

qualified without bond
Witness my hand

John Robison

this day 7th 1903.

Attest: L.A. Long.

L.H. Denney

The foregoing written instrument was proven in open Court by the oaths of L.A. Long and L.H. Denney Subscribing witness thereto on this the 3rd day of June 1903; and thereupon said written instrument was adjudged valid and decreed by the Court to be the last will and testament of William Robison deceased and ordered to be recorded in the book of Wills.

Teste:
John Robison

Last Will & Testament

Probated June 1903.
Bertha Creushaw, decd.

I Bertha Creushaw frequently called Bertie Creushaw, of Bristol Innis, wife of David and disposing mind and memory do make, constitute, publish and declare the following as and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and codicils by me heretofore made.

1st I direct that all of my just debts, if I owe any at the time of my death together with my funeral expenses be paid as so on accountable after my death out of any money on hand or out of any personal property I may have.

2nd I give and bequeath to my niece Mollie Jones all of my wearing apparel in hand at the time of my death.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Creushaw, the remainder of my money and personal property, after my debts are paid, and all of my real estate, which I may own at the time of my death, situated in or near Bristol Innis, or elsewhere.

4th I constitute and appoint my friend D.F. Bailey, the executor of this my will and desire that he act without giving bond.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of March 1903.

Bertha Creushaw

Signed and acknowledged
by her in the presence of
the following witnesses:

D.F. Bailey

J.C. Sparks

A.A. Hobson

The foregoing written instrument was proven in open Court by the oaths of J.C. Sparks and A.A. Hobson, subscribing witnesses thereto, on this the 15 day of June, 1903.

Teste:
Geo. R. Snow, Clerk

Last Will & Testament

David Ward deceased

Probated June 1903

I, David Ward, of Orchard Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, being of sound and disposing mind, do make, constitute, publish and declare the following as and for my last will and testament, that is to say:

1. I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay my just debts and funeral expenses.

2. To my niece Cynthia C. Warner, now of Decoma, Washington, daughter of my sister Elvira I give and bequeath the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

3. To my niece Mrs. Mary S. Berdelle, now of Sturtevant, Wisconsin, daughter of my sister Elvira, I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

4. To my niece Mrs. Emma Ward B. Gorham, now of Spokane, Washington, daughter of my sister Amanda I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

5. To my niece Mrs. Amanda McDonald, now of Saline Michigan, daughter of my brother Nathan, I give and bequeath the sum of Four Thousand Dollars.

6. To my grand niece Mary McDonald of Detroit, Michigan, daughter of Amanda McDonald I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

- 7.- To my brother-in-law Charles H. Perkins of Rich mond Macomb County, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.
- 8.- To Amanda Graves, niece of my wife, of Rich mond, Macomb County, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.
- 9.- To Albert Graves, nephew of my wife of Rich mond Macomb County, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.
- 10.- To Nettie Graves, niece of my wife of Rich mond Macomb County, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.
- 11.- To Edward B. Perkins, nephew of my wife, of Rich mond Macomb County, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars.
- 12.- To Florence Perkins, niece of my wife, of Pontiac, Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.
- 13.- To my grand niece Anna Hunter, grand daughter of my brother Nathan, law of Port Lamb ton, Ontario, Canada, I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars.
- 14.- To Robert M. Chamberlain of Detroit Michigan, I give and bequeath the sum of three Thousand Dollars.
- 15.- I direct my executors to distribute and divide my books equitably and fairly among my children and issue of any deceased child, the issue of any deceased child in such distribution to take the portion or share such deceased child would have taken, if living, and I further direct that in dividing such distribution my said executors shall so far as practicable, consult the several preferences of the respective distributees under this item of my will.
- 16.- I direct my executors, unless it shall have been done prior to my decease, to have my autobiography printed and bound in book form in an edition of not less than five hundred copies and to equitably and fairly distribute the same among my children and grand children.
- 17.- The household furniture, equipment and appointments (except my library) at both 459 Cass Avenue, Detroit Michigan, and at Orchard Lake Michigan, and the farm implements, machinery, produce and outfit including horses, and live stock appurte-

nant to, and used in connection with the farm property at Orchard Lake Michigan, I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Hard, and I also give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth Hard the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, which shall be in lieu of down or other interest in my estate, in fixing the amount of this bequest to my wife. I have taken into consideration certain provisions in her behalf made during my life time in connection with her down interest in my lands and the further facts that the farm property at Orchard Lake, Michigan, and the residence property on the Southwest corner of Cass Avenue and Bay Street in the City of Detroit, Michigan, will vest in her upon my decease by right of survivorship.

The bequest in favor of my said wife provided by this item of my will shall take effect and become operative, however, only upon the grant and conveyance by my said wife to my trustee hereinafter named or his successors all right title, interest and estate in and to my lands in California which under the laws of California may vest in her, upon my decease, the same to be held by my said trustee, or his successors, as said and parcel of my estate for the uses and purposes declared by this will to all intents and purposes as if the same had been subject to testamentary disposition by me and had passed under the provisions of this instrument without the medium of my grant or conveyance by my said wife.

18.- To each of my grand children, who shall survive me, and who at the time of my decease, shall have attained the age of twenty one years, I give and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, and if either and grand child shall have died prior to my decease, leaving issue, I give and bequeath the same sum to such issue.

19.- To my trustees hereinafter named, their successors I give and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in trust for the use and benefit of each one of my grandchildren, who shall survive me, and who shall not at my decease have attained the age of twenty one years, and my said trustees and their successors shall hold a meeting, controls, invest and reinvest the same and apply its income of the income of the same as they may deem necessary or expedient to the support, maintenance and education of each of my grand children respectively, and

shall pay over to each of my said grandchildren as he or she reaches the age of twenty-one years, the said trust fund so held for him or her, and all accumulations thereof, if any, it being my purpose and intent by this clause of my will to create a distinct and separate trust in favor of each of my surviving grandchildren under the age of twenty-one years at my decease in connection with the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

And in case any of my said grandchild shall die before the arrival of the age of twenty-one years, then the part or fund so held in trust for him or her with its accumulations shall pass to the equal benefit of his or her brothers and sisters who survived me, if any, the share of any such brother or sister then twenty-one years of age, or over, to be paid to his or her at once, and the share of any such brother or sister then under the age of twenty-one years shall be added to the fund already held in trust for him or her under this clause of my will, and in case such grandchild so dying shall leave him or her surviving no brother or sister who survived me, but shall leave any brother or sister born after my decease, and living my grandchild, then such part or portion and its accumulations, shall be paid over to such surviving brother or sister share and share alike, but if he or she shall be over 20 years old then whatever may my grandchild him or her surviving, then such part or fund with its accumulations, if any, shall be paid over to his or her father or mother, leaving my child as the case may be, but if such parent be not then living then such part of fund and its accumulations shall be paid over to my children then surviving, share and share alike, the issue of any child then deceased, however, to take the share or portion such deceased child would have taken, if then alive.

20. If at my decease there shall not be sufficient cash, notes or other securities to pay my just debts, funeral expenses and bequests and provide the trust funds specified in items one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, seven, fifteen, eighteen and nineteen of this my will, I direct my executors and trustees to obtain the requisites means therefore either by sale

of sufficient of real estate or timber to yield the same or by proceeds realized from logs cut from my lands and sold or from proceeds of lumber manufactured therefore, and I hereby expressly clothe and vest them with every power and authority of sale for cash or upon time, and of contracts, agreement or otherwise necessary, proper, expedient or desirable therefor.

21. All the rest residue, and remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind or character and where ever situated, I give devise and bequeath to my trustees herein after named and their successors, in trust nevertheless, to hold, manage, control, care for and invest, reinvest the same for the period of twelve years from and after my decease, or until the death after my decease and prior to the expiration of said period of twelve years, of two of my children who shall survive me with the right and option, however resting in my said trustees, and their successors, to terminate said trust at any time after six years from my decease in their sound discretion, and during such trust period I direct that my said trustees, and their successors, shall manage, control, and administer my said estate as one entire business and property, and I hereby confer upon them and clothe them with all powers and authorities necessary, expedient or desirable therefor whether of sale, mortgage, leasing, contracting, or otherwise, it being my intention to vest them with as ample and absolute power of disposition, management and control thereof, as I myself exercised over and in respect to the same in my life-time.

I direct my said trustees and their successors during said trust period to divide annually among my children, who shall survive me, share and share alike, such sum as in this judgment can be so divided and distributed with due regard to the successful effecting and production management of the said property and estate so held by them in trust.

I upon the expiration of said period of twelve years from my decease, or upon the death prior to the termination of said period of the second of my said children dying after my decease, or at the option and in the sound discretion of my said trustees, or their successors, at any time after six years from my decease, I direct that the trust

Created by this twenty-first item of my will shall cease and terminate, and the property funds and realty then embraced in said trust shall rest in my children share and share alike, and I direct my said trustees to pay them over, and convey, the same to my said children with equal interest and to make execute and deliver all needful and proper instruments of grant, conveyance, transfer, assignment, or contract there-for, but I expressly direct and provide, however, that upon the termination of said trust as herein above provided, said property, funds and estate then subject to said trust shall so rest in my said children and be so transferred to them, subject to any contracts or obligations respecting or effecting the same, or any part thereof, before them lawfully entered into or incurred by my said trustees.

And I further explicitly direct that in any distribution made during the existence of said trust, or in the vesting of the property embraced in said trust upon the termination thereof as above provided, the issue of any child thus deceased shall represent such deceased child and take such deceased child's share.

I also expressly direct that any amount which shall be found charged on my books of account against any of my children, or that shall be represented by any promissory notes, due-bills or other evidences of indebtedness to me if any of said children shall not be taken or treated as advancement in accounts of the respective shares or portions of said children, but shall be canceled and held for draught, except that in case of my son, Charles H. Ward, he shall be charged in the settlement and distribution of my estate with an advancement of fifty thousand dollars, the advancement herein directed to be charged against my said son Charles H. Ward to supersede and stand in lieu and stead of the advancement specified and agreed upon in the agreement between said Charles H. Ward and myself dated May 25, 1899.

22. In case any of my children, or the issue of any deceased child, shall institute or promote any contest over the probating of this instrument,

or shall institute or promote any legal contests of its validity, or the validity of any of its provisions, such child or such issue of a deceased child, shall forfeit all rights, interest and benefit under the provisions of this instrument and my said estate shall be administered, distributed and disposed of, the same in all respects as if such child were not in existence, or such issue of a deceased child were not in being.

23. I nominate and appoint my son, Willis C. Ward, my grandson Franklin A. Ward, and my son-in-law, George W. Root, executors of, and trustees under this my last will, and I expressly request that no bonds may be required of them as such.

I direct that in case at any time of the declination, death, resignation or incapacity by mental incapacity of any one of my said executors or trustees or their successors, the remaining or surviving executors or trustees shall have power and authority within thirty days after the happening of such vacancy to choose and name some persons to fill such vacancy, and their choice shall be evidenced by filing in the probate court within the state of Michigan admitting this will to probate, a declaration under their hands and seals duly witnessed and acknowledged as required by the laws of the state of Michigan in the case of real estate conveyances, designating and naming the person to fill such vacancy, a duplicate of which instrument shall assume as practicable thereafter be filed in the probate court of any other state by which this instrument shall be allowed or probated, and in case of this failing to agree upon any person to fill such vacancy and to decide their choice in manner and form as above provided, the application shall be forthwith made by the remaining or surviving executors or trustees or either or any of them, to the probate court within the state of Michigan admitting this will to probate, for the appointment of a successor to such executor or trustee so declining, dying, resigning or becoming mentally incompetent, and in case said remaining or surviving executors or trustees, or either or any of them shall within ten days after the expiration of said thirty days apply to said probate court for the appointment of an executor or trustee to fill such vacancy, any beneficiary under this will may so apply, but I expressly

direct and provide, that until such vacancy shall be filled by selection on the part of the remaining or surviving executors or trustees, or by appointment of the probate court as above provided, the remaining or surviving executors or trustees shall be clothed with and exercise all the powers and authorities conferred by this instrument & upon the executors and trustees named herein and their successors, excepting only the optional power and authority given to them by the terms of item twenty-first of this my will to terminate at any time after six years from my decease the trust created and defined by said item twenty-first - My purpose and intent in making the provisions of this will relative to filling vacancies in the number of my executors or trustees is to have at all times so far as practicable three active executors or trustees.

I suggest to my executors and trustees the propriety and wisdom of filling vacancies in their number from members of my family so far as circumstances will in their judgment reasonably admit.

I also request my executors and trustees in the execution and the duties and responsibilities devolving upon them hereunder, to confer with and consult my wife Elizabeth Hard, and to give her views and wishes due weight, deference and consideration, but not to the extent of being controlled by them contrary to their own judgment.

24.- I fix the annual compensation of my executors and trustees for their services at the sum of four thousand dollars each.

25.- I also recommend to my executors and trustees the employment of Robert W. Chamberlain of the firm of Chamberlain & Gruis of Detroit, Michigan, as their principal attorney and legal advisor, so long as Chamberlain shall discharge his duties as such with skill and fidelity and at a remuneration deemed by them just and reasonable.

26.- I hereby expressly revoke all wills and codicils thereto heretofore made by me, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,

this eighth day of March A.D. one thousand nine hundred
David Hard, seal.

The above and foregoing instrument was on the eighth day of March A.D. 1900 signed, sealed, published and declared by David Hard, as and for his last will and testament in our presence, and thereupon, at the request of said testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, did hereinabove set our hands as subscribing witnesses, in the nineteenth line from top of fifth page of said instrument the words "or her" were interlined in said instrument before execution and publication by said testator also in the 29th line from top of 9th page the word "or their successors" was in like manner interlined before execution and publication.

James H McDonald 42 Moffat St. Detroit Michigan
Charles A Latham Detroit Michigan

State of Michigan }^{ss}
County of Oakland }^{ss} Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of
Probate for said County do
hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument was this day duly proved, approved and
allowed as and for the last will and testament
of David Hard late of the Township of West Bloom-
field in said County deceased and ordered to be
recorded as more fully appears from the order this
day entered in the Journal of said Court
in witness whereof I have herein set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court this 30th day of
June A.D. 1900

Thomas L. Patterson,
Judge of Probate

Order Admitting will to Probate and Certificate

State of Michigan }^{ss}
County of Oakland }^{ss}

At a session of the probate court for the County of Oakland, held at the probate office in the City of Pontiac on Saturday the 30th day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred
Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate

In the matter of the estate of David Ward, deceased
This day having been assigned for hearing
the petitions of Willis C. Ward, Franklin B. Ward,
& Geo. N. Root, praying amongst other things for
the Probate of the instrument heretofores filed
in this court, purporting to be the last will
and testament of said deceased, said court
the said petitions.

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 2nd day of June last past, has been duly
published as therein directed whereby all per-
sons interested in the premises, were duly notified
of said hearing.

Whittemore, James H. McDonald, and Charles
H. Latham, the subscribing witnesses to said
instrument appeared in court, and made
oath that they saw the said David Ward
at Detroit in the County of Wayne sign, seal
and heard him publicly and declare the said
instrument to be his last will and testament,
and that James H. McDonald and Charles
H. Latham, the 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
deponent of said witnesses of sane mind.

And it further appearing that said David
Ward last abode and had his residence in,
and was an inhabitant of West Bloomfield in
said County, and there died.

And the evidence touching the premises being
satisfactorily considered, and it satisfactorily ap-
pearing to this court that said instrument is
duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the
last will and testament 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 testa-
ment of said deceased; and that the same
be recorded as required by law.

And it is further ordered, that the ex-
ecution of said will be committed, and the

administration of the estate of said deceased be
granted to said Willis C. Ward, Franklin B. Ward, & Geo.
N. Root, the executors to said will named who are
ordered to give bond in the penal sum of Three
Hundred Thousand Dollars, with sufficient sure-
ties, as required by the statute in such cases made
and provided; and upon the same being duly ap-
proved and filed, that letters testamentary be issued
in the premises.

Thomas L. Patterson
Judge of Probate

State of Michigan, Probate Court for said County
County of Oakland

Be it remembered that the aforesaid
instrument being the last will and testament of
David Ward late of West Bloomfield in said County,
deceased, was duly proved, approved and 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
Pontiac, in said County, this the 20th day of June
in the year one thousand nine hundred,

Thomas L. Patterson
Judge of Probate

State of Michigan, Probate Court for said County
County of Oakland

In the matter of the estate of David
Ward, deceased,

I Ross Stockwell Clerk of the probate
Court for said County do hereby certify that I
have compared the foregoing copy of will and or-
der admitting will to probate and certificated in
said estate with the original record thereof, now
remaining in this office and have found the same
to be a correct transcript therefore, and of the whole
of such original record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of the probate Court at Pontiac
this 14th day of June A.D. 1903.

Clerk of Probate Court
(Oakland Co. Mich.)

Ross Stockwell
Clerk of Probate Court