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Dear Sir :

Referring to your inquiry of recent date in regard to the will of Stephen M. Paddock, will say that its provisions are substantially these :

First, he gives to his wife for her use during her lifetime his homestead, farm and such adjoining land as he may have acquired after the date of the will. Then he gives her \$1000 with which to erect two dwelling houses of equal cost on the real estate, the use of which she has heretofore willed to Frank Terry and Eugene Terry for the benefit of her legatees. (I am substantially following the language of the will; the phraseology is not my own.)

Then he directs his executors to pay to Bradford Almy and William Mead, \$25. a year during the lifetime of his wife, and at her death to pay \$100 to each one of them if he shall be then living.

The executors are authorized to sell all other real estate when they see fit, either at public or private sale, and are directed to pay \$1000 to his wife (if she shall be living at the time of such sale), with which she is to erect "a monument for our mutual benefit".

Then he gives the use or income of the remainder of his estate to his wife during her lifetime, to be in lieu of her dower.

After the death of his wife he directs his estate to be divided as follows : one half to his sister Sarah E. Warren and her heirs ; one quarter part to his sister Elsie Ann Burnett, and one quarter to his nephew, William S. Paddock.

Then he provides that in case of the death of Sarah E. Warren while her husband is living, her husband is to have a good living provided for him out of her share before it is paid over to her heirs.

Then he appoints his wife, Mary Ann Paddock and his nephew, William S. Paddock to be executors, and provides that his wife shall give no security, but it is provided that Paddock is to file a bond in Winnebago, Illinois, in the penalty of \$5000., to be approved as to form, etc. by the probate judge, condition upon his paying to Paddock's sisters the amounts due to them under the will.

The will provides that Paddock shall not have possession of any part of the property as executor until such undertaking is filed in Illinois.

Afterwards in October, '94, he executed a codicil whereby he gave to Eugene Terry and Frank Terry \$1000 each.

This is the substance of the will which has already been proved. I understand that the nephew who lives out West does not propose to become executor. If you desire a copy of the entire will, you can easily procure it.

Yours truly

W. M. Noble

P. S. I do not know whether the name mentioned above is "Sarah E. Warren" or "Sarah E. Warner". You undoubtedly know about the family, and in that case will understand to whom reference is made.