

Book AA, page 66 in the Deeds of Ulster County, New York, records a complaint of Hendrick Claes Schoonover against Debora Christoffels David before the Justice of the Peace on 17 Oct 1687. Debora admitted that Hendrick was not the father of her first child and that the father was Derrick Wootin Legg.

"A complaint of Hendrick Claes (Van Schoonhoven) against his wife, Debora, maid before Capt. Henry Beeckman, Justice of the Peace ye 17 Oct in Kingston 1687."

"-----is yt (that); ye sd [stated] Hendrick Claes comes in his own person and saith yt his wife hath declared yt shee is a ----- and therefore ye said Hendrick Claes by ye reason yt shee is a -----."

"Jurian tunis, brother-in-law of Debora Davis, being sworn testyfieth he was by and heard ye wife of Hendrick Claes say it; she wold bee from his husband and then hir husband said to her --- yt if shee wold carry hir selfa as an onest wooman he would take hir and live with hir as a man and wife ought to doe and furdr saith nott."

"William Demyr being sworne testefyeth yt he heard Debora say yt; shee wold nott live with her husband noo longer ye reason was asked hir and she declared yt shee was nott worthey to live with him and yet ye foalt was not in him butt in hir and yet Dirrick Wooden Legg mislead her."

"Ye wife of Matthis Blanshan [nee Margriete Schoonover & sister of Hendrick] reported these following words of which Debora had declared to hir, Dirrick Wooden Legg is the father of hir child and when she was with child Dirrick Wooden Legg was going to be married she went to him and said yt as he had taken away hir repation hee should give it to hir again whereupon he gave hir bad words ----- Hendrick Claes did severall times promis to forgive hir all her fformer ffalts in caes shee wold promise yet shee wold live with him hereafter as an onest woman shold doe with hir husband where upon she said: yet shee noever did love him and connot love him and ffurder sath nott."

Hendrick made a will soon after he married Cornelia Swartwout and before any of his legitmate children were born. He gave Debora's son "an English Schillling."

Will dated November 12th, 1688

I Acknollig [acknowledge] before ye After mentioned witnesses that Cornelia Swartwout my Espoued [espoused] and truly belouwed [beloved] Brid [bride] is and schal bee [shall be] And Remain the Only herris [heir] of my whole Estaet And if it Schold [should] please God to giueue [give] Childeren to her and that she after my Death Shold Com to remarry than Schall ye hallif [half] of ye Estaet Remaen inviolable to ye Children that hauf [have] been procreated and Agriment Alder bout ouer [agrement ?other about our] Children Schall Equilly inherit as well sons as

Doghters only ye Eldest son Schall haufe [have] an Engewish Schilling And furdher to hinder And Scham All manner of troubbel that might Arrise by ye same So Schall be Give unto the Recerdit [recorded] Basterd Child named Claes whoes modder is called Debora an Engewish Schilling. And to hold this my matrimony, Condisyon [condition] and Last will and testament, as by this written, I dissanull and revoke all manner of wills and testaments and swere before ye Leving [loving] And Almeighty God that I schall neuer [never] fforsack nor Lefe [leave] Cornelia Swartwout my betroued bryd untill ye End of my death.

Signed by the testator, and witnessed by Thomas Garton (Justice of ye Pease), Mattis Clarkson, and Jan Ward. (Gustave Anjou, Ulster County, N.Y. Probate Records, Vol. I, p. 49, originally published in New York by Gustave Anjou 1906, reprinted by Palatine Transcripts, Arthur C. M. Kelly, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, 1980.)