfrey Shew L. S.  
of Champion Jefferson Co York  
Gordon & Francis of Champion Jefferson Co York

## Testimony

State of New York

Jefferson County } Surrogate Court: Before J. R. A. Perkins Surrogate  
In the matter of proving the will of the real and personal  
estate of Godfrey Shew deceased. County of Jefferson  
Charles E Clark of the town of Champion in said County  
being first duly sworn deposes and saith that on the  
second day of December 1843 at Champion aforesaid  
he saw Godfrey Shew deceased subscribe the instruments  
now shown to this deponent and which purports to  
be the last will and testament of Godfrey Shew late  
of the town of Champion in said County deceased  
bearing date the 2<sup>d</sup> day of December in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five  
that on the day of the date aforesaid and at the time  
of signing the same he heard the said Godfrey Shew



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declared the same to be his last will and testament and that he this deponent and Guidon P Francis the other subscribing witness did then subscribe their names thereto as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said Godfrey Shew and of each other: That at the time thereof the said Godfrey Shew was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding of full age and not under any restraint and competent to make a will

Subscribed & sworn before Charles E Clarke  
 Me Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853, Jas W Perkins Surrogate of Jeff Co  
 State of New York

Jefferson County, Surrogate's Court: Before Jas W Perkins Surrogate  
 In the matter of proving the will of the said and personal estate of Godfrey Shew deceased. Coeity of Jefferson: Guidon P Francis of the town of Champion in said county being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that on the second day of December 1843 a champion aforesaid he saw Godfrey Shew deceased subscribe the instrument now shown to this deponent and which purports to be the last will and testament of Godfrey Shew test of the town of Champion in said county bearing date the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. That on the day of the date aforesaid and at the time of signing the same he heard the Godfrey Shew declare the same to be his last will and testament and that he this deponent and Charles E Clarke the other subscribing witness did then subscribe their names thereto as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said Godfrey Shew and of each other: That at the time thereof the said Godfrey Shew was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding of full age and not under any restraint and competent to make a will. Guidon P Francis  
 Subscribed & sworn before me }  
 Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853 Jas W Perkins }  
 Surrogate