

Will of Hervey C. Parke of Michigan.

In the name of God, Amen: This is the last and only Will and Testament of Hervey C. Parke of the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

I, Hervey C. Parke of said Detroit, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last and only Will and Testament.

First, I direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid.

Second, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife the homestead and grounds now occupied by us on the N.E. corner of Woodward Avenue and Canfield Avenue East in the City of Detroit aforesaid, together with all household furniture and belongings useful and ornamental; also horses and carriages and all other personal property in connection therewith, **To Have and To Hold** the same for herself, her heirs and assigns **Forever**, subject nevertheless to all encumbrances thereon, if any.

Third, I give devise and bequeath to my two eldest daughters, Sarah Cornelia Parke and Mary Clark (wife of Severus Clark), to the issue of their bodies or other legal heirs, the property heretofore known as the Davis residence, located at number 760 Jefferson Avenue, in the said City of Detroit, together with all household furniture and belongings in connection therewith, useful and ornamental, **To Have and To Hold** the same for themselves, their heirs and assigns **Forever**, subject nevertheless to all encumbrances thereon, if any.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and to each of my children and to the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) The names of my said children are as follows: Sarah Cornelia Parke, Mary Eliza Parke Clark, Ira Sperry Parke, James Hunt Parke, Hervey Coke Parke, Jr. Lyman Meade Parke, Marie Louise Parke. The share of my said son James Hunt Parke shall not be paid to him directly, but be subject to the trust declared in the ninth paragraph of this my will.

Fifth, After payment of my said debts and funeral expenses and the legacies above provided for, I direct my executor hereinafter named --

(a) To retain and hold in trust the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to invest the same and to pay the income thereof at stated intervals, quarterly if possible, to my niece Cleantha R. Page, during her natural life;

(b) To retain and hold in trust the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to invest the same and to pay the income thereof at stated intervals, quarterly if possible, to my cousin Mary M. Kelley, of

Chicago, Illinois, during her natural life.

Sixth, I give devise and bequeath to the trustees of the Diocese of Michigan of the Protestant Episcopal Church the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be invested by them for the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of said Diocese.

Seventh, I give devise and bequeath to the Wardens and Vestrymen of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Detroit, Michigan, the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be invested by them for the benefit and support of said church.

Eighth, The rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to my wife and children in the proportions following, to wit: To my beloved wife three-tenths thereof, and to each of my said children and to the issue of any deceased child by right of representation, one-tenth thereof; but the share of my said son James Hunt Parke shall not be paid to him directly, but shall be subject to the trust declared in the ninth paragraph of this my will.

Ninth, I hereby appoint my dear sister-in-law, Maria Tallman Hunt of Detroit a trustee to receive all property and money to which my said son James Hunt Parke may be entitled under this will, to invest the same, with full power of disposition as to her seems best, and to pay only the income thereof semi-annually to my said son during the term of his natural life; **Provided** always that if in the judgment of my said trustee or in the judgment of her successor or successors that may be appointed by a Court of Equity or other court of competent jurisdiction, it is for the best interest of my said son that either the whole or any portion of the money or property, the subject of this trust, be paid or turned over to him, then and in such case my said trustee or her successor or successor are authorized so to do. Upon the death of my said son James Hunt Parke the property and money, if any, remaining in the hands of my said trustee, her successor or successors, shall be turned over and paid by her or them to the issue of my said son James Hunt Parke, if any there be. Should he die without issue said money and property shall be turned over and paid by my said trustee, her successor or successors, to the lawful heirs of my son James Hunt Parke according to the Statutes of Descent and Distribution as if he had died intestate.

Tenth, The provisions made by this my Will for my beloved wife shall be taken by her in lieu of all claims for dower or other claims to which she may or might be entitled by any provision of law.

Eleventh, I hereby appoint my beloved wife testamentary guardian of my two minor children during their respective minorities, to-wit: -- Ira Sperry Parke and Marie Louise Parke.

that she be not required to give any bonds for the execution of her trust.

Twelfth. I hereby appoint the Union Trust Company of Detroit, Michigan, executor of this my last and only will and testament, giving it full power and authority to sell and dispose of any and all my property, whether real or personal, as the interests of my estate may require; Provided always that so far as this authority shall apply to the homestead and its belongings hereinbefore bequeathed to my beloved wife any action taken shall be with her consent and approval. I further give and grant to my said executor full power and authority to extend or renew any loans made by me in my lifetime and outstanding at the time of my decease. And if in their judgment most conducive to the best interests of my estate they are authorized to redeem the whole or any part of my estate pledged as security for any loan made to me as aforesaid, and to that end to borrow money and pledge my estate wholly or in part for the payment thereof.

Thirteenth. If by any reason any power or authority or trust in this my will given or created be deemed invalid either wholly or in part I desire that such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of such powers, authority or trusts, or any other part or portion of this will, and that the same may be carried out as fully as if such invalid portion were eliminated therefrom.

Fourteenth. I expressly revoke all former wills by me at any time made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Hervey C. Parke (Seal)

The foregoing Last Will and Testament type-written on four sheets of paper (each bearing the signature of the testator) was signed, sealed, published and declared by Hervey C. Parke, the testator therein named, as and for his only Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

James N. Wright, Detroit, Michigan.  
Henry M. Ferry, Detroit, Michigan.

This First Codicil, made this seventeenth day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by Hervey C. Parke of the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, to his last will and testament,

made by him on or about the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, Witnesseth:

1<sup>st</sup>:— I will and direct that the executor of my said will shall be allowed, at least two years from the probate of said will and of this codicil to administer and distribute my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup>:— The executor of my said will and of this codicil is empowered and directed from time to time during the administration of my estate, to pay to the legatees under my said will, in substantial proportion to their respective interests under said will, such portions of the net income of the estate as reasonably and prudently may be paid from such net income during the course of such administration, said sums to be charged to said legatees, and to be accounted for without interest upon final distribution of my estate.

3<sup>rd</sup>:— If the legatees under my said will shall agree upon a partition and division among themselves, according to their several interests, of all or any part of the real and personal property of my estate which shall remain for final distribution, without sale of said property, I will and direct that the executor of my said will and of this codicil shall join in such partition and division in order that desirable investments may be received and retained by said legatees, and that forced sales may be avoided.

4<sup>th</sup>:— In all respects except as herein modified, the said last will and testament is ratified and confirmed.

Hervey C. Parke

On this seventeenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the above named testator, Hervey C. Parke of the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, signed and executed the foregoing instrument by him subscribed in our sight and presence, and declared the same to be a first codicil to his last will and testament referred to in said codicil; and at his request and in his sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other, we have hereunto set our hands as subscribing witnesses.

David B. Plummer, Lakewood, N. T.  
Wm. H. Wells, Detroit, Mich.

State of Michigan, } ss. Probate Court for said County.  
County of Wayne. }

I, Edgar C. Durfee, Judge of Probate in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instruments were this day duly proved and allowed as and for the last will and testament of Hervey C. Parke, late of Detroit, in said County, deceased, as more fully appears from the order entered in the journal of said court.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

and affixed the seal of said court, at Detroit, this twenty-ninth day of March, eighteen hundred ninety-nine.

(Probate Seal) Edgar O. Durfee  
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan } ss.  
County of Wayne,

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit, on the twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Hervey C. Parke, Deceased:

This being the adjourned day for proving the instruments heretofore delivered into this Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased: and no one appearing to contest the probate thereof. Due notice of the time and place appointed for proving said instruments having been given as required by law: And it appearing to the Court from the testimony of James P. Wright and Henry M. Ferry, the subscribing witnesses to said instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased; and from the testimony of David B. Plummer and William M. Wells, the subscribing witnesses to said instrument purporting to be a codicil to said will, that said instruments were signed by the said Hervey C. Parke, and each of them attested and subscribed in his presence by two competent witnesses, and that said testator was then of sound mind;

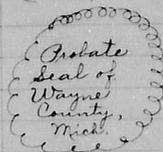
And it further appearing to the Court that said testator was of full age at the time of executing said instruments, that he died on the eighth day of February, A.D. 1899; that at the time of his decease he was an inhabitant of said County of Wayne, and that said instruments are duly proved and ought to be allowed, as the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is Ordered and Decreed, that said instrument be and the same are hereby allowed, and that they have full force and effect as the last will and testament of said deceased. And it is Further Ordered, that the execution of said will be committed, and the administration of said estate be granted to the Union Trust Company the executor therein named, and that upon its giving a bond in the penal sum of One hundred dollars, with sufficient sureties, and the same being duly approved, letters testamentary do issue.

Edgar O. Durfee  
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan } ss. Probate Court for said County:  
County of Wayne.

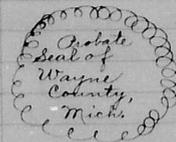
I, John F. Peters, Deputy Register of Probate for said County and acting as Clerk of said Probate Court, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of the last Will and Testament and order of Probate thereof in the matter of the Estate of Hervey C. Parke, deceased, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original Record.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Probate Court at Detroit this eighteenth day of August A.D. 1899.  
John F. Peters  
Deputy Register of Probate.

State of Michigan } ss. Probate Court for said County:  
County of Wayne.

I, Edgar O. Durfee, Presiding Judge of the Probate Court aforesaid, do hereby certify, that John F. Peters, who signed the foregoing Certificate is Deputy Register of the Probate Court for said County, and that the foregoing exemplification of Record is authentic in due form.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Probate Court, at Detroit this eighteenth day of August A.D. 1899.  
Edgar O. Durfee  
Judge of Probate.

The Exemplification of the last will and testament of Hervey C. Parke as set forth within is adjudged to be duly proven and correct.

Let the same be recorded and filed.

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. 1899.  
L. S. Phillips  
Clerk Superior Court

State of Michigan } ss.  
County of Wayne.

This nineteenth day of September, A. D., 1899.

Affidavit.

To the Clerk of the Superior Court of Catawba County and State of North Carolina:

H. M. Ferry being duly sworn suggests to the Honorable Court that Hervey C. Parke, Citizen of the State of Michigan, in the United States of America, died testate and that the will of the

said Hervey C. Parks has been regularly probated; that affiant is informed and believes that the said Hervey C. Parks at the time of his death was possessed of real estate situate in the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina; that the said will was filed and probated according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

J. M. Ferry

Sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1899.

Edgar L. Duffee

Judge of Probate  
Wayne County,  
Michigan.



State of North Carolina, } ss.  
County of Catawba.

In Re Union Trust Company,  
Executor for Hervey C. Parks, Deceased.  
Motion.

Upon the within affidavit and upon the presentation in Court of the certified copy of the will of Hervey C. Parks, deceased, Thomas M. Hufham, Counsel for the Union Trust Company moves that the said copy of said will be adjudged to be in regular form and that the same be probated, filed and recorded according to law.

Thos. M. Hufham

Counsel for the Union Trust Company.

I Harriet Masteller of the County of Catawba N.C. being of sound mind but knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do hereby make my last will and testament.

- First. - I do hereby appoint my son Luther Masteller my lawful executor to all intents and purposes.  
Second. - It is my desire that my executor give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay all expenses necessary for the same.  
Third. - After all my just debts are paid I then wish all my notes and moneys or whatsoever may remain after my death to be disposed of as follows to-wit:  
4<sup>th</sup>. - I bequeath to my beloved daughter Livonia Hufham one half of all moneys or notes which may be left on hand.  
5<sup>th</sup>. - I bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah Ann Yoder one half of all moneys or notes which may be left on hand after my death.

I this day affix my name and seal in presence of the witnesses below named  
This Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1898. Harriet Masteller (Seal)

W. L. J. Coon and J. P. Baker at the request of Harriet Masteller who being of sound requests us to witness her signature to this her last Will and testament.  
This Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Witnesses  
L. J. Coon  
J. P. Baker

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court  
Catawba County

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Harriet Masteller, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of said County by Luther Masteller, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Harriet Masteller by the oath and examination of L. J. Coon and J. P. Baker the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Harriet Masteller that the said Harriet Masteller in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1898.