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*Surrogate's Court*  
*Herkimer County.*

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF

*Alford Asabel*

DECEASED.

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To the Surrogate of the County of Herkimer:

THE Petition of *Yvonne Brendorf* of the town of *Columbia* in the county of Herkimer, respectfully represents, That your petitioner is *in a daughter* of *Isabel Alford* late of the town of *Columbia* in the county of Herkimer, deceased, and is *one of the legatees* named in the last will and testament of said deceased, which is herewith presented to the Surrogate, *and which your petitioner received from* *by sister Auguste one of the subscribing witnesses to the will*

and your petitioner prays that such proceedings may be had thereon, that the same may be admitted to probate as a will of personal property, and may be proved and recorded as a will of real property. And your petitioner further represents that the said *Isabel Alford*

*Columbia* in the county of Herkimer, on or about the *Twenty Fifth* day of *June* 1853 leaving *no* widow and personal property in the county of Herkimer, and

*Alford and her children who reside in Columbia N.Y. - Sally Alford who resides in Chateaugay County N.Y. -*

*Chloe Brendorf who resides in Rome County N.Y. -*

*Anna the following grand children - Hilma Tera Lamm Alford who resides in Columbia N.Y. - Sally Duke who resides in Virginia - Albert Alford - Sanford Alford - Fayette Alford -*

*Samuel the following - Lydia Alford - Clarissa Alford whose place of residence is unknown - Edwina Alford - Clarissa Dyer who resides in Columbia N.Y. - Isaac Slide who resides in Schuyler County N.Y. - Sally Alford - Adeline Dixon who resides in Virginia - Amelia Dixon residence unknown -*

and that the above named persons are all and the only heirs at law of said *Isabel Alford* deceased, to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

*Yvonne Brendorf*  
*General + Brendorf*  
*Sworn*

Surrogates Court, } ss.  
HERKIMER COUNTY, }

*Yvonne Brendorf* being duly sworn, says that all the material statements contained in the above petition, by him subscribed, are true.

Sworn and subscribed this *24* day of *January* 1857 before me, *Isabel Alford* Surrogate.

*Isabel Alford*  
*Sworn*

Asahel Alfreds  
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the will

Witness Given 24 1857  
Alfreds  
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In the Matter of the Administration with the Will annexed of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits

OF *Israhel Alpha*

deceased.

To *Spencer*

County Judge of Herkimer County, Acting Surrogate :

The Petition of *Shore Elwood*

of the town of *Columbia*

residuary legatee,

respectfully showeth that

*Israhel Alpha*

late of the town of *Columbia*

in the county of Herkimer, deceased, departed this life in

the said town of *Columbia*

on the *25* day of *June*

in the year

18*53* leaving his last will and testament in and by which he appointed *no one Executor*

thereof. That the said last will and testament was duly proved before the said

Surrogate of the county of Herkimer, on the *13* day of *March*

in the said year 18*53*

and recorded by him in his office

and your petitioner prays leave to refer to the said will and

*papers taken thereon*

if it shall be necessary for him so to do

in this matter.

That your petitioner has, to the best of his ability, estimated and ascertained the amount of such property, and that the same does not, in the opinion of this deponent, exceed in value the sum of *three hundred*

*and fifty dollars*

and your petitioner further shows that the said deceased at

or immediately previous to his death was an inhabitant of the county of Herkimer. That your petitioner is *the*

*husband of one of the daughters of one of the residuary legatees and has been appointed by all the heirs to take letters upon said estate*

That he is informed and believes that the Surrogate of the county of Herkimer has sole and exclusive power to grant letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the Goods Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased.

*Israhel Alpha deceased*

He prays that such letters may be granted to him in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

Dated this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*

A. D., 18*53*

*Spencer Surrogate*

*Alfred Elwood*

County Judge, &c.

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Herkimer County Surrogate's Court, ss.

I Abner Ellwood

do swear, that I will well, honestly and faithfully discharge the  
duty of Administrator with the ~~of the estate of~~ will amount of  
Asahel Alford according to law, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn this 4 day of

June

1854 before me.

Abner Ellwood

Lyman Dwyer

IN THE MATTER OF PROVING THE WILL

of *Asahel Alfara*  
a Will of *Nul & Personal*

deceased, as  
Property.

HERKIMER COUNTY, } ss.  
Surrogate's Office, }

*Silk Burgess* of the Town of *Taleno* in  
the County of *Osney* being duly sworn and examined, doth Depose and

Testify, That he was acquainted with *Asahel Alfara* (now  
deceased) in his life-time: That this deponent *Sam* the said *Asahel*

*Alfara*

(subscribe the instrument now shown to the deponent, purporting to be the **Last Will and Testament** of the said *Asahel Alfara* bearing date the *Tenth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Eighty Eight* and that the said *Asahel Alfara* at the same time declared the said instrument to be his last Will and Testament: And that the deponent, together with *William D. Armstrong* the other subscribing witness to said Will, subscribed his name as a witness, at the request of the said deceased: And that the said Will was executed by the deceased in the presence of all of said witnesses, and was attested by all of said witnesses at the time it was executed, and in the presence of the Testator and of each other: And at the time the same was executed the deceased was of full lawful age, and of sound mind and memory, and not under restraint, to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief.

~~Sworn, examined and subscribed, this~~ day  
~~of~~ *18* before me,  
Surrogate.

*Asahel Alfara* further  
deposeth that he was well  
acquainted with *William D. Armstrong* the other

Subscribing returns to the will area with his  
main area style of writing - Area that the  
General Mitchell Armstrong signed as a return  
to the paper was policy to be the will of Asahel  
Alford in the genuine hand writing of the same  
Mitchell Armstrong this document bearing  
on his name his signature to the same

From examined and Area that same Armstrong  
resides out of the State of New York  
Subscribed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Seth Burgess  
March 14 1857

Asahel Alford

Asahel Alford  
Esq  
Seth Burgess  
Deponent having  
will

Filed March 13 1857  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
of *Asahel Alford*  
Will of *Asahel Alford*

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
deceased, as a  
Property.

HERKIMER COUNTY, } ss.  
Surrogate's Office, }

*Letts Burgess*  
the County of *Caduzo*

of the Town of *Palesburg* in  
being duly sworn and examined, doth Depose and

Testify, That the instrument in writing in the hands of the Surrogate of said County, purport-

ing to be the **Last Will and Testament** of *Asahel Alford*  
deceased, was *delivered to this deponent by the Testator*  
*to keep and the same remained in the deponent's*  
*possession until he delivered the same to the*  
*Surrogate of the County of Herkimer*

And this deponent verily believes the said instrument to be the identical last  
Will and Testament of the said *Asahel Alford* deceased, and that  
the same hath been in no respect altered or changed since it was executed and published by  
the Testator, or since it was delivered to this deponent.

Sworn, examined and subscribed, this *13<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *March* 18*54* before me,  
*Letts Burgess* Surrogate.

*Letts Burgess*

The People of the State of New-York—BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or may concern, and especially to

Cyrus Alfred Belinda  
 Alfred who resides in Columbus Dutch Co NY Polly Aghosath who resides in Chataugua  
 Co NY Chloe Brendorf who resides in Niara County Co NY — ~~Ann~~ Juliana King  
 Sam Ames who resides in Columbus Dutch Co NY (Polly) Wanda and children  
 Sigon who resides in Niagara — Rebecca Alfred and Elizabeth Tyler  
 who reside in Columbus Dutch Co NY Albert Alfred, Saviour Alfred Fayett  
 Alfred Samsontha Hulbut Lydie Hulbut Clemon Alfred <sup>Prud'homme</sup> ~~Richardson~~  
 Richard Alfred Blak Blak who resides in Litchfield Dutch Co NY.

## GREETING.

Whereas, <sup>Final</sup> Brendorf  
 and Testament of ~~Isabel~~ Alfred  
 one of the Legats of the last Will  
 deceased, has this day offered the said Will for Probate  
 before EZRA GRAVES, Surrogate of the County of Herkimer: YOU ARE THEREFORE hereby cited to appear before  
 the said Surrogate, at his Office, in the town of Herkimer, in the County of Herkimer, on the <sup>thirtieth</sup>  
 day of ~~March~~ 1854 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend, if you see fit,  
 the Probate of the said Will, and show cause, if any you have or know, why the same should not be admitted to  
 Probate, and proved as a Will of real and personal property according to law.

GIVEN under the hand and seal of office of our said Surrogate at  
 Herkimer, in said County, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Ezra Graves Surrogate

Thurman County

House Edward

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the within citation upon all the persons named therein as residing in the State of New York except Sally Ayres north by showing each of them the original citation and at the same time delivering each of them a copy and that he made due return upon all such persons within days previous to this date and that the same Sally Ayres north resides in the State of Pennsylvania instead of the State of New York and that he received a copy of said citation to Sally Ayres north Sally Baber and Adeline Dixon with the names and more than six weeks previous to this date directed to them at their respective places of residence within the State of New York  
Subscribed and sworn  
March 13. 1857

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Alonzo, Edward,

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The People of the State of New-York—BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or may concern, and especially to *Polly Dylsworth*

*who resides in Chateaugus Co NY*

**GREETING.**

Whereas, *French Orendaf*  
and Testament of *Isaac Alpha*  
before EZRA GRAVES, Surrogate of the County of Herkimer: YOU ARE THEREFORE hereby cited to appear before  
the said Surrogate, at his Office, in the town of Herkimer, in the County of Herkimer, on the  
day of *March* 1854 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend, if you see fit,  
the Probate of the said Will, and show cause, if any you have or know, why the same should not be admitted to  
Probate, and proved as a Will of real and personal property according to law.

one of the *Legals* of the last Will  
deceased, has this day offered the said Will for Probate  
before EZRA GRAVES, Surrogate of the County of Herkimer: YOU ARE THEREFORE hereby cited to appear before  
the said Surrogate, at his Office, in the town of Herkimer, in the County of Herkimer, on the *13<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March* 1854 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend, if you see fit,  
the Probate of the said Will, and show cause, if any you have or know, why the same should not be admitted to  
Probate, and proved as a Will of real and personal property according to law.

GIVEN under the hand and seal of office of our said Surrogate at  
Herkimer, in said County, on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*January* eighteen hundred and fifty-*five*

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*Ezra Graves Surrogate*

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I do hereby certify that I have received  
the within copy by mail from George Shwood  
and I do hereby acknowledge the same  
Dated at Bristol this the 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

Herbert County

John Lewis  
Deputy  
Bristol

Dolly A. Swarth

Elizabeth proof  
of same

STATE OF NEW-YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF ALBANY, } ss.

THE people of the state of New York, by the grace of God free and independent, to all to whom these presents shall come or may concern, and especially to Cyrus Alford, Belinda Alford, who reside in Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., Polly Aylesworth, who resides in Chautauque county, N. Y., Chloe Orendorf, who resides in Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., — Pierce, Jane Arms, who reside in Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., Sally Beebe and Adeline Dixon, who reside in Virginia, Edward Alford and Clarinda Tyler, who reside in Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., Albert Alford, Sanford Alford, Fayette Alford, Samantha Huribut, Lydia Huribut, Clarinda Alford, Emeline Dixon, residence unknown, Alzah Slade, who resides in Litchfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., greeting.

Whereas, Zeruah Orendorf, one of the legatees of the last will and testament of Asahel Alford, deceased, has this day offered the said will for probate before Ezra Graves, surrogate of the county of Herkimer; you are therefore hereby cited to appear before the said surrogate, at his office, in the town of Herkimer, in the county of Herkimer, on the 13th day of March, 1854, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend if you see fit, the probate of the said will, and show cause, if any you have or know, why the same should not be admitted to probate, and proved as a will of real and personal property according to law.

Given under the hand and seal of office of our said surrogate [L. S.] at Herkimer, in said county, on the 24th day of January eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

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EZRA GRAVES, Surrogate

ELIPHALET. J. BURNHAM, of the city of Albany, being duly sworn, says that he is the Foreman in the office of the Albany Argus, the State Paper, and that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been regularly published in said Albany Argus, once in each week, for *ten* weeks successively, commencing on the *21* day of *January* 185*4*

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner of Deeds.

*[Signature]*  
E. J. Burnham

Know all Men by these Presents, THAT WE

*Alonso Ellwood*  
*James M. Deeth* *Conrad Reed*

are held and firmly bound unto the People of the State of New York, in the sum of *seven*  
*hundred* Dollars; to the payment of  
which sum well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, execu-  
tors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals,  
and dated this *third* day of *June* in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty*.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above named *Alonso Ellwood*

shall faithfully execute the trust reposed in *him* as Administrator of the estate of *Asahel*  
*Alon* deceased, and  
shall obey all orders of the Surrogate of the county of Herkimer touching the administration  
of said estate committed to *him* then the above obligation to be void—otherwise to re-  
main in full force.

Sealed and delivered, this *3<sup>d</sup>* day of }  
*April 1854* in the presence of }

*Wm. Gifford*

in presence of  
*E. A. Walker*

*Alonso Ellwood*  
*James M. Deeth*  
*Conrad Reed*

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State of New York  
Herkimer County } ss

I Aschel Afford of the town  
of Columbin in said county by this my last  
Will and Testament devise and bequeath to my  
five daughters viz Lydia Ames, Polly Stylesworth,  
Belinda Afford, Chloe Brendup & Lerna Brendup,  
all my estate personal or real to be divided  
equally between them, but if any one or more should  
not survive me then in such case it shall be equally  
divided among the rest, so that it shall be equally  
shared by those of them who shall survive me.

In Testimony whereof I have this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April  
one thousand eight hundred and forty eight at Columbin  
aforesaid in the presence of the undersigned attesting  
Witness, hereunto set my hand and seal  
The said Testator at the time of making the said  
Subscription declaring the ~~above~~ instrument  
so subscribed, to be his last Will and Testament

State of New York,  
COUNTY OF HERKIMER, } ss.  
Surrogate's Office,

Be it remembered, that on the day of the date hereof, the last Will and  
Testament of Aschel Afford late of Columbin in  
the county of Herkimer deceased, (being the foregoing written instru-  
ment) was duly proved before EZRA GRAVES, Surrogate of the said county, according to law,  
as and for the last Will and Testament of the real and personal estate of said deceased; which  
said last Will and Testament and the proofs and examinations taken thereon, are recorded in  
this office.

In Testimony Whereof, the Surrogate of the said County hath  
hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office, this thirteenth  
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and Fifty-Six



Ezra Graves  
Surrogate.

State of New York }  
 Herkimer County } ss

I Aschel Alford of the town  
 of Columbia in said County by this my last  
 Will and Testament devise and bequeath to my  
 five Daughters, viz. Lydia Ames, Polly Cylesworth,  
 Belinda Alford, Chloe Oronduff & Lornah Oronduff,  
 all my estate personal or real to be divided  
 equally between them, but if any one or more should  
 not survive me then in such case it shall be equally  
 divided among the rest, so that it shall be equally  
 shared by those of them who shall survive me.

In testimony whereof I have this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April  
 one thousand eight hundred and forty eight at Columbia  
 aforesaid in the presence of the undersigned attesting  
 Witnesses, hereunto set my hand and seal ~~to the said~~  
 The said Testator at the time of making the said  
 Subscription declaring the ~~same~~ above instrument  
 so subscribed to be his last Will and Testament  
 requested each of us whom names <sup>here</sup> subscribed  
 to place them at the end of this will which he now  
 declares to be his last Will & Testament, which we have  
 done in accordance with said request.

Sept. Burgess  
 Columbia

W. S. Smithson  
 Litchfield

Asahie Alfoels  
Mill  
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Whereas the Last Will and Testament of Asahel  
 Alford has this day been proved before the Surrogate  
 of the County of Dutchess as a will of legal and  
 personal estate and whereas there is no Executor  
 named in said Will and in the Children of the  
 Decedent being it necessary that the estate should  
 be administered according to law and being unwilling  
 to take upon ourselves the burden of administering  
 upon said <sup>estate</sup> we hereby renounce all right and  
 claim to administer upon said estate and ask  
 the Surrogate of the County of Dutchess to receive  
 this my renunciation and ~~we~~ hereby request  
 the Surrogate of the County of Dutchess to appoint  
 James Elwood the Administrator of said estate  
 under the will annexed.

In presence of Julia March 20<sup>th</sup> 1854

James Elwood

Surrogate of Dutchess County March 20<sup>th</sup> 1854

John A. Smith

John A. Smith " 20<sup>th</sup> 1854 Zenniah Gentry

John A. Smith from Benji Chatterjee Adly Aylworth  
 County New York March the 28<sup>th</sup> 1854

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