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"Will of Ebenezer Carpenter, Esq. Attleboro. Mass.
Being aware of the uncertainty of life
and wishing while in the possession of
reason, and in the enjoyment of a sound
mind and memory, to dispose of my effects
as it seems to me right, just, and best under
all the circumstances, hoping all my children
will be agreed in the feeling that I am prompted
in writing this my Will, by a desire to do
that which will be for the best interests of
each of my children individually, and by the
feelings of a loving Father. — Therefore,
I Ebenezer Carpenter of Attleboro. County
of Bristol, State of Massachusetts do make,
and publish this my last Will and testament
in the following manner. viz —

First "That all my just debts and funeral expenses
be paid, and that a grave mark be erected
such as my Wife and Children shall approve."

Second "I give and bequeath to my
much beloved Wife Louisa Carpenter all
my household furniture, Piano Forte and Library,
also my wearing apparel to dispose of as
may please her. It is my desire that my
large Family Bible, and my Brother's Pascal
Portrait after the decease of my Wife should
go to my Son P. M. Carpenter."

Third "I give, devise and

bequeath to my son Philip M. Carpenter in trust for the benefit of my Wife Louisa. my Homestead in Attleboro. for her use and improvement during her life and it is further my Will and intention, that my Six Children hereinafter named. shall out of any income they may receive from my estate pay the Insurance and Taxes on said Homestead from year to year during their Mother's life, and after her decease the Homestead shall be sold, and the proceeds shall go into the general Trust funds for the benefit of my Children. After paying my son P. M. Carpenter his portion of the proceeds of such Homestead estate, and also after pay him his portion of my deceased Wife. One sixth interest in my trust estate as hereinafter provided -

Fourth

I give and bequeath to my valued friend Theophilus Salisbury of Providence R.I. Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250⁰⁰) provided he accepts the appointment of Executor and Trustee of this my Will, and performs the duties confided by this instrument in connection with my son P. M. Carpenter,

Fifth

I give and bequeath to my son P. M. Carpenter one seventh part of the remaining portion

of my property of which I may derive and possessed, including two Shares in the Rock Manufacturing Co. in Rockville Conn. to have and to hold with all the rights and privileges I possess to him the said P.M. Carpenter his heirs and assigns forever with this condition that any notes and interest which the said P.M. Carpenter may owe my estate at the time of my decease, the same shall be deducted from his One seventh part of the residue and remainder of my property. It is further my will that in setting off or transferring this portion of my property to my son P.M. Carpenter that a Just and fair appraisal shall be made.

Sixth I give devise and bequeath unto Theoporus Salisbury of Providence R.I. and to P.M. Carpenter my son of Attleboro Mass. in trust to keep the remaining Six seventh of my estate real and personal of which I may derive and possessed, including twelve shares of stock in the Rock Manufacturing Co. of Rockville Conn. to hold the same for the following purposes. That is to say to keep the Clifford Street estate in good shape repair and properly insured. To change any investments if in their judgment the interests of my family require it. to collect

the product or income of said estate both personal and real. and pay over the same to the following persons (first paying all taxes and other expenses thereon) at stated times. as the same shall be collected:

To my Wife Louisa Carpenter one sixth portion of the net income.

To my daughter Elizabeth L. Ketter Wife of C. L. Ketter One sixth part of said net income -

To Hannah F. Carpenter One sixth part of ^{said} net income -

To ~~Mabella~~ M. Carpenter One sixth part said net income -

To Sarah B. Ford Wife of Luther Ford One sixth part of said net income.

And to my son Eben^r Carpenter ^{fr.} One sixth part of said net income. first by deducting any indebtedness of said Eben^r Carpenter ^{fr.} to my estate at the time of my deceased with interest on the same at six per. cent. and I direct my said Trustees for the more equitable distribution of the income of my personal and real estate that they regard this my trust estate as one common property.

Keeping one general account and not six accounts. giving to each

legatee one sixth of the net income annually or oftener. except where indebtedness remains at the time of my decease or by any one, or more of them: in that case the income will be reduced according to the amount of indebtedness at the time of my decease

Seventh And it shall be the duty of the Trustees to report annually to the legatee their account and the statement and conditions of their property, and the signatures of both Trustees shall be required in all money transactions.

Eighth All the portions of my real and personal estate, devised or bequeathed to my Wife Louisa Carpenter. I wish to state is in lieu of her right of Dower or power of thirds --

Ninth It is my desire and will that whenever my Trustees shall deem it for the best interests of my legatee to sell my Estate on Clifford Street in Providence R.I. I hereby authorize to do so and convey the same and hold the proceeds in trust according to the tenor of this

instrument. exercising great care in the investments of proceeds of said estate.

Tenth It is my Will and intention in case one sixth of the income of the residue and remainder of my estate including two shares of the twelve shares in the Rock Manufacturing Co. shall be insufficient by reason of sickness or other cause for the comfortable support of either of my daughters or my son Eben^d. Carpenter Jr. in such case my Trustees herein named shall have power to use so much of the principal including two shares of Rock Manufacturing Co. named in this ^{will} as they may deem proper and necessary for the comfort of either my daughters or of my son Eben^d. Carpenter Jr. and the amount thus drawn from the principal shall be deducted at the time of the decease of any such daughter or son Eben^d. Carpenter Jr. from the share due them respectively and my said daughters shall have the right to dispose of any balance that may ^{be} due to them by this my will provided their bequests shall be confined to my Children or to some religious object.

And provided further, that if any or either of my daughters shall die, intestate having children under twenty one years of age. it is my Will that two Hundred dollars per year be paid to the legal representative of each such child, untill the age of twenty one ~~years~~ shall have been attained for their support and whatever may remain of the One sixth part of the income due the Mother of such Child or Children, shall go into the General earnings for the benefit of all my surviving Children. except P. M. Carpenter who will receive his portion of the One sixth part of any deceased Brother or Sister as elsewhere provided for in this will. After any such Child or Children shall have attained the age of twenty One years then their Mother share shall be divided equally between her Children. And further it is my Will should my son Eben^r Carpenter Jr. decease, pending the execution of this my Will my Trustees are directed to pay over to my Son P. M. Carpenter his portion of said Eben^r Carpenter Jr. one sixth part interest on an equal division of the same, and to merge the ^{balance} same of said Eben^r Carpenter Jr. interest in my estate into the General fund.

for the equal benefit of my surviving daughters after paying Mary L. Carpenter Wife of said Eben^r Carpenter Jr. during her life. Should she remain unmarried, in annual payments or oftner. One third of the balance of the income belonging to said Eben^r Carpenter Jr. and after the decease or marriage of said Mary L. Carpenter Wife of Eben^r Carpenter Jr. the portion of my estate belonging to said Eben^r Carpenter Jr. at that time shall be held in trust, and disposed of according to the provision of this my Will -

Elerenth/ It is my will. if either of my daughters shall die intestate, or Childless, or their Children shall die before they are Twenty-One years of age. then such daughters share shall be held in trust by my trustees, and the income shall be divided among all my ^{then} surviving Children except my Son P. M. Carpenter first deducting from said deceased daughter's share the portion which would be due to said P. M. Carpenter, and paying over the same over to him. as a part of the principal belonging to him from said deceased daughter's share of my estate.

Twelfth In further trust whenever my executors or the trustees named in this my will or those that may succeed them, shall deem it for the best interests of my Wife and Children, to sell any real or personal estate. I hereby empower and appoint them to make such sale, and transfer the same, and invest the proceeds in some safe manner for the benefit of those whose interests are directly affected, in way and manner as heretofore stated —

Thirteenth I hereby nominate and appoint the afore said Theophilus Salisbury and my Son Philip M. Carpenter my executors of this my Will. Without Bonds, or inventory of my estate. hereby revoking and annulling all other former Wills by me made, and establishing this, and this only, for my last will and testament —

Fourteenth It is my will that the executors and trustees herein named be paid a reasonable sum for their services in executing this my will and intentions as expressed in this instrument

