

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *May Ann Brown*
 and *Oscar Brown* both of the town of *Mount Pleasant* in the County of *Westchester* and State of *New York* and *Charles H. Purdy* of *White Plains* in said County
 are held and firmly bound unto *Sarah Maria Lerks* —
 in the sum of *Two hundred* — dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said *Sarah Maria Lerks her* Executors, Administrators or Assigns; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals.

Dated the *26th* day of *June* — one thousand eight hundred and *Sixty six* —

The condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden *May Ann Brown* — shall and will faithfully, in all things, discharge the duty of a Guardian to the said *Sarah Maria Lerks* — according to law, and render a true and just account of all moneys and property received by *her* — and of the application thereof, and of *her* — Guardianship in all respects, to any Court having cognizance thereof, when thereunto required, then this Obligation to be void; else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John P. Jenkins

May Ann Brown
Oscar Brown
Charles H. Purdy

State of New York, }
 County of Westchester, } ss.

On this *26th* day of *June* — 1866, before me personally appeared *May Ann Brown, Oscar Brown and Charles H. Purdy* — to me known to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing bond, and who severally acknowledged that they executed the same

John P. Jenkins
 Notary Public
West Co

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *Mary Ann Brown*
and *Oscar Brown* both of the town of *Mount Pleasant*
in the County of *Westchester* and State of *New York*
and *Charles H Pindy* - of the town of *White*
Plains
are held and firmly bound unto *George W. Lerke*
in the sum of *Two hundred* dollars, lawful money of
the United States, to be paid to the said *George W. Lerke* her
Executors, Administrators or Assigns; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we
bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals.

Dated the *26th* day of *June* --- one thousand eight hundred and
Sixty Six

The condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden *Mary Ann*
Brown shall and will
faithfully, in all things, discharge the duty of a Guardian to the said *George W.*
Lerke according to law, and render a true
and just account of all moneys and property received by her - and of the application
thereof, and of her Guardianship in all respects, to any Court having cognizance
thereof, when thereunto required, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and
virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John P. Dickinson

Mary Ann Brown

Oscar Brown

Charles H Pindy

State of New York. }
County of Westchester, } ss.

On this *26th* day of *June* -- 1866, before me
personally appeared *Mary Ann Brown* and *Oscar Brown* and *Charles H Pindy*
to me known to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing bond, and
who severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

John P. Dickinson
Notary Public
Essex Street Co

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *Mary Ann Brown*
and Oscar Brown both of the town of Mount Pleasant
 in the County of Westchester and State of New York
 and *Charles H Purdy* ————— of White Plain
 in said County and State
 are held and firmly bound unto *Matilda Gerks.*
 in the sum of *Two hundred* ————— dollars, lawful money of
 the United States, to be paid to the said *Matilda Gerks.* her
 Executors, Administrators or Assigns; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we
 bind ourselves; our and each of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally,
 firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals.

Dated the *26th* day of *June* — one thousand eight hundred and
Eighty Six

The condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden *Mary Ann*
Brown ————— shall and will
 faithfully, in all things, discharge the duty of a Guardian to the said *George W.*
Gerks. ————— according to law, and render a true
 and just account of all moneys and property received by her and of the application
 thereof, and of her Guardianship in all respects, to any Court having cognizance
 thereof, when thereunto required, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and
 virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John P. Jenkins

Mary Ann Brown

Oscar Brown

Charles H Purdy

State of New York. }
 County of Westchester, } ss.

On this *26* day of *June* — 1866, before me
 personally appeared *Mary Ann Brown and Oscar Brown and*
Charles H Purdy
 to me known to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing bond, and
 who severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

John P. Jenkins
 Notary Public

Westchester Co

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Mary Ann Brown
and Oscar Brown of the town of Mount Pleasant in
the County of Westchester and State of New York and
Charles H Pardy of White Plains in said County and
State

are hold and firmly bound unto William C. Lerks
in the sum of Two hundred dollars - dollars, lawful money of
the United States, to be paid to the said William C. Lerks
Executors, Administrators or Assigns; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we
bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals.

Dated the 26th day of June - one thousand eight hundred and

The condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Mary Ann
Brown shall and will
faithfully, in all things, discharge the duty of a Guardian to the said William C.
Lerks according to law, and render a true
and just account of all moneys and property received by her - and of the application
thereof, and of her - Guardianship in all respects, to any Court having cognizance
thereof, when thereunto required, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and
virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John P. DeKens

Mary Ann Brown

Oscar Brown

Charles H Pardy

State of New York. }
County of Westchester, } ss.

On this 26th day of June 1866, before me
personally appeared Mary Ann Brown, Oscar Brown, and Charles H Pardy
to me known to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing bond, and
who severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

John P. DeKens
Notary Public
Westchester Co

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Mary Ann Brown
and Oscar Brown and of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of Westchester and State of New York and Charles H. Pundy of the town of White Plain in said County and State

are held and firmly bound unto James E. Yerks
in the sum of Two hundred — dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said James E. Yerks his Executors, Administrators or Assigns; to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Scaled with our Seals.

Dated the 26th day of June — one thousand eight hundred and Sixty six

The condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Mary Ann Brown shall and will faithfully, in all things, discharge the duty of a Guardian to the said James E. Yerks according to law, and render a true and just account of all moneys and property received by her and of the application thereof, and of her Guardianship in all respects, to any Court having cognizance thereof, when thereunto required, then this Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John P. DeKens

Mary Ann Brown

Oscar Brown

Charles H. Pundy

State of New York. }
County of Westchester, } ss.

On this 26th day of June 1866, before me personally appeared Mary Ann Brown Oscar Brown and Charles H. Pundy to me known to be the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing bond, and who severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

John P. DeKens
Notary Public
Westchester,

TO Hon^{ble} John W. Mills

SURROGATE OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER:

THE PETITION OF *Mary Ann Brown* of the town of *Mount Pleasant* in the County of *Westchester* and State of *New York* Respectfully Showeth:

That your Petitioner is *the mother* of *George W. Berks, Matilda Berks, Sarah Maria Berks, William Clark Berks, and James Edwin Berks*, and that they are *the children of James Oakley Berks* who was a private Co. S. C. 8th Regt. N.Y. Artillery in the service of the United States, now deceased and who died in such service on the *twenty ninth day of March 1863*.

That said Minors are residents of the County of Westchester, and are all under fourteen years of age. That said *George W. Berks* was *thirteen*

years of age on the *first* day of *November* last past. That the said *Matilda Berks* was *eleven* years of age on the *nineteenth day of March* last past. That the said *Sarah Maria Berks* was *eight* years of age on the *twentieth day of July* last past. That the said *William Berks* was *seven* years of age on the *thirteenth day of March* last past. That the said *James Edwin Berks* was *four* years of age on the *ninth day of September* last past.

That the only relatives of said Minors residing in the County of Westchester, are *your petitioner their mother*

That said Minors are entitled to personal property to the value of about *a pension* (by reason of the death of their father) of *thirteen* dollars, as your petitioner is informed and verily believes, said father and also by reason of the marriage of their mother who was the widow of their said deceased father) of *nearly six* dollars for each year to be divided equally among them until they severally arrive at the age of *sixteen* years.

And to protect and preserve the legal rights of said Minors, it is necessary that some proper person should be duly appointed the Guardian of their person and estate, for the purpose of receiving and paying such monies or benefits as would be due to them by reason of the death of their said father *James Oakley Berks* deceased. Your Petitioner therefore prays that you will appoint *your petitioner*

the Guardian of the person and estate of said Minors, until *they severally* arrive at fourteen years of age, and until another Guardian shall be appointed. AND YOUR PETITIONER WILL EVER PRAY, &c:

Mary Ann Brown

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
County of Westchester, } SS.

I, *Mary Ann Brown* the Petitioner named in the foregoing

Petition, being duly sworn say that I have heard the foregoing Petition, to which I have subscribed my name, read and know the contents thereof, and the same are true of my own knowledge, except as to such matters as are stated therein upon my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Sworn and subscribed before me this *18th* day of *April* A. D. 186*6*

John W. Mills
Surrogate

Mary Ann Brown

I, *Mary Ann Brown* hereby consent to become the Guardian of the above mentioned Minor, pursuant to the prayer of the foregoing Petition.

Dated this *18th* day of *April* A. D. 186*6*.

Mary Ann Brown

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