

In the Name of our Lord, Amen.

Be it Known by these presents that before me, Mattheus Capito, Secretary of the village of Wildwyck in America and the below named witnesses there has appeared in his own person the worthy Mattheu Blanchan, born in the village of Noeuville o corne in the parish de la paroise Ricame de la conté de S. Paul in the province of Artois, who [being] sick, but still in the unimpaired possession of his five senses, has remarked the frailty of human nature, and that nothing is more certain than death, though the hour of the same is unknown, and not being willing to depart from this world, before having disposed of his temporal possessions, therefore has, by the present, made his testament and last will, willing and desiring that the same shall be complied with and be absolutely adhered to whether in the shape of testament, last will, codicil, or otherwise notwithstanding the legal formalities, required in this affair, should not have been complied with or observed, the present annulling and revoking all previous testaments made by him prior date, and reserving to himself the increasing, decreasing and changing as often and as frequently as he, hereafter, shall think fit and be pleased to do.

In the first [place] he, testator, recommends his soul, when the same shall have left the body, to the God of the heavenly realm, desiring that his body be decently buried. Further the said testator also orders that Magdalena Joire his lawful wife shall possess and use all his, testator's, estate, personal as well as real, possessed by him here in America as long as she shall remain his widow, as also his, testator's land and rent, the same being situated in the province of Artois in the place where he was born, and further such possessions in Armenties and other places as he has inherited or shall inherit, under condition that his aforesaid wife shall Keep the three children viz. Magdelena, Elisabeth and Mattheu, who are yet minors, till they shall have reached their majority or get married, which aforesaid three children, when contracting a marriage she shall treat in the same manner as he, testator, has treated the other two married daughters Catarinen and Marien. He, testator, by the present conferring upon his aforesaid wife Magdalena Joire full power and authority, to further dispose at her demise in regard to her children, providing she remain unmarried and a widow. But in case she should again remarry she shall lawfully publish all her property, and shall divide the same with the children with the understanding that she is to give one half of the property to the children, and shall retain the other half for the purpose of bringing up the aforesaid three minor children. At which aforesaid testament the testator's wife Magdalena Joire being also present, she also consented to the foregoing. For which purpose he, the aforesaid testator besides Walran DuMont and Pieter Nue as witnesses requested and invited for the purpose, have signed the present with their own hand. Done at Wildwyck in America this September 7/17, 1665.

(signed) Mattheu Blanchan.

Wallerand DuMont.

Pier. Nuee.

In my presence

(signed) Mattheus Capito, Secretary.