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MEMORIAL TO JUDGE TOURGEE

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WILL BUILD LIBRARY

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The will is dated Dec. 17, 1915, and there is a codicil dated five days later. A diamond ring and other jewelry is given to Mrs. Adella F. Dinnia, a cousin of the late Judge Tourgee. Rose E. Smith, who has been a faithful maid to Mrs. Tourgee for many years is to receive \$1,000 when she reaches 50 years of age. \$500 is bequeathed to Hugh Aimee Knight of Wingfield, England, when he becomes 21 years of age. \$500 is left in trust for the maintenance of the Tourgee lot in the Mayville cemetery. A silk rug and other valued articles of personal property are given to Richmond Moot of Buffalo.

To Mrs. Elizabeth S. Warner is given for the term of her natural life the Thorhelm, the Tourgee residence in Mayville, and its contents, and the use of \$5,000. Upon the termination of this bequest it goes to Grace D. Hall, a niece, for her natural life.

The executors are authorized to rent the house and lot on the corner of Erie and Evans streets and after deducting the taxes, insurance and necessary repairs the income is to be paid to the Tuesday club library, during the continuance of the life estates above referred to.

After the termination of the life estates the executors are authorized to sell all the real estate, except the corner lot referred to, and the proceeds to be turned over to the Tuesday club library. The corner lot is to be deeded to the library and with the proceeds of the sale above referred to there is to be erected thereon the "Tourgee Memorial" to which reference has already been made. Certain conditions are attached to the bequest, the written acceptance thereof within one year after it is available, the raising of at least \$800 annually for the maintenance of the building. The Tuesday club is to have the privilege of holding its meetings in such building and the library trustees may permit its use for such other organizations as it may approve.

In case the Tuesday club library shall decline to accept the bequest the estate is to go to Mrs. Chloa Pettit Kerman of Grimsby, Canada, or to her heirs. The executors named are Mrs. Elizabeth S. Warner and Richmond Moot of Buffalo.

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