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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
City and County of Philadelphia ss.

By the Tenor of these presents, I, William G. Shields, Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Do make known to all Men, that on the Fifth day of September A. D. 1874, at Philadelphia, before me, was proved and approved the last will and Testament of Anna B. Groesback deceased (a true Copy whereof is to these presents annexed) having whil'd she lived and at the time of her death, diverse Goods, Chattles, Rights and Credits, within the said Commonwealth by reason whereof the approbation and insinuation of said last Will and Testament, and the committing Administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattles, Rights and Credits, which were of the said deceased, and also the auditing the accounts, Calculations and reckonings of the said Administration, and absolute Care of the Same, to me are manifestly known to belong; and that Administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattles, Rights and Credits of said deceased any way concerning her last Will and Testament, is committed to R. B. Groesback and Edward Shippen.

Executors
In the said Testament named, they having first been duly sworn well and truly to administer the Goods, Chattles, Rights and Credits of the deceased, and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and exhibit the same into the Registers Office of Philadelphia on or before the Fifth day of October next, and to render a just and true account, Calculations, and reckoning of the said Administration, on or before the Fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety five or when lawfully required; and also to diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the act relating to Collateral Inheritance.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of office, at Philadelphia this Fifth day of September in the year of

Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five
The said Testator died on the 20th day of July 1874 at 5. 30 P. M. as per affidavit filed.

In the name of God Amen.
I Anna B. Groesback of the City of Philadelphia being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and Publish this as and for my last Will and Testament.

First. I Order and direct my just debts and funeral expenses and all collateral inheritance taxes which may be due under the specific devises and bequests of this will and upon the residuary estate hereinafter bequeathed and devised, in trust, to be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be; And I direct that the whole of said taxes shall be charged to and paid out of my residuary Estate so that no part thereof shall be charged to specific legates.

Second. I Give and devise unto my brother R. Benvid Groesback, free of collateral inheritance taxes, all my right title and interest of, in and to the dwelling in which I now reside being No 1809 Walnut Street in said City together with the Lot thenceunto belonging extending to Sanson Street. I also give and bequeath unto my said brother all my right, title and interest, property claims and demand of, in and to all the household furniture of every kind and description, Plates, paintings, books &c which I may have at the time of my death whether the same may be in my then place of residence or elsewhere.

Third. I Give and bequeath unto my said brother R. Benvid Groesback, free of collateral inheritance tax the following described Bonds viz, Five First Mortgage Bonds of one thousand dollars each of the Stauntonville and Indiana Railroad Company being of Series J and being numbered 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 falling due on the First day of January A. D. 1884, also One First Mortgage Bond of One thousand dollars of the Stauntonville and Indiana Railroad Company being of Series L and numbered 43, falling due on the First day of January A. D. 1884. And also Twenty Seven Per Cent Bonds of Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company of Five hundred dollars each being numbered 152, 153, 154, 155, 156,

157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, and 171, each falling due on the first day of October A.D. 1855.

And I also give and bequeath unto my said brother, all the maturing and matured interest on all of the aforesaid Bonds and all the interest maturing from and after the date of my deceas.

And I expressly desire that do not direct that when and as the said bonds may be sold or paid off and when said real estate may be sold that he will in best the proceeds arising therefrom in good interest bearing investments and keep the same so invested during all the term of his natural life for his best use and service, and I feel satisfied he will gratify this depressed wish of mine.

4. All the rest residue and remainder of my estate real personal and mixed in the State of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky and elsewhere left after the payments of my said debts funeral expenses, collateral inheritances taxes legacies and the expenses of selling my estate. I give devise and bequeath unto my said brother R. Benvist Graesbach and Edward Sheppens Esq, their heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns in Trust to let and demise the real estate belonging to said residue and to keep it leased and productive as far as practicable and to invest and keep invested the personal estate belonging to said residue and after paying all taxes, repairs, and the costs and expenses of administering the trusts of this will to pay the net income arising from the whole of said residuary real and personal estate as it may be received unto my said brother R. Benvist Graesbach during all the term of his natural life into his own hands and for his own use so that the same shall never at any time or in any manner be liable for his debts contracts or engagements or subject to any distress execution or levy thereon or to any process whatever on the part of any creditor of my said brother and from and after his death the said residuary estate real and personal as it may then be shall be held by the said Edward Sheppens, he being the surviving, in Trust to pay and apply the same in such manner and to such persons or persons as

The my said brother my limit, appoint, name, direct and provide by any last will and Testament or writing in the nature thereof under his hand and Seal, and in default of such last will and Testament or instrument of writing in the nature thereof then to pay the same to my right heirs at law.

Fifth.

I give to the said Trustees and the Survivor of them full power in their or his discretion to receive and hold all or any of the investments and securities in which my residuary estate may be invested at the time of my deceas or at the time they may receive the same from my Executors and to continue to hold the same so invested as long as they or the Survivor of them may deem best. And if the same be at any time sold or paid off to invest the proceeds in any Stocks, bonds, mortgages, or other securities real or personal which they or the Survivor of them may in their discretion deem proper, my wish being that they jointly while both are alive and not singly shall have full power and discretion in that respect and not to be bound by any law or laws present or future regulating investments by Trustees or subject to any liability or responsibility by reason of any loss arising from any loan or investment which they may have bona fide made or have continued to hold.

Sixth

I authorize and empower my said Executors and Trustees at any time or times to sell at public or private sale all or any part of my residuary real estate and to make, sign, Seal, execute, acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deeds, conveyances and assurances thereon to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof who shall not in any way be liable or responsible to see to the application of the purchase money.

Seventh

I nominate constitute and appoint my said brother R. Benvist Graesbach and Edward Sheppens Esq, the Executors thereof, and I do hereby authorize and empower them and the Survivor of them at their discretion, to assign, transfer and set over any portions or portions all or any part of such Stocks, bonds, loans, mortgages and other securities or investments which I may leave at the time of death. And also to satisfy or record and mortgage or mortgages which I may at any

Time be paid off.

And I further empower my said Executors and the Survivor of them in their or his discretion to hold all or any part of the investments which I may have without being held accountable for any loss which may arise by reason of such holding.

I wish it to be distinctly understood that this will is intended by me (and I do hereby so declare it) as a full complete and effectual exercise of any and all power of appointment which may be vested in me at the time of my decease.

In event of the decease of said Edward Shippin I authorize and empower my said brother R. Benedict Groesbacke by a proper instrument of writing under his hand and seal to nominate and appoint a Co-Trustee in the place and stead of the said Edward Shippin. I give and bequeath unto Frederic Groesbacke of Cincinnati the sum of three thousand dollars payable on his attaining the age of twenty one years and the income in the meanwhile to be applied to her maintenance education and support. I give and bequeath to my friend Miss Alice Carey of Philadelphia the sum of one thousand dollars I direct both of said legacies to be paid out of my residuary estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty Sixth day of February A. D. 1881.

Anna B. Groesbacke

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named testatrix to be her last will and Testament in our presence, who in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of each other, have thereto set our hands as witnesses the day and year aforesaid.

Charles J. Jenkins
Geo W. Roberts.

I Anna B. Groesbacke do make and publish this as and for a Codicil to my last will and testament. Whereas by a certain declaration of trust executed by me on the 15th day of December 1880. and intended to be further amended it is provided and that I do hereby

Provided always and it is hereby understood and agreed that it shall and may be lawful for me the said Anna B. Groesbacke in the event of my decease before the said R. Benedict Groesbacke by any last will and Testament duly executed to appoint a new trustee to succeed me in the trusts aforesaid. Now therefore in Pursuance of such power reserved to me in event of my decease before the said R. Benedict Groesbacke I hereby appoint the said Edward Shippin Esq. as such trustee. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty Sixth day of February A. D. 1881.

Anna B. Groesbacke

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Anna B. Groesbacke to be a Codicil to her last will and Testament in our presence who in our presence, at her request and in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our hands as witnesses the day and year aforesaid.

Charles J. Jenkins.
Geo W. Roberts.

I Anna B. Groesbacke of the City of Philadelphia do make and publish this as and for a Codicil to my last will and testament.

I revoke the devise to my brother R. Benedict Groesbacke of all my right title and interest of in and to the dwelling house in which I now reside being No 1809, Walnut Street in said City with the lot thereto belonging extending to Sanson Street and in lieu thereof I give devise and bequeath in the same to the trustees of my residuary estate named in the Fourth Item of my said will their heirs executors administrators and assigns to hold as part of my residuary estate upon and for all and singular the uses and trusts and purposes as are in said item declared of and concerning said residuary estate and with the same rights and powers of sale in respect to said premises as are in said will given with respect to all or any part of my residuary estate.

I revoke the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth lines of items three of my will on the Second Page thereof.

My said brother having therefore conveyed to me all the real and personal estate which he inherited from my sister Mary S. Groesbacke deceased and having executed a declaration of trust setting forth upon what trusts I hold the same.

First.

Second.

Third.

I hereby declare that it is my will that my said brother shall have the power to dispose of the same by his will, and to this effect and intent I have executed an additional declaration of trust at the foot of the original declaration which I direct the Executors and Trustees under this will fully to regard and sanction. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of April Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Anna B. Groesbeck, (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Anna B. Groesbeck as and for a Codicil to her last will and testament in our presence who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands as witnesses this day and year aforesaid.

Geo W. Roberts,

John C. Sheahan,

City and County of Philadelphia, S.S.

Registers Office September 5, 1894

Then personally appeared Henry M. Warren who being duly sworn according to law, says that he is well acquainted with Charles J. Junkin one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Codicil hereto both dated February 26, 1887, of Anna B. Groesbeck, deceased and is familiar with his signature, having frequently seen him write his name as well as other matters, that he has carefully examined the foregoing Charles J. Junkin's to said Will and Codicil and believes it to be in his own proper handwriting.

Henry M. Warren.

Sworn and Subscribed before me the date above.

Charles Irwin, Dep. Register.

City and County of Philadelphia, S.S.

Registers Office September 5, 1894

Then personally appeared Robertson Maschzisher, who being duly sworn according to law says that he is well acquainted with George W. Roberts one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will (dated Febry 26/87) and Codicil hereto dated respectively Febry 26/81.

and April 18/87, of Anna B. Groesbeck, deceased and is familiar with his signature, having frequently seen him write his name as well as other matters; that he has carefully examined the foregoing signatures, Geo W. Roberts, to said Will and Codicil and truly believes them to be in his own proper handwriting. The whereabouts of said Geo W. Roberts is unknown.

Roberson Maschzisher

Sworn and subscribed before

me the date above

Charles Irwin, Dep. Register.

City and County of Philadelphia, S.S.
Registers Office September 5th 1894.

Then personally appeared John C. Sheahan, one of subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Codicil (dated April 18/87) to Will of Anna B. Groesbeck deceased, and on this solemn Oath did say that he was present, and did see and hear Anna B. Groesbeck, deceased, the testator therein named sign seal, publish and declare the same as and for a Codicil to her last will and testament and that at the doing thereof she was of sound disposing mind, memory, and understanding, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

John C. Sheahan

Sworn and Subscribed before

me the above date

Charles Irwin,

Deputy Register.

City and County of Philadelphia, S.S.
Registers Office, September 5th 1894.

We do swear that as the Executors of the foregoing last Will and Testament of Anna B. Groesbeck deceased, we will well and truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased according to law; and that we will diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral Inheritances; that the said Testatrix died on the 20th day of July A.D. 1894

R. B. Groesbeck.

Sworn and subscribed before

me the date above, and letters

testamentary granted unto them

Charles Irwin, Dep. Register.

Edw. Hoffman
Philadelphia P.O.

1207 Walnut St

State of Pennsylvania }
City and County of Philadelphia } S.S.

Be it Remembered that, on the Fifth day of September
A.D. 1894, before me William G. Shields, Register of
Wills for the City and County aforesaid, after due Proof
and hearing had, according to the Laws of the said
State. It is ordered and decreed, that the last Will
and Testament and Codicil thereto of Anna B.
Groesbeck late of said City and County, deceased,
be duly admitted to Probate and filed of record
in the Office of the Register of Wills of the said
City and County.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand, the day and year above
written,
W. G. Shields
Register.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania } S.S.
City and County of Philadelphia. }

Registers Office September 21st 1894.
I Wm. G. Shields, Register of Wills and ex-officio Clerk
of the Orphans' Court for the City and County of Philadelphia
in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true and accurate Copy of
the last Will and Testament and Codicils thereto of
Anna B. Groesbeck deceased together with the Probate
thereof and the Letters Testamentary thereon granted
unto B. B. Groesbeck and Edward Sheppin on the
Fifth day of September, A.D. 1894,
as the same remains on file and of record in
this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I
have hereunto set my hand
and official Seal at Philadelphia
the date above.

William G. Shields
Register of Wills and ex-officio
Clerk of orphans Court.

State of Pennsylvania } S.S.
Philadelphia County }

I, William B. Hanna, President Judge
of the Orphans' Court, of Philadelphia County, Pa.
do hereby certify, that the foregoing Certificate and Attestations,
made by William G. Shields, Esq; Register of Wills and
ex-officio Clerk of said Orphans' Court, whose name
is thereto subscribed and Seal of his office affixed,
are in due form and made by the proper officer,
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand,
this 21st day of September, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894)

William B. Hanna. (S.S.)
President Judge

State of Pennsylvania } S.S.
Philadelphia County }

I Wm. G. Shields, Esq; Register of Wills and ex-officio Clerk
of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia, County, do certify,
that the Honorable William B. Hanna, by whom the foregoing
Attestations was made, and who has thereunto subscribed
his name, was at the time of making thereof, and still is
President Judge of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia
County, duly Commissioned and sworn; to all whose
acts, as such, full faith and credit, are and ought to be
given as well in Courts of Judicature as elsewhere,
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this 21st day of
September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and ninety-four (1894)

William G. Shields
Register of Wills and ex-officio
Clerk of the Orphans Court.

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County

A Paper writing purporting to be a Copy of the last will
and Testament of Anna B. Groesbeck deceased late
of the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania,
and bearing date the 20th day of July 1894, is exhibited
before me J. S. Cathey, Clerk of the Superior Court of
Brunswick County, N.C. and it appearing that
the said last will and Testament of the said Anna B.
Groesbeck has been duly proved, and allowed in
the State of Pennsylvania according to the laws
thereof and that the paper writing now produced
is a true Copy, or Exemplification of the said,

Last will and Testament of the said Anna B. Graesbach,
deceased, duly certified and authenticated by the Court in
which the said last will and testament has been proven
and allowed.

It is now considered, adjudged and decreed
by the Court that said paper writing so certified and
authenticated and produced before me as a copy of
the said last will and testament of the said Anna
B. Graesbach, deceased, be allowed filed and recorded
in the book of wills for Buncombe County.

J. L. Cathey, Clerk.

upon reading and filing the foregoing certified
copy of the will of Anna B. Graesbach.

It is adjudged, that letters testamentary
issue to Benoit Grobick and Edwin
Shippen the Executors named therein,
on this 18th day of Nov. 1894 and
therefore letters testamentary issue to
Benoit Grobick & Edwin Shippen
Nov. 18th 1894

J. L. Cathey C.S.C.

State of N.C.

Buncombe Co.

Know all whom it may concern that this is
my last Will and Testament. first after my
just and overt debts, is paid and my body,
desirely put a way in a Sinner brand, and a
Walnut case, made by William West and George
and this my last will shall be read
at my Bering by my Executors
first I will Tell my personal property to my
Loving Wife Lencia Grody,
second I Will my Loving Wife, all that parcel of
Land known as the Farm Maria Land, county
Bart from my Father, as long as she remains
a Widow, if she marries, then my Executors shall
sell they place, and divid they money equally
Among my children, if she remains a widow
as long as she lives she shall posses that
posshon of Land & descried in this my will and
at her death my will is that my Executors may
sell they land and divid they Money & Money
my children equally, as they come come of age
& fatherson say that my Loving wife may have
control of the Place known as The Henderson place
Which was bought from Don Henderson, by my
Father and owned by me as long as my Executors
see fit, knod to sell they Henderson place, my
will is if my Executors see fit to sell the
Henderson place, they may do so and divide they
money equal to among my children as they
come of age. I knod give my Executors
full power, to collect any notes & have and
hand and my will is, that they money be
put to they use, of my family & the all the
Expenses, is paid and my will is that my
sons J. B. and B. A. Grody, see my Executors to
this my last will and Testament. This, the 10th day
of October 1893.

J. A. Grody

North Carolina

Buncombe County

W. A. Swart, J. L. Richman, and W. M. Neils, being duly
sworn each for himself, depose, and says,
That he is well acquainted with the handwriting