

State of New Jersey,
Mercer County.

Surrogate's Office.

Be it Remembered, That on the Fifth
day of October A. D. nineteen hundred and four,
Bayard Stockton, James Read Shields and Francis Fisher Kane,
the Executors named in a paper writing, bearing date May 25th
A. D. 1893, and purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of Charles W. Shields deceased,
late of the County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey,
and Codicil thereto, bearing date March 31st A. D. 1903,
appeared before the Surrogate of the County of Mercer, and
made application to have the said Will and Codicil proved;
and on such application said Surrogate adjudged the said Will
and Codicil to be valid, and the proofs thereof to be sufficient,
which said last Will and Testament and Codicil, and the
proofs thereof, are as follows, that is to say:

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Charles Woodruff Shields, of Princeton, New Jersey,
Professor of the Harmony of Science and Revealed Religion
in the College of New Jersey, hereby make this my last Will
and Testament, revoking all former Wills by me at any time
heretofore made. Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.), together with

First of all, I desire to commit my soul to God, be-
seeching Him to make me pure and meet for the blessed com-
pany of saints and angels, through the merits of Jesus
Christ my Lord; and I wish my body to be buried in accord-
ance with the Burial Office in the Book of Common Prayer,
which I have edited and advocated as containing the es-
sentials faith of the One Catholic Church of Christ.

Item. First In as much as the greater part of my life
has been devoted to the study of an Ultimate Philosophy,
which aims to harmonize Science and Revealed Religion through
coming generations for the Glory of God and the good of
mankind, I deem it right to make some provision, shall be
though it must be, for securing and perpetuating the
fruits of my intellectual labor. And I therefore be-
queath to my executors in trust the sum of Fifteen Hundred
Dollars (\$1500.) to be expended by them in publishing and
maintaining a suitable edition of my works and writings,
especially the Philosophia Ultima. The said edition, having
received my final emendations, is to be issued as soon
after my decease as practicable, and then to remain as the
only authorized edition of my works and writings.

Item. Second I direct that all my just debts and
funeral expenses be paid by my executors as soon after my

proofs thereof, are as follows, that is to say:
IN THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY, HERETOFORE MAKE THIS MY LAST WILL
PROFESSOR OF THE HARMONY OF SCIENCE AND REVEALED RELIGION

I, CHARLES WOODRUFF SHIELDS, OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY,

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

decease as practicable.

Item. Third. I give, devise and bequeath, in three equal parts and shares, unto my three equally beloved children, Helen Hamilton Shields, James Read Shields, Thomas Leiper Kane Shields, to them their heirs and assigns; the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.), together with the undivided third part of the the Schuylkill meadow land, situate near the mouth of the Schuylkill river in the county of Philadelphia and state of Pennsylvania, of which I am owner. I make these special bequests to my children for the reason that the said money and property were acquired by me under and by virtue of the last Will and Testament of their mother, my beloved wife Bessie Kane Shields, deceased, whose memory I desire them ever to cherish.

Item. Fourth. It is my will that my furniture, library, pictures, horses and carriages, and household effects, or the proceeds of the sale of any portion of the same, be equally divided among my three said children; except the silver, jewelry, books and clothing which I have already given as heirlooms to my said daughter, Helen Hamilton Shields.

Item. Fifth. I give the sum of One Thousand Dollars to each of my said children, the same being additional money which I have received as legatee of their mother.

Item. Sixth. I give the sum of One Thousand Dollars to Marjorie Long, in recognition of her faithful services in the family for so many years.

Item. Seventh. I will and direct that all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real personal or mixed,

of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate shall be divided into four equal parts. One of said parts I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Helen Hamilton Shields, her heirs and assigns. Another of said parts I give devise and bequeath unto my son James Read Shields, his heirs and assigns. Another of said parts I give devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas Leiper-Kane Shields, his heirs and assigns. The remaining one fourth part I give devise and bequeath, in two equal parts and shares, and my two equally entitled by lineal descent, I have purchased the Morven beloved grandchildren, Bayard Stockton, Jr. and Richard Stockton, the children of my beloved daughter, Charlotte Julia Shields Stockton, deceased, to them and to their respective heirs and assigns. And I also will and direct that the said one fourth part shall be held by my executors hereinafter named, and by the survivor of them, in trust, for my said grandchildren, until both of them shall have attained the age of twenty one years; the interest and income of the same to be applied, in equal shares, to the support and maintenance of my said grandchildren respectively during the period named, the principal to be paid to them respectively when the younger of them shall have attained the age of twenty one years, with remainder to the survivor in case either one of them should die unmarried and without issue before attaining that age; and should both die unmarried and without issue before attaining that age, then I give devise and bequeath the said one fourth part, in equal shares and proportions, to such of my said three children as may then be living and to the legal representatives of such as may then be deceased.

Item. Eighth. I direct my executors not to sell my Summer residence named "Nethercliffe", near Ochre Point, in the City of Newport, Rhode Island, without first having obtained the consent of my beloved daughter Helen Hamilton Shields, to the sale of said property.

Item. Ninth. In as much as my beloved daughter Charlotte Julia Shields Stockton desired that her two children, Bayard Stockton, Jr., and Richard Stockton, might inherit the family seat known as "Morven" to which they would be entitled by lineal descent, I have purchased the Morven homestead, including the Mansion and five acres of ground, situate in the borough of Princeton, county of ^{Mercer} Princeton, and state of New Jersey, and have desired and intended that the said homestead shall remain in loving memory of my daughter as a gift to her children. It is therefore my will that my said grandchildren, Bayard Stockton, Jr. grandchildren and Richard Stockton, or their father Bayard Stockton, Esq. acting for them in the event of their minority, shall have the option of including the said homestead in their share of my residuary estate under the conditions hereinbefore stated, both of them to become equal owners of the said homestead: Provided, however, that the said homestead shall first be appraised by three residents of Princeton legally appointed, and if on such appraisement it shall be found to exceed in value the said share of my grandchildren then it shall be taken charged with such excess in value to be paid to be paid to my residuary estate. I also empower and direct my executors to unite in any conveyance or proceeding needful to give effect to the said option

entirely to the use of said property.
ed the consent of my beloved daughter Helen Hamilton
City of New York, Broome Island, without first having obtained
residence named "Morvenville," near Oyster Point, in the
Item. ~~Fourth~~. I direct my executors not to sell my summer

of my grandchildren in respect to the homestead known as
"Morven". And in case they shall become possessed of the
said homestead under the before named provision then I ap-
point their father Bayard Stockton, Esq. sole Trustee for
them in the care and management of said property.

Item Fifth. I nominate and appoint to be executors of
my will my son-in-law Bayard Stockton, Esq. and my friend
Junior, the sum of Two thousand Dollars, to be paid to him
Professor William M. Sloane, both of Princeton, New Jersey,
when he shall have attained the age of twenty one years;
and I request them to be governed as much as possible by
and I further give and bequeath to my grandson Richard
any letter of instructions which I may leave for their
Stockton, the like sum of Two thousand Dollars, to be paid
guidance.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty fifth day of May, A. D. 1893,
at Princeton, N. J.

Esquire, as a token of my regard, any books which he may
Charles W. Shields (L.S.)
select from my library.

Signed sealed and published by the above named testator
as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of
us who at his request and in the presence of each other
and of the said testator have attested the same, as wit-
nesses thereto.

James O. Murray known as "Morven"
situated at Princeton, Wm. A. Packard, I have purchased the
Morven homestead, as is made known in my said last Will
and Testament, and have renovated it at considerable ex-
pense, and by many sacrifices of other property, have here-
before maintained it that it might at length become the
property and residence of my grandsons aforesaid and so
remain as a gift in loving memory of their mother. Inas-
much, moreover, as my beloved daughter Helen Hamilton

from the date and measurement of said property.
before their father Bayard Stockton, Esq. sole trustee for
said homestead under the before named probate when I ab-
"Morven". And in case they shall become possessed of the
of my Blendschlieden in respect to the homestead known as

I, Charles Woodruff Shields, of Princeton, in the state
of New Jersey, having made, published and declared my last
Will and Testament bearing date the twenty fifth day of May
in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety three,
I do now make this Codicil to the same.

First: I give and bequeath to my grandson Bayard Stockton
Junior, the sum of Two thousand Dollars, to be paid to him
when he shall have attained the age of twenty one years;
and I further give and bequeath to my grandson Richard
Stockton, the like sum of Two thousand Dollars, to be paid
to him when he shall have attained the age of twenty one
years.

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Bayard Stockton,
Esquire, as a token of my regard, any books which he may
select from my library.

Second: Inasmuch as it was the desire of my beloved Char-
lotte Julia Shields Stockton, deceased, first wife of
Bayard Stockton, Esquire, that her two children Bayard
Stockton, Junior, and Richard Stockton should possess,
occupy and enjoy their family seat known as "Morven,"
situated at Princeton, New Jersey, I have purchased the
Morven homestead, as is made known in my said last Will
and Testament, and have removated it at considerable ex-
pense, and by many sacrifices of other property, have here-
tofore maintained it that it might at length become the
property and residence of my grandsons aforesaid and so
remain as a gift in loving memory of their mother. Inas-
much, moreover, as my beloved daughter Helen Hamilton

I do now make this codicil to the same.

In the last one thousand eight hundred and ninety three, with and testament bearing date the twenty fifth day of May of new jersey, bearing date, published and declared my last

I, Charles Woodruff Shields, of Princeton, in the state

to the then surviving children of my said grandchild

Shields Stockton, the present wife of Bayard Stockton, Es-
quire, has during the twelve years she has presided at the
Morven homestead made the same an attractive home for her
sister's children and for myself, and has also by reason
of her own marriage become entitled to retain the said
Morven homestead as the proper dwelling place of herself,
and her family during the residue of life, now, therefore,
in order to carry out as far as I may the desire of my
daughter Charlotte and to fulfill my duty toward my
daughter Helen, I do revoke the provisions of my last Will
and Testament in reference to the estate known as "Morven",
with the land and premises attached thereto, and I do now
give and devise the said Morven homestead, with the land
and premises attached to and forming a part of the prop-
erty, as a whole, to my daughter Helen Hamilton Shields
Stockton and my grandsons Bayard Stockton, Junior, and
Richard Stockton, to be jointly possessed, occupied and
enjoyed by them as the ancestral seat of the Stockton
family and as their own family residence during the life-
time of my said daughter Helen.

On the death of my daughter Helen I give and devise the
premises known as Morven to my said grandsons Bayard and
Richard, and to such child or children of my daughter Helen
if any, as may then be alive, to be held by all of my said
grandchildren as an estate for life and as their ancestral
home and residence, during their joint lives and the life
of the survivor. On the death of such survivor, or on the
death of my daughter Helen, and of all of my said grand-
children, I give and devise the premises known as Morven

My wife, Marjorie Long, and I, my wife, and I, also by reason
of the fact that she was the same as effective home for her
wife, and during the time she was residing at the
Shields Stockton, the present wife of Henry Stockton, Esq.

to the then surviving children of my said grandchildren and
to the then surviving issue of any of them who shall have
died, in undivided equal shares, per stirpes and not per
capita.

It is my earnest desire that Morven shall hereafter
descend in the line of my grandchildren from generation to
generation, as heretofore it has been kept in their family,
for two hundred years; or else that it become the property
of that University with which from its origin their ances-
tors have been honorably associated, If, therefore, on the
death of my said daughter and of my said grandchildren,
to all of whom an estate for life is given hereby, there
shall be no issue of them or any of them surviving, then,
in that event, I give and devise the premises known as
Morven to the Trustees of Princeton University, to have
and to hold the same to them and their successors for the
uses and purposes of a School of Law in connection with
said University.

Third: I direct my Executors to pay the inheritance tax
on the legacy to Marjorie Long; and I give and bequeath
the sum of one hundred dollars to John R. Collins, in
recognition of his services.

Fourth: I hereby cancel and annul so much of my said
last Will and Testament as refers to my residuary estate,
and I do now will and direct that my residuary estate
shall be divided into equal parts for each of my children
who shall be alive at my death, viz: one share for my
daughter Helen Hamilton Shields Stockton, and another for
my son James Read Shields, and one other share for my son Thomas

If it is my earnest desire that my son shall be
benefited.
I wish to provide for my son and not for
to the then surviving issue of any of them who shall have
to the then surviving children of my said grandchildren and

Leiper Kane Shields, to have and to hold the same to them
respectively and to their heirs, executors, administrators
and assigns forever, and in case any of them shall die
leaving a child, children or issue him or her surviving,
I direct that such child or issue shall stand in the pa-
rent's place and take its or their parent's share, per
stirpes and not per capita.

which have existed in my family during the past few years,

Fifth: I request my friend Professor William M. Sloane,
to supervise the publication of my complete works by
Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons in accordance with my last
Will and Testament, and direct my executors to pay^t him the
sum of Five hundred Dollars for any labor and expense he
may have incurred therein, such sum to be taken from the
fund which I have devoted to such subject.

Sixth: I nominate, constitute and appoint to be the in
Executors of my last Will and Testament, my son-in-law
Bayard Stockton, Esquire, my son James Read Shields, both
of Princeton, New Jersey, and my nephew Francis Fisher
Kane, Esquire, of Philadelphia; and I authorize and em-
power them while acting as Executors or Trustees to sell
all or any of my real estate, excepting the Morven Home-
stead in Princeton, and to make, execute and deliver good
and sufficient deeds therefor, without liability on the
part of the purchasers to see to the application of the
purchase money. I also authorize my said Executors and
Trustees to retain as investments any investments which
I may leave at my death, whether in trust or otherwise, and
from time to time to change the investments of my estate

or of any trust under my Will.

Seventh: I request the Executors and Trustees named herein to take especial interest in my son Thomas Leiper Kane Shields and, if need be, to advise him in managing his business affairs.

Eighth: The complicated relationships and interests which have existed in my family during the past few years, together with increasing expenses and decreasing income, have rendered the making of my last Will and Testament a difficult problem, to which I have given much careful thought with a view to the welfare of those naturally dependent upon me, - my beloved children and grandchildren. I assume that all who are interested in my estate will share my solicitude for the general good; and I hereby republish and declare my said last Will and Testament in all respects except in so far as the same may be modified hereby.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

Charles W. Shields (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator, Charles Woodruff Shields, as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament bearing date the twenty fifth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety three, in our presence, who, in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, this thirty-first day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

George Allison Armour

Allison House, Princeton, N. J.

Allan Marquand, Guernsey Hall, Princeton, N. J.

Henry Van Dyke, Avalon.

State of New Jersey,

MERCER COUNTY, ss.

Wm. H. Packard

one of the witnesses to the annexed writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
Charles W. Shields deceased, the Testator therein named,
being duly sworn doth depose and say, that he saw the said Testator
sign and seal the same, and heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament;
that at the time of the doing thereof, the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory
and understanding, as far as this deponent knows, and as he verily believes; and that

James O. Murray

the other subscribing witness thereto, was present at the same time with this deponent, and that they
together subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

sworn and subscribed this 24th
day of September 1904, before me.

J. W. Cornell

Surrogate.

Wm. H. Packard

LAST
Will and Testament
OF

.....
Deceased.

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Surrogate's Office, Mercer County.

State of New Jersey,

Mercer County, ss.

William A. Packard, of full age, being duly sworn, says that he is a resident of Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey, and has been for the past 34 years; that he was well acquainted with James O. Murray, late of said Princeton, now deceased, having been his most intimate friend; that he had frequent correspondence with the said James O. Murray, and is familiar with the handwriting and signature of the said James O. Murray that he has seen the signature of the said James O. Murray, as it appears as one of the subscribing witnesses to a paper writing, bearing date May 25th. A. D. 1893, and purporting to be the last will and Testament of Charles W. Shields, deceased, late of said county, and that said signature was subscribed thereto in the presence of the said testator and of this deponent, at the request of said testator, and that the said signature is the genuine signature of said James O. Murray, and in his own proper handwriting.

Sworn and subscribed this 27th.)

day of Sept. A.D. 1904, before me.)

J. W. Cornell, Surrogate.)

Wm. A. Packard

MERCER COUNTY, ss.

One of the witnesses to the annexed writing, purporting to be a
Codicil to the last Will and Testament of Charles W. Shields
deceased, the Testator therein named, being duly sworn doth
depose and say, that he saw the said Testator sign and seal the same,
and heard him publish and declare it to be a Codicil to his
last Will and Testament; that at the time of the doing thereof, the said
Testator was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, as
far as this deponent knows, and as he verily believes; and that
Allan Marquand and Henry van Dyke
the other subscribing witnesses thereto, were present at the same time with
this deponent, and that they together subscribed their names thereto as wit-
nesses, in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

Sworn and subscribed this 30th

day of September 1904, before me.

J. W. Cornell Surrogate.

Geo. A. Armour

George Allison Armour

Mercer County, ss.

One of the witnesses to the annexed writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of _____ deceased, the Testat therein named, being duly _____ doth depose and say, that _____ saw the said Testat sign and seal the same, and heard _____ publish and declare it to be _____ last Will and Testament; that at the time of the doing thereof, the said Testat was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, as far as this deponent knows, and as _____ verily believes; and that _____ the other subscribing witness thereto present at the same time with this deponent, and that they together subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testat and of each other.

_____ and subscribed this _____
day of _____ 190 _____, before me. }
_____ Surrogate. }

State of New Jersey,
Mercer County, ss.

Bayard Stockton, James Rea Shields
and Francis Fisher Kane,

the Executors in the annexed writing named, being duly sworn do depose and say, that the said annexed writing contains the true last Will and Testament and Codicil of Charles W. Shields deceased, the Testator therein named, as far as they know, and as they verily believe; that they will, as the Executors thereof, well and truly perform the same, by paying first the debts of said deceased, and then the legacies therein specified as far as the Goods, Chattels and Credits of said deceased can thereunto extend; that they will make and exhibit into the Surrogate's Office of the County of Mercer, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased that have or shall come to their possession or knowledge, or to the possession of any other person or persons for their use, and that they will well and truly account when thereunto lawfully required; and that said Testator died more than ten days ago, to wit, on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1904.


Sworn and subscribed this 5th _____
day of October, 1904, before me. } Bayard Stockton
Chas. M. Titus, Deputy Surrogate. } James R. Shields
Francis Fisher Kane

Mercer County Surrogate's Office.

In the matter of the Probate of the
Last Will and Testament and
Codicil of
Charles W. Shields — } Order for Probate.
Deceased.

Application having been made to me by
Bayard Stockton, James Rea Shields and Francis Fisher Kane, —
the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of
Charles W. Shields, — deceased,
bearing date May 25th — A. D. 1893, and Codicil thereto,
bearing date March 31st A. D. 1903 —
for probate of the said last Will and Testament and Codicil and Letters
Testamentary thereon, and the depositions of one of the subscribing witnesses,
and the proof of the signature of the other subscribing witness to said will
to the said Will and Codicil, and of the said Executors having been duly
taken, and it appearing to me on such proofs that the Will and Codicil
produced are the true last Will and Testament and Codicil of the said
deceased, and that the same were duly executed according to law, and that
more than ten days have elapsed since the death of the Testator, and
no objections appearing thereto,

It is, on this Fifth — day of October — A. D.
1904, ordered and adjudged that the said Will and Codicil be and the
same are hereby established as the true last Will and Testament and
Codicil of the said deceased, and that the same shall be and are hereby
admitted to probate, and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon.

 Surrogate.

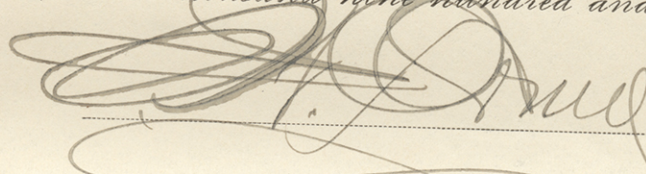
State of New Jersey,

MERCER COUNTY, ss.

I, JOHN W. O'NEILL, Surrogate of the County of Mercer,
do Certify the annexed to be a true copy of the last Will and Testament of
and codicil thereto of Charles W. Shields —
late of the County of Mercer, deceased, and that Bayard Stockton,
James Rea Shields and Francis Fisher Kane, —
the executors herein named, proved the same before me, and are —
duly authorized to take upon themselves — the administration
of the estate of the Testator, agreeably to the said will and codicil. —

Witness my hand and seal of office,
the Fifth — day of October —

A. D. one thousand nine hundred and four —

 Surrogate.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
and codicil thereto
OF

Charles W. Shields,
Deceased.

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