

Last Will and Testament of Edwin H. Mead.

I, Edwin H. Mead, of the Village of South Orange, County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament:

First: - I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my Executrix as soon as may be after my decease.

Second: - I direct that my Executrix set apart from the securities owned by me at the time of my decease all stocks and bonds and other obligations of incorporated companies, together with the proceeds of a policy of insurance upon my life for Nine Thousand Dollars, in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut and that she transfer and deliver the same to the United States Trust Company of the City of New York, to be held by such Trust Company in trust, to invest the moneys paid over in stocks, bonds or otherwise in their discretion, and to collect the income arising from said transferred property, and in case the said bonds or other obligations, belonging to my Estate or income in the judgment of the Trustee, any of the said investments made by me, or by said Trustee, should become insecure or undesirable in the opinion of the Trustee, to sell and reinvest the proceeds thereof, from time to time in first mortgage railroad bonds, or in such other security as the said Trust Company may deem expedient and first to apply and pay over the net income and profits therefrom to my beloved wife Laura Ann, quarter-yearly for and during the term of her natural life, and upon her death to divide the same into as many equal parts as we shall leave children as surviving and children then dead, who may leave child or children, then then surviving, If our daughter is then living, one of said parts to be held in trust by said Trust Company, to pay the net income therefrom quarter-yearly during the term of her natural life to said daughter and upon the death of said daughter, to divide the principal of such part equally among her children, if she shall have any, in equal shares in default of children to pay said principal to her brothers, if living; if such brothers, or either of them, be dead, then the share such deceased brother would have received to the children of such deceased brother, if any, in equal shares, and if both brothers be then dead to the children of such brothers, share and share alike. The other such parts to be held in trust by said Trust Company to pay the net annual income from one part quarter yearly during the term of his natural life, to each of my sons respectively if both then be living; if either be dead, without children, then to divide such share and add the same to the respective trust funds created for his sister and his brother in this my Will, then to become parcel thereof: but if either

son be dead, leaving child or children him surviving, the income of such fund which the parent would have received, shall go to such child during their respective minorities, the principal to such child or children, and to be equally divided between them, if more than one, as they respectively attain majority. If either of my sons leaves a wife and children, the wife of such son shall be Testamentary Guardian of the property of her children, and if my daughter shall die leaving children, my son Morris B. Mead, shall be Testamentary Guardian of the children of such daughter during their minority, each principal to be divided among said respective children on attaining majority. In case both of my sons shall be dead, then the principal sums of which said sons would have been the beneficiaries shall go to the child or children of such sons per capita; or if only one shall leave children, then such children shall take the whole of such principal sum of which my sons would have been the beneficiaries, in equal shares.

Third: - All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description of which I may die seized and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Laura Ann, to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth: - I hereby appoint my said wife, Laura Ann, sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, giving her full power to devise by her last Will and Testament, or to sell and convey by sufficient deeds or instruments any or all real estate of which I may die seized, any such sales to be made at such prices and upon terms and at public or private sale, as she in her discretion may think expedient, and no testamentary bond, as Executrix or Trustee, shall be required of my wife.

Fifth: - I annul and revoke all former Wills by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of April, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety four.

E. H. Mead, (L. S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Edwin H. Mead, the testator, to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, and each of us, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

The words between "Sons" and "per Capita" on 21 line of page three having been first stricken out with a pen.

Henry H. Anderson, 24 Gramacy Park, New York.

Henry E. Howland, 14 West 9th Street, New York.

Henry B. Anderson, 550 Park Ave., New York City.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Essex County Surrogate's Office.

I, George E. Russell, Surrogate of the Court of Essex, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and seal, of office, this 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five.

(Seal) G. E. Russell, Surrogate.

State of North Carolina, - - County of Catawba.

The foregoing certificate of George E. Russell, Surrogate of the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, with his official seal attached, having been exhibited before me, L. H. Phillips, C. S. C., for the County of Catawba, State of North Carolina, in which said Surrogate certifies that the copy of the last Will and Testament of E. H. Mead, is a true copy of the original of the said Will as recorded in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, it is adjudged by me that the said certificate is in regular form, and that the said copy of said Will of said E. H. Mead, with the certificate of said Surrogate be admitted to record, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Catawba, State of North Carolina.

WITNESS my hand, this the 23rd day of November, A. D., 1905.

L. H. Phillips, - Clerk Superior Court.

ESSEX COUNTY, ss:

Henry H. Anderson one of the witnesses of the annexed writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edwin H. Mead, the Testator therein named, deceased, being duly sworn on his oath, says that he saw the said Testator, sign and seal the said annexed writing, and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same as and for his last will and Testament. That at the time of the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, as far as this deponent knows, and as he verily believes that Henry E. Howland and Henry B. Anderson, the other subscribing witnesses thereto were present at the same time with this deponent and together with him subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and of each other, at the request of the Testator, and that the said Testator died more than ten days ago.

Sworn Feb'y. 20th, 1895, before me, Edward W. Jackson, Surrogate.

Henry H. Anderson.

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Essex County, - Surrogate's Office.

I, George E. Russell, Surrogate of the County of Essex, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County, do certify the annexed to be a true copy of the proofs taken in the matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament of Edwin H. Mead, Deceased, as the same appear of record in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five.

G. E. Russell, Surrogate and Clerk.

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