

Will of Catherine Labagh Knapp

I, Catherine Knapp widow of Benjamin S. Knapp formerly of the City of New York deceased, being of sound mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following viz ..

I direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, and I also direct my said Executors to pay out of my Estate any balance which may remain due upon a Bond for one thousand Dollars given by my late husband Benjamin S, Knapp unto Elizabeth Denyse widow of Denyse Denyse [sic] formerly of New Utrecht in the County of Kings.

I give devise and bequeath unto such of the children of John I. Labagh of the City of New York, as may be living at the time of my decease, my Pew number seventy three (73) in the North Dutch Church corner of Fulton and William Streets in the said City –

I give devise and bequeath unto Catherine Knapp McCleary, daughter of David McCleary of the said City of New York Mason, all of my clothes and wearing apparel of every kind –

I give devise and bequeath unto Margaret Carpenter, wife of John Carpenter of New Utrecht aforesaid Physician my Bedstead Bedding and Bed Curtains, and I give devise and bequeath my silver watch which I wear and which formerly belonged to my Father, unto Hugh Smith Carpenter, son of the said Margaret Carpenter –

All the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate and property Real and personal of every nature and kind whatsoever including my Books, the Portrait of my said Husband Benjamin S. Knapp, and the silver Watch which he formerly wore I give devise and bequeath unto David Knapp, Samuel Knapp and Solomon Knapp the Brothers, an[sic] Susan the wife of Francis Gurnee, and Rachel the wife of Jacob Parsells, the sisters of my said Husband Benjamin S. Knapp in Equal shares and portions – To have and to hold the same unto them their Heirs and assigns forever – but if any or either of the said Brothers and Sisters of my said Husband shall be dead at the time of my decease leaving lawful issue him, her or them, surviving, such lawful issue shall stand in the place of, and take amongst and between them the share and portion to which his, her, or their Parent or Parents would have been entitled if living, and I give, devise and bequeath the same accordingly –

I nominate and appoint John Leveridge of the city and County of New York attorney and Counsellor at Law and John Bremner of the same city Grocer the executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills & Testaments heretofore made by me –

In witness whereof, I the said Catherine Knapp have to this my last will and Testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and thirty five –

Witnesses:

John I. Labagh, No 24 Greenwich [sic] St. New York

Isaac Young, No 24 Greenwich St. New York

The original is from New York, Wills and Probate Records 1659-1999 (ancestry.com). Surrogate's Court, Kings County, New York, Vol.6 pp.236-240 (images 438-441) at the following URL:

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