

ALIDA VAN RENSSELAER CONSTABLE
BORN MARCH 1799
DIED DEC. 26, 1881

Aug 17, 1871

Be it remembered That I, Alida Van Rensselaer Constable of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania Widow of the late John Constable deceased being of sound and disposing mind and memory have thought proper to make and hereby do make my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say: _____

First. I direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently maybe after my decease. And I direct my funeral expenses be as moderate as consistent with propriety. _____

Second. I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas L. Kane my silver teaset, table dessert and tea spoons engraved with the Kane crest and my small silver water pot, small old fashioned cream pot, silver pepper cruets, mustard and salt spoons, and butter knives as a testimonial of my warm affection for him and my
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grateful remembrance of his attention to my late husband.
And I desire that after his death the same may become
the property of some of his children and thus be retained
in the family.

Third. I give and bequeath to my nephew Robert P.
Kane the engraving of the Virgin (now in my parlor)
my chest of drawers with book case on top, the portrait of
uncle James Kane, a worked fire-screen and two small
carved Swiss figures.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to Dr. John K. Kane
the portrait of his father Judge Kane, the bust of his
brother Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the engraving of an
Arctic view and the old fashioned stand of my mother
and the carved stand in my front parlor.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to Harriet A. Kane
my curb watch chain, the gold chain always worn
on my neck and my large musical box.

Sixth. I give and bequeath the portrait of uncle
James Constable to my beloved husband's nephew

Dr. John K. Kane
of
Washington
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James Banstable with the small table and dressing table of my mother-in-law.

Seventh. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth K. Kane Wetherill the engraving of the New York Crystal Palace my mother's china tea-set blue and gilt with flowers, my worked arm chair and chair and ottomans with her many gifts to me.

Eighth. I give and bequeath to Adelaide Montmolin my writing desk and table (the gift of her sister Mrs. (Bailey) with engraving of the Last Supper and key thereto.

Ninth. I give and bequeath to my faithful friend and trustee Andrew B. Craig my musical clock in the parlor.

Tenth. I give and bequeath to my friend John Wiegand the figure used for burning gas with the porcelain shade and the large green rep cushioned chair.

Eleventh. I give and bequeath to Alida R. / Throckmorton

Shockmorton (my dressing table with its cover and looking glass. —

Twelfth. I give and bequeath to The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America the sum of two thousand dollars. —

Thirteenth. I give and bequeath to The Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions incorporated the eighteenth day of April A.D. 1862 by the Legislature of the State of New York the sum of two thousand dollars. —

Fourteenth. I give and bequeath to The American Sunday School Union established in the City of Philadelphia the sum of two thousand dollars to be expended for Missionary Purposes. —

Fifteenth. I give and bequeath to The American Tract Society established in the City of New York the sum of one thousand dollars to be distributed in Tracts in foreign countries. —

Sixteenth. I give and bequeath to The North-

an Home for Friendless Children established in the City of Philadelphia and incorporated the twenty sixth day of January A.D. 1834 the sum of one thousand dollars.

Seventeenth. I give and bequeath to The Indigent Widows' and Single Woman's Society of Philadelphia now located on Cherry Street near Eighteenth Street the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended in the purchase of delicacies for sick inmates of the Asylum.

Eighteenth. I give and bequeath to The American Seamen's Friend Society incorporated by the State of New York in the year 1833 the sum of one thousand dollars.

Nineteenth. I give and bequeath to The American Bible Society established in New York in the year 1816 the sum of one thousand dollars.

Twentieth. I give and bequeath to Mrs. M. C. Throckmorton wife of Joseph W. Throckmorton the sum of one thousand dollars.

Twenty first. I give and bequeath to Alida L. (P.)

R. Mookmorton the sum of five hundred dollars.

Twenty second. I give and bequeath to Mrs. Henry Sargent daughter of the Rev. Dr. Malin the sum of five hundred dollars. _____

Twenty third. I give and bequeath to Christopher Elliott the sum of five hundred dollars. _____

Twenty fourth. I give and bequeath to Mrs. John Hanson widow of the late John Hanson the sum of five hundred dollars. _____

Twenty fifth. I give and bequeath to Eliza Rogers and Jane Rogers each the legacy of two hundred and fifty dollars, and if either of them should happen to die before me then I give the legacy intended for the one so dying to the survivor. _____

Twenty sixth. I bequeath to my Executors the sum of four thousand dollars in trust to pay over the same after my decease to the person who when the same is payable shall be the Treasurer of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York founded on the eight-

eenth day of January A.D. 1836 and incorporated by the
Legislature of the State of New York by an Act passed
the twenty seventh day of March A.D. 1839, the inter-
est only of which is to be applied in aid of the education
of a student to be selected by the faculty, which sum
shall be called the Reverend Thomas H. Skinner D.D.'s
Scholarship. _____

Twenty seventh. I give and bequeath to Mrs.
Sterne Humphreys the sum of five hundred dollars
as a testimony of my regard for her father Matthew L.
Bevan. _____

Twenty eighth. I direct all taxes on the foregoing
legacies to be paid out of my residuary estate. And
if my residuary estate remaining after the specific de-
vises of real estate herein-after contained and after
the satisfaction of the foregoing bequests of specific ar-
ticles of personal estate should not be sufficient to
pay the said money legacies in full I direct each
money legacy to be proportionally abated. And in case

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of my death within one calendar month after making this my will by reason whereof my charitable legacies would fail then and should such legacies fail from that or any other cause I give and bequeath the whole of the said money charitable legacies to my friends John Wiegand and Andrew C. Craig or to the survivor of them if either be then deceased.

X Twenty ninth. I give and devise my messuage X
and lot of ground N^o 1304 Walnut Street in the City
of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania to my
nephew Thomas S. Kane his Heirs and Assigns forever,
together with all the furniture and household goods
therein not otherwise herein disposed of. And I request
him not to sell the same but to devise the same unto
his children that the said messuage may remain in
the family as long as possible.

Thirtieth. I give and bequeath to "The Old
Man's Home" the sum of fifteen hundred dollars
to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of said

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Gen.
Thomas S. K.
lived there
When Dr. Thos.
L. Kane went
to college.

Society for its absolute use. _____

Thirty first. I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Blind Women" at Philadelphia the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. _____

Thirty second. I give and bequeath to "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in trust to appropriate and apply the same for the use and benefit of The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church located in the City of Philadelphia. _____

Thirty third. I direct all the provisions of the twenty eighth item of my will to apply to the bequests contained in the thirtieth, thirty first and thirty second items thereof as if here specifically repeated. _____

Thirty fourth. I give and bequeath my pew n^o 32 in The Arch Street Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia unto the said Corporation absolutely. _____

Thirty fifth. I give and bequeath unto Gilbert L. Constable the free use and occupation of the farm on which he now resides for the term of his ~~natural~~ life and after his decease I direct that the same be ~~sold~~ by my Executors and the proceeds divided among his children if any and the ^{then living} children of his brothers in ~~equal~~ shares.

Thirty sixth. I give and bequeath to my waiting maid Ellen Delap the sum of one hundred dollars and a suit of black.

Thirty seventh. All the rest residue reversion and remainder of my estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever and of which I may die in any way seised possessed or entitled to I give devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the Parsonage Fund of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia and their Successors and Assigns forever in trust for the same uses and purposes in all respects and with the same powers as they hold and have over the said Parsonage Fund.

Thirty eighth. I hereby appoint John Wiegand
and Andrew C. Craig Executors of this my last Will
and Testament, and authorize and empower them
to sell all or any part of my real estate not hereinbefore
specifically devised at such times on such terms and
for such prices either at public or private sale or sales
as they may deem proper and to execute all proper
conveyances of the same and no purchase shall be
required to see to the application of the purchase
money. And I hereby request my Executors to
make a proper compensation to the Clergyman
who may officiate at my funeral.

Lastly. I hereby revoke all former wills by me made and declare
this Instrument of Writing on eleven pages of paper only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Third-
day of June - Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy one -

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Alida V. R. Constable, the testatrix above named as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us whether requested in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses - the words "Signed" in the sixth line from the top of the sixth page being first written on crease before the execution of the Will by the testatrix. Also the words "then living first initials" on the tenth page between the fifth and sixth lines from the top.

C. D. Ritchie
508 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.
A. C. Wiegand 508 Walnut St.
Philad. Pa.

Alida V. R. Constable

I, Alida V. R. Constable the testatrix in the foregoing Will named do make and publish this Instrument of Writing as a Codicil thereto, that is to say

First - Mrs. Henry Sargent the legatee named in the twenty second item of my will having departed this life I do hereby give and bequeath the legacy or sum of five hundred dollars therein given to her to my friends Craig D. Ritchie and Adam E. Wiegand and the survivor of them in trust to place out and continue the same at interest in legal securities and to collect and receive the interest thereof and pay over the same as collected unto the guardian - or to the father in case no guardian shall be legally appointed - of the children of the said Mrs. Henry Sargent to be applied to the use and benefit of the said children in equal shares until they respectively attain the age of twenty one years. And upon their attaining said age then to pay the said sum of five hundred dollars unto said children in equal parts. And if either of said children shall die before attaining said age then I give and bequeath the part and share of him or her so dying unto his or her lawful issue in equal parts and shares. And in default of such issue then the share of him or her so dying shall be held by the said trustees in trust for the survivors and survivor of said children of Mrs. Henry Sargent as the same would have been held

by them in case he or she so dying had never existed. And should all the children of Mrs. Henry Sargent die under the age of twenty one years and without issue then I give and bequeath the said sum of five hundred dollars unto "The Northern Home for Friendless Children" at Philadelphia.

Second. I give and bequeath to David C. Constable son of ~~John Constable~~ my large gold watch which his grandfather John Constable wore.

Third. I hereby ratify and confirm my foregoing Will in all respects except so far as the same is hereby altered or supplied.

Witness my hand and seal the seventeenth day of August
Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy one.

Signed sealed published and declared by Mida V. R. Constable the testatrix above named as and for a Codicil to her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have at her request hereunto set our names as witnesses.
The words "of" and "Constable" in second item above being first blotted out

M. V. R. Constable

Wm. E. Hitchcock
Robert Norris

I Mida V. R. Constable the testatrix above named do make this instrument of Writing as a second Codicil to my foregoing Will that is to say:
All the real estate devised to me by my dear husband John Constable

deceased situate in the State of New York and which shall still be belonging to me at the time of my decease I give and devise unto Colonel Ira Hale of North Stockholm, County of St. Lawrence in the State of New York in trust for the following purposes:

First. To divide the said real estate according to its just and true value into as many equal parts as there shall be children of William B. Constable and David B. Constable (sons of my said late husband) living at the time of my decease.

Second. In case my said trustee shall deem it inexpedient and injurious to part and divide the said real estate according to area among the above designated persons into equally valuable parts and shares I authorize and direct him to divide the same into unequal parts and to charge the share or shares which shall exceed in value an equal division of the said real estate with payment to those shares which are left so that each share shall be equal in value.

Third. To distribute the said shares among the above designated persons in such order manner and way as may seem best to my trustee.

Fourth. To execute good and sufficient deeds conveying a fee simple title to

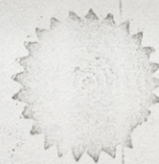
each of the above designated persons of the shares set aside by the said trustee.

Fifth. I direct that the partition, division and distribution to be made by my said trustee shall be final binding and conclusive upon all persons interested in the said partition division and distribution.

I hereby ratify and confirm my said Will and Codicil thereto in all respects except so far as the same are hereby altered or supplied.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
Eighteenth - day of July - in the year of our Lord One
thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

A. V. R. Constable



Signed, sealed, published and declared by
A. V. R. Constable the testatrix above named do
and for a second Codicil to her last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who in her
presence and in the presence of each other
have at her request hereunto set our names
as witnesses.

Wm. L. Ewing
933 N. 6th St.
Philadelphia Pa.

A. E. Diegand
1000 Walnut - St.
Philad. Penna

Walter S. Gibson
328 South 21st St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

I Alida V. R. Constable the testatrix above named do make this instrument of writing
as a third codicil to my foregoing Will that is to say:

I hereby revoke annul and make void the provisions contained in Item Thirty seven

of my foregoing will and do give devise and bequeath the said rest residue and remainder of my estate real and personal whatsoever and whosoever of which I may die in any way seized possessed or entitled to unto to and among the children of William B. Constable of North Stockholm in the County of St Lawrence in the State of New York and the children of David B. Constable of Schenectady in the said State of New York equally to be divided among them share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

I hereby ratify and confirm my said Will and Codicils thereto annexed in all respects except so far as the same are hereby altered or supplied.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Tenth —
day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven

Signed sealed published and declared by
Wm B Constable the testatrix above named
and for a third Codicil to her last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who in her
presence and in the presence of each other
have at her request hereunto set our names
as witnesses —

W. Wiegand
Residence 1217 Race St.
Phila Pa

Walter S. Gibson
Residence 328 So. 21st St.
Phila Pa

W. B. Constable

In Consideration of the death of my dear
friend of John Wiegand one of the Executors named
in this my last will and testament I hereby name
and appoint in his place my nephew Thomas
S. Kane of Kane Pa to act with my friend A