

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Elsie Ann Burnett, widow, of the Town of Winnebago, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, ordain and declare this my last will and testament, in the manner and form following, to wit:

ITEM:

I will and direct that my Executors to be hereinafter named, shall pay my just debts, if any there be, and reasonable funeral expenses without unnecessary delay.

ITEM:

After the payment of my just debts and proper funeral charges, I give and bequeath as follows: To my brother, Stephen M. Paddock, residing in Tompkins County in the State of New York the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar; to my sister, Sarah E. Warner, of Winnebago County, State of Illinois, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

ITEM:

Being anxious to do something to remove from American civilisation and Christianity, the odium resting upon them, for the enslavement and oppression of the colored people of the United States; and also desirous of assisting the said colored people to secure equal rights and opportunities with other citizens of the United States, I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to Albion W. Tourgee of the Town of Mayville, County of Chautauque and State of New York, the sum of

This bequest is absolute, and is made because of the courage, persistency and ability displayed by the said

devisee in defense of the rights of the colored people of the United States, to equal security and equal opportunity with the white citizens of the various States. It is my desire and request only that it may be used and applied by him in such manner as his judgment may approve, and as opportunity may offer, for the promotion of the work in which he has been so long engaged, of moulding public opinion to deal justly with the weak and seek to cure wrong by righteousness rather than by continued evil, both for the sake of our common country and the honor of our Christian faith.

ITEM.

All the balance and residue of my estate, after the payment of my debts, funeral expenses, the specific legacies and bequests above recited, and the costs of administration, I give and bequeath to the Chicago Industrial Home for Children.

ITEM.

I hereby name, constitute and appoint as the Executors of this, my last will and testament, Morse V. Clute of Winnebago, Illinois, and

and

ITEM.

I do hereby expressly and absolutely revoke and annul all previous wills, legacies and bequests to whomsoever made and declare my last will and testament to be as above written.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this day of January, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-three, (1893.)

The above written instrument was on the date herein, signed, published and declared by the testatrix, Elsie Ann Burnett, to us well-known, in our presence, as her last will and testament. And at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, we have each subscribed our names hereto, as witnesses of the said instrument, whose purpose she made known to us, the day of January, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-three. (1893).