

2^d I give my wife Emma Crosby all the rest of my estate both real and personal during her life & after her decease I desire that Emily Jordan here shall have fifty dollars & no more of my estate. And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint Wm. P. Crosby, my executor of this my last Will and Testament.
 Witness my hand this 9th day of Nov 9th 1864
 F Crosby
 Wm. P. Crosby
 J. H. Hensch
 J. H. Hensch

State of Kentucky, to
 Henderson County, to
 November County Court 1864
 This last Will and Testament of Francis Crosby dec^d was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of Richard Beach and George Thacker subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
 N. E. Allison com.

1st D. Hughes
 Will

I Joseph D. Hughes of Henderson County in the State of Kentucky do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
 My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid after this I give and bequeath to each of my sisters Betsey, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ruggles and Mrs. Taylor and to my brother Samuel D. Hughes Five dollars and this is all they are to have of my estate. All the rest and residue of my estate I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs. Augustina Moss and to the heirs of her body forever. I hereby appoint my brother-in-law Wm. P. Crosby executor of this my last Will and Testament and request that the Court will not require him to give security
 Witness my hand this 29th day of Nov^r 1864
 J. D. Hughes
 Legued sealed, published and declared to be his last Will & Testament before us
 Test J. D. Hughes
 N. E. Allison
 Wm. P. Crosby
 Wm. P. Crosby
 Philip H. Moss

State of Kentucky, to
 Henderson County, to
 Nov^r County Court 1865

This last Will and Testament of Joseph D. Hughes dec^d was produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oaths of William D. Holloway and Henry B. Allison two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which with this certificate is truly done
 attach
 N. E. Allison com.

A. B. Vangandt In the name of God, amen. I Nicholas A. Biddle Van Sandt of the City of Washington in the District of Columbia, being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it, and my body to the earth to be interred at the direction of my Executors, hereinafter named. After payment of my just debts and charges, I dispose of my estate as follows:- I give to my beloved wife, Maria H. Van Sandt all my estate Real, Personal and mixed of whatever kind or nature it may be or wheresoever situated, to be used or disposed of according to her will and pleasure after my decease, and during her widowhood and at her decease, I give and bequeath my said estate or whatever may remain of it to my sons George Clinton Van Sandt and Nicholas Henry Vangandt and to the child of my deceased son Joseph Anderson Vangandt, and to my daughter Polly Faine Schrafft and Anselm Martha Smith share and share alike: but should either of my said children die, leaving a child or children then I give, devise and bequeath the said child or children the share or portion which would have been received by their parent under the provisions of this Will. I appoint and make the said Maria H. Vangandt the sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and desire that no security shall be required of her in relation to this my Will.

N. A. Vangandt (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Nicholas A. Vangandt as and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

W. E. Bateman

W. Thomas

Nicholas Velder

I Nicholas A. Vangandt do hereby make and ordain the following Codicil or explanation to this my will, said Will bearing date and being published and declared as such on the 30th day of December 1854, that is to say. I declare the meaning and intent of said Will to be hereby, by this Codicil so provide, that, if during the life of my said wife she may wish to sell or dispose of any of the property, Real, Personal or mixed, devised or bequeathed her therein, authority full & absolute is hereby vested in her to sell, convey, the same & the proceeds arising from any such sale or sales, she my said wife, is hereby fully authorized to use & consume the same or any part thereof, at her own uncontested discretion for her own personal wants and comforts, and at her death any remainder of any said estate, not consumed by my said wife as aforesaid, shall pass to my children & the child of my deceased son Joseph A. Vangandt, in the way and manner & under the limitations in said Will prescribed. In testimony whereof that the foregoing Codicil is to be kept & sealed of my said Will, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of August 1860
 N. A. Vangandt (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by N. A. Vangandt as for a Codicil to his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, & in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 26th day of August 1860

Wm. Campbell

W. Thomas

Nicholas Velder

N. B. Vangardt I Nicholas A. Vangardt now of the city of Grand Rapids County of Kent and State of Michigan do hereby make and ordain the following a bodied or explanation to this my last Will and the first bodied trusts annexed said Will having date the 26th day of December A. D. 1864 and the first bodied trusts annexed being date the 26th day of August A. D. 1860. Whereas my beloved wife hath since the making of my last Will and bodied aforesaid departed this life, therefore I do hereby appoint my true and trusty son-in-law James M. Smith of the city of Grand Rapids aforesaid sole Executor of my last Will aforesaid and I hereby ordain that my said Executor for and towards the performance of my said testament shall as soon as in his judgment may be for the best interests of those interested in my said Will, bargain, sell and alien all my Real and mixed Estate, as well as coming my personal Estate and I do by these presents give to my said Executor full power and authority to grant, alien, bargain, sell, convey and assure, all my said Real and mixed estate to my person or persons and their heirs forever in fee simple. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of November A. D. 1862.

The above Instrument of bodied written on the above half sheet was now here subscribed by Nicholas A. Vangardt the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last bodied to his last Will and Testament and not at his request upon our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Thomas Treadwell of the city of Grand Rapids, Kent County State of Michigan
 Maggie Blidesdell of the city of Grand Rapids Kent County State of Michigan
 Witnesses of Probate of Will

State of Michigan }
 County of Kent }

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Kent holden at the Probate Office in the city of Grand Rapids on Monday the sixteenth day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty three

Present H. A. Robinson Judge of Probate

In the matter of the Estate

Nicholas A. Vangardt dec'd

The sixth day of July last past having been assigned for hearing the petition of James M. Smith praying amongst other things for the probate of the instruments heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament and bodied trusts of said deceased; and the proceedings having been held open and continued to this day by stipulation and agreement of parties. Now comes said petition and John H. Champlin atty for Dolly Fane Schraft the contestant, and it appearing to the court by due proof on file, that a copy of the order of this court, touching the hearing of said petition, made on the eighth day of June last past, has been duly published as therein directed, whereby all parties interested in the premises, were duly notified of said hearing. Whereupon the depositions of H. P. Bateman and William Thomas two of the witnesses to said Will and of Mason Campbell and William Thomas two of the witnesses to the first bodied to said Will were produced and read from which it appears that the said last Will and Testament and first bodied trusts were duly executed by said deceased and that said deceased was at the time of the execution thereof of sane mind. And Thomas Treadwell and Maggie Blidesdell the subscribing witnesses to the last bodied to said Will having appeared in said court, and made oath that they saw the said Nicholas A. Vangardt at the city of Grand Rapids in said County of Kent, sign, seal, and read him his said last bodied to be a bodied to his last Will and Testament and that they the said Thomas Treadwell and Maggie Blidesdell

N. B. Vangardt subscribing witnesses at the same time attested the same, and subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of each other, and of the said testator and at his request, and he was then according to the disavowment of said witnesses to said bodied of sane mind. And it further appearing that said Nicholas A. Vangardt last dwelt and had his residence in, and was an inhabitant of the city of Grand Rapids in said County and State aforesaid. And the evidence touching the premises being maturely considered, it satisfactorily appears to this Court that said instruments are duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the last Will and Testament and bodied trusts of said deceased. It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by this Court, that said Instrument be approved, allowed, established and have full force and effect, as the last Will and Testament and bodied trusts of said deceased; and that the same be recorded as required by law. And it is further ordered, that the execution of said Will be committed, and the administration of the estate of said deceased be granted to said James M. Smith the Executor on said last bodied named who is ordered to give bond on the penal sum of twenty five thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties as required by the statute in such case made and provided; and upon the same being duly approved and filed, the letters testamentary do issue in the premises. And it is further ordered, that the said Executor pay into the Treasury of said County the percentage on said estate as required by law.

H. A. Robinson Judge of Probate

State of Michigan }
 County of Kent }

Be it Remembered, that the annexed instruments being the last Will and Testament and bodied trusts of Nicholas A. Vangardt late of the city of Grand Rapids in said County deceased were duly proved, approved, allowed and ordered to be recorded as more fully appears by the decree of said Court of which the foregoing is a true full and correct copy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Probate Court at the city of Grand Rapids in said County, this sixteenth day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty three

H. A. Robinson Judge of Probate

State of Michigan }
 County of Kent }

In the matter of the Estate of Nicholas A. Vangardt deceased

Now all men by these presents that we James M. Smith as principal and Rosalie M. Smith and John Hall as sureties within the State of Michigan, are holden, and stand firmly bound and obliged unto H. A. Robinson Esq., Judge of Probate in and for the said County of Kent in the full sum of Twenty five thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid unto the said H. A. Robinson his successors in the said Office, or assigns, to the true payment whereof we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally for the whole, and in the whole, firmly by these presents. Dated with our seals: Sixth the seventh day of December Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and sixty three. Whereas the above bounden James M. Smith has been appointed by the Probate Court of said County, Executor of the estate of Nicholas A. Vangardt late of said County deceased: Now the condition of this present obligation is such, that if the above bounden James M. Smith shall well and truly perform, observe and keep the conditions, to-wit: 1st That he shall make and return to the Probate Court aforesaid, three months, a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of the said deceased which shall come to his possession or knowledge, or the possession of any other person for him. 2^d That he shall administer according to law, and the will of said deceased, all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of the said deceased, which shall, at any time, come to his possession or to the possession of any other person for him, and out of the same pay and discharge all

A B Varyant's debts, legacies and charges chargeable on the same, or such dividends thereon as shall be ordered and decreed by the Probate Court aforesaid: 3d That he shall under a true and just account of his administration to the Probate Court aforesaid, within one year, and at other times when required by such Court: and 4th That he shall perform all orders and decrees of the Probate Court aforesaid, by the said James M. Smith to be performed in the premises: Then the before written obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to abide and remain in full force and virtue.

James M. Smith (L.S.)
 Rosalie M. Smith (L.S.)
 John Bell (L.S.)

Kent County, ss. At a session of the Probate Court in and for said County, holden at Grand Rapids on the sixteenth day of December A. D. 1863. I have examined and do approve the foregoing bond, and order the same to be filed and recorded in the Probate Office of said County.

H. A. Robertson Judge of Probate

State of Michigan ss. I, Benjamin A. Harlan, Judge of the Probate Court in and for County of Kent ss. do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and compared copy of the last Will and Testament and Codicils thereto (and of the Probate thereof) of Nicholas A. Varyant deceased and also of the Bond filed by the Executor of said deceased in said Court as the same stands upon the records of said Court in the Probate Office of said County, and of the whole thereof. I further certify that I am the sole and only presiding Judge of said Probate Court, and keeper of the records and seal thereof that I have no clerk and the foregoing attestation is in due form and according to the laws of Michigan. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Probate Court at the City of Grand Rapids this twenty fifth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

Benjamin A. Harlan Judge of Probate

State of Michigan ss. I, Benjamin A. Harlan sole presiding Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County do hereby certify, that I am by office clerk of said Court, and the keeper of the seal thereof, and that the foregoing attestation is in due form and entitled to full faith and credit. Dated April 25th 1865.

State of Kentucky ss. May County Court 1865

James M. Smith this day produced to the Court an authenticated copy of the last Will and Testament of A. B. Varyant dec. of Kent County Michigan, and moved the Court to admit the same to record. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Will was duly executed and admitted to Probate by the Probate Court of Kent County Michigan, the place of the Testator's domicile. It is ordered that the same be recorded which with this certificate is truly done July 20th 1865

H. E. Allison Clerk

Geo. M. Richards, Kier Person County State of Kentucky November 29th 1865

Know all whom these things shall come to that I, George M. Richards, being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life do after mature reflection through natural affection towards my ever beloved and cherished wife Martha Richards make this my last Will and Testament in the name of Almighty God, true, I do will and bequeath to my wife the said Martha Richards all species of my property whatsoever real estate or personal to have and to hold as soon as I see simple all of his natural life; only to be distributed after his death — equally or as the Law of the State may direct among my lawful legatee in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this aforesaid date

W. H. Richards
 S. H. Richards
 J. H. Richards
 J. H. Richards
 J. H. Richards

George M. Richards (L.S.)

State of Kentucky ss. July County Court 1865

This last Will and Testament of George M. Richards dec. son, produced in Court and proved in open Court by the Oath of Nathaniel H. Sanderson and J. A. Hops Dec. of the subscribing thereto and ordered to be recorded which with this certificate is truly done.

Witness

H. E. Allison Clerk

To Green In the name of God, Amen. I Edward H. Green of the City of Henderson State of Kentucky, do make and ordain this as my last will & testament, revoking all others heretofore made. In the first place I desire that all my just debts should be paid. In the next place, I desire that a fair and equitable settlement of some long standing accounts, should be made with my sons Charles & Edward P. Green, and with my son-in-law H. E. Green, to enable my Executor hereafter to be named to make these settlements more readily, I have made out a statement from my memorandums & recollections, which I will leave with this my will. If in the settlement when had with my son Charles it should appear that he has already received more than an equal portion of my estate taking into consideration that he has long since received all the advantages of his support & education & also the time when he received such advances from time to time in various ways. I want him to be excused from the payment of such portion as I think will appear his indebtedness to me as well cover what may be as nearly as possible equivalent to what would on law requity be his portion of my estate considering all that he has received as part of said estate — but injustice to the other members of my family, I cannot, nor do I believe he would desire more; and as to what may still remain due by him, my son Charles, the statement referred to will show how that may be settled & without a foreclosure of the Mortgage & I hereby authorize my Executor to arrange as he may be advised is best. In regard to my daughter Mrs. Ann, I desire that she may be assisted as much from time to time as the interest of the other members of my family, but no more can be given now, and what ever else may appear to be her portion hereafter I do hereby direct to be so secured in such that the benefit may accrue to her & her children & no one else and on the event of the death of herself or her children before they arrive at lawful age, I desire that what ever they may have received from me or my estate may revert to Ann's younger brother's sister or such as may survive her. In regard to my son Edward P. Green who has received less than either Charles or Ann not the because I loved them more but because he has seemed to have been more fortunate & has needed less assistance from me, I desire that on a