

to warrant the necessary expenditure, it was soon abandoned by its projectors.

Undoubtedly the large property formerly held by the senior Alexander, and bequeathed by him to his children, became largely reduced by the events connected with the Revolutionary war, which depreciated property everywhere and proved the financial ruin of so many people. The family became scattered and the closing years of the eighteenth century found them located widely apart. No stone marks the burial place of Alexander and his wife, but probably the old cemetery in Ridgefield received their remains. The will of Alexander Resseguie is dated July 27, 1793. It was written in a beautiful script upon two pages of a sheet, the lower half of which has been burned away. It is a relic of the hair trunk noted on page 10. The legible portion of the will is here given. No record of its probate has been found.

"In the name of Almighty God; Amen:—this 27th day of July A. D. 1793:—I Alexander Resseguie of Ridgefield, in the District of Danbury, being advanced in Age, but thro' the goodness of God of a Sound mind and Memory; being desirous to set my house in Order, Do for that purpose make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament;—that is to say;—First of all I give and Recommend my Immortal Spirit into the hands of God who gave it, hoping for Acceptance with him, and the Eternal Life in the World to come, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior;—& my Body to the Dust from whence it was taken, (believing in the Resurrection from the Dead) to be Buried in a Decent Christian like manner;—(after my Decease) at the Discretion of my Exccutors herein named;—& as to what Worldly Goods and Estates it hath pleased God to Bless me with; I hereby Give, Bequeath, and Dispose thereof in the following form and manner. . . .
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ITEM,—I hereby declare that what I have already given to my son William to be his full part, and portion of my Estate.

ITEM,—I hereby Give & Bequeath unto my sons Timothy, and Daniel, & to their Heirs and Assigns, the whole of my Real Estate to be equally Divided (after my own and Wife's Decease), between them and their respective Heirs.

LASTLY,—I hereby Constitute, Appoint, Ordain and fully Impower my Well beloved & faithfull Son Timothy, and my well beloved Wife, Thankfull, to be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and I hereby order them to cause the same to be fulfilled in every part and particular thereof; & I hereby revoke and Disannul all former Wills & Testaments by me made; hereby declaring this, & this only, to be my last Will & Testament; . . .

Signed, Sealed, Pronounced, and declared, by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament; In the presence of" (Bottom of page missing.)