

of Jonathan Hill, of a certain farm or tract of land situate in Egremont, will and decree that the said farms, or tracts of land be divided, as follows, viz:—That my son, Jacob, retain two-thirds to himself, and that he convey and give to my son, Abraham, the other third of said two farms, or tracts of land. And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two sons, Abraham Van Deusen and Jacob Van Deusen, and the survivors of them, executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1788.

Signed and sealed by the said Isaac Van Deusen, and by him published, and pronounced and declared to be his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names in his presence, and in presence of each other.

GIDEON BOSTWICK.
JOHN BURGHARDT.
ANDREW BURGHARDT.

ISAAC VAN DEUSEN. { *Sealed.* }

A true copy of the original on file in the Probate office.

Attest:— NATHAN BISHOP, Register Probate.

ISAAC I. VAN DEUSEN.

Isaac Van Deusen, III, who afterwards added the letter I to his name, to distinguish him more clearly from the other Isaacs, and also known as "Wise Isaac," was the eldest son of Isaac Van Deusen, Jr., or II. He was a man of robust intellect, refined character, good education, a fine French scholar, and a staunch churchman. From 1785 to 1800 he lived at the Ingersoll place, since the residence of the late Mrs. Hopkins-Searles, and conducted a Tannery. In 1796 he bought the place from Ebenezer Sibley, which was bounded "west on the highway, south on lands of Thomas Ives, east on lands of Walter Pynchon, and north on lands of said Walter, and partly on Schoolhouse street," and sold it in 1804 to Timothy Arnold.

In 1806, he went to Ohio, to settle his eldest son, and later, went to Louisiana, where he was joined by his youngest son, and