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Hello All,

Jan kindly sent me a copy of the will of BENJAMIN ROMAINE, which she located in the DAR library in Washington, D.C. The will is dated February 8, 1823 and was proved July 25, 1829. According to the DAR record, this is the BENJAMIN who was born in 1748. This information supports the lineage set forth in the Davis book, "Our Kinsmen" and is contrary to Ackerman's assertion (as I understand it) that it was the BENJAMIN born in 1746 who is the correct ancestor -- he lists no children for the 1748 BENJAMIN.

Jan also sent me a copy of the Inventory for RALPH BENJAMIN, the son of the 1748 BENJAMIN. RALPH BENJAMIN died intestate in 1860. Below are my transcriptions of the Will and the Inventory. It is my first attempt at transcribing 19th century writing so if those of you who have copies of the Will and Inventory find any errors (or can fill in the blanks), please let me know. I have tried to be as accurate as possible in transcribing them exactly as written, including spelling.

{Will of BENJAMIN ROMINE, dated February 8, 1823; proved July 25, 1829.}

In the name of God amen I BENJEMIN ROMINE of the ponds in the township of franklin in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey farmer being at present in a good State of health and of a Sound Desposeing mind memory and Understanding. thanks be to god for the Same and as to my worldly and temporeal Estate where with it hath pleased god far above my deserts to bestow upon me do upon this Eight day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty three make publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say. I recommend my Soul to god who gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken. I appoint my friends Garit P. Hopper and Henry C. Hopper the Executors of this my last will and testament. it is my will that my Executors Shall after a reasonable time Sell my personal property and So much of my Real Estate to pay all my Just debts and funeral Expenses. I give and bequeath unto my Son RALPH B. ROMINE ten acres be the Same more or Less lying in the Platty Clove (?) to him and to his heirs forever. it is my will that my Son Ralph B. Romine Shall Enjoy the Remainder of my Real estate during his life time but he is not to make waste of the property. it is my will that the Sons of my Daughter RACHEL ROMINE late the wife of DAVID ROMINE = BENJEMIN ROMINE and NOCOLAS ROMINE the Sum of fifty dollars Each to be paid out of my personal property One Year after my Demise [?] fifty dollars | the remaining fifty dollars One Year after. it is my will that the Daughter of my grand Daughter TINEY Shall Share alike with my Sons Daughter. It is my will that after the death of my Son RALPH B. ROMINE my Executors Shall Sell my Real Estate and divide the Same among the Surviving Heirs of my son RALPH B. ROMINE the males to have two Shares and the females One Share/ It is my will that if any of my grand Children Shall die without having lawful Issue then that Share to be Equealy divided among the Surviv =eing heirs | In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written | Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said Benjamin Romine as his last will and testament in the presence of us and of Each Other.

/s/ Andrew P. Hopper /s/ Benjamin Romine

/s/ Jacob Demarest

/s/ James Demarest

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Bergen County ss|: Andrew P. Hopper one of the witnesses to the within will, being duly sworn did depose and Say, that he saw Benjamin Romine the Testator therein N---ld, Sign & Seal the Same & heard him publish,

pronounce, and declare the within writing to be his last will and Testaments; And that on the doing thereof, the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory. as far as this deponent knows and as he truly believes; and that Jacob Demarest & F-----J Demorest the other subscribing witnesses were present at the same time and signed their names as witnesses of the said Will together with this deponent in the presence of the Said Testator Sworn at New ----- the 25th day of July A.D. 1829 before me/ Andrew P. Hopper /s/ David Christie Sunagate Bergen County ss.: Garit P. Hopper & Henry P. Hopper Sale [?] Executors in the within Testament named being duly sworn and depose and say that this within Instrument Contained the true Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Romine the Testator therein named so far as they know and do they truly believe; and that they will well and truly perform the Same by paying first the debts of the Said deceased and then the Legacies in the said Testament specified so far as the goods Chattles & Credits Can thereunto extend; And that they will make & exhibit unto the Surrogates office of the County of Bergen a true and perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods & Chattles & Credits [crossed out text] of the Said deceased that that have or shall Come to their knowledge or possession or to the possession of any other person or persons for their use &----- as ----account when thereunto Law fully Required.

Sworn ----- this 25th day / /s/ Garrit P. Hopper / of July A.D. 1829 before me / /s/ Henry P. Hopper

/s/ David Christie Sunagate

Last Will & Testament of Benjamin Romine late of the County of Bergen Deceased. Proved Probated and Recorded in ----- - of Will & Proofs for Bergen County. Pages 377. 37 H377 David Christie Sunagate File No. 4224B

Will of Benjamin Romaine, 8 February 1823, File No. 4224B, Bergen County, New Jersey, transcribed by Corinne Courtney, Billings, Montana from copy from records of Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington, D.C., filed dated August 12, 1953.

{Inventory of Ralph Benjamin Romaine, dated April 20, 1860.}

A True and Perfect Envintory of all and singular the goods and Chattles Rights and Credits of RAPLH B. ROMAINE Late of the Township of Franklin in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey --- made this Twentieth Day of April One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty.

As Follows:

Lot of boards and joist	\$1.50
Wheel -arrow grind stone	.50
Sleighs Shafts and Wind mind	2.25
Lot of Barn ware [?]	.25
Fork [?] Shovel Cuting Box	.25
Lot of Spokes and pickets and Tar Buckets	.50
Lot of Harness and Saddle	.37
Two Wagons	5.00
Five Cows	23.00
One Stove and Farming contents	1.25
Buck and hand Saw	.37½
Three Cubbards	2.00
Pots and Brass kettle	1.00
Lot kulors [?] and Sundries	1.50
Six Bushels of Potatoes at 37 ct	2.22
Lot of Chairs	1.00
Lot of Barrells	1.00
Shoe makers Bench Tools and Cross Cut Saw	.75
Lot of Baskets	.50
Lot of Old -----	.50
Spinning Wheels and Bags	.37
Pistol and Gun	.50
Lot of Carpet	1.00
Lot of Chairs	1.87
One Clock	.50

Three Tables 1.00
Two Looking Glasses 1.50
[subtotal] 52.45
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Lot of Crockery \$1.00
Lot of Pictures .12
Lot of Pails .18
Five beds and beding 8.00
Clothing 5.00
Bead [?] Clothing 1.00
Three hams Two Shoulders 2.00
Cash in hand 24.45
[Total] \$94.20
| /s/ Nicholus D. Romaine
Praised by us | /s/ Abram Ackerman
| /s/ Jacob P. Romain

Inventory of Ralph Benjamin Romaine, 20 April 1860, transcribed by Corinne Courtney, Billings, Montana from copy from records of Daughters of the American Revolution Library, Washington, D.C., filed dated August 12, 1953.

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