

Last Will and Testament of
Lavinia Goodell, of Jamesville, Wis.

I, Lavinia Goodell, of the City of Jamesville, in the County of Rock and State of Wisconsin, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, in view of the uncertainty of human life do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following: that is to say: -

First: After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I give, grant, devise, and bequeath to my cousin Sarah M. Thomas of the town of Lebanon in the County of New London and State of Connecticut, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever. And I further give, devise, and bequeath to the said Sarah M. Thomas my gold watch, with the chain, fob, and hair cross attached to it, my gold ring, and all my books, with the exception of my French, German, and Latin

books, and the books which I have inherited from my parents; to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

Second: I give, grant, devise, and bequeath to my friend Sarah M. Case of the village of Southold, on Long Island, in the State of New York, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever. And I further give, devise and bequeath to the said Sarah M. Case my gold locket, to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

Third: I give, devise, and bequeath to my sister Maria Goodell Tract of Swartz Creek, in the County of Genesee and State of Michigan, all my clothing, my French and German books, and such books as I have inherited from my parents, all my furniture, both household and office, all my bedding, silverware, jewelry not heretofore specified, and pictures, and my interest in such family

papers, letters, manuscripts and family relics as my said sister and myself have inherited from our parents and now own jointly, to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever. Should my said sister die before I do, it is my will that the said articles specified in this third section of my will as being given, devised and bequeathed to her, be divided, as equitably as possible, between her surviving children, and the child or children of any deceased child of my said sister, by my executors hereinafter named.

Fourth: I give, devise, and bequeath my law books to Miss Angie King of the city of Jamesville aforesaid, provided she shall be engaged in the practice of law at the time of my decease; otherwise to Miss Kate Lane of the city of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

Fifth: I give, grant, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed — provided my said sister Maria survives me —

to my uncle J. Cleveland Cadby,
architect, of Number 111 Broadway,
in the city of New York in the State
of New York, in trust for the following
uses and purposes, namely: he shall
safely invest the same, and keep
the same invested in such manner
as shall, in his judgment, be most
safe and profitable, and shall
apply the net income thereof to
the payment of such expenses as
my said sister Maria shall incur
for her own personal use and
benefit; but neither the said income,
nor any part thereof, shall be
used in defraying the expenses, or
any portion of the expenses of any
member, other than herself, of the
family of the said Maria; nor
shall the said income, or any
portion thereof, be used in defray-
ing the expenses, or any portion thereof,
of any other persons than the said
Maria; nor shall the said income,
or any portion thereof, be used to
pay any debt incurred by the said
Maria for the benefit of any per-
son other than herself; the object

of this provision being to secure to the said Maria, personally, the entire use and benefit of the said income, and to prevent her denying herself the comforts of life for the sake of others who are already sufficiently provided for. At the decease of my said sister Maria, the said trust fund shall be divided into three equal parts, and each part shall be donated, by the trustee thereof, to such person or persons, or corporations or corporations, as said trustee shall deem most trustworthy, one third to be used for the advancement of the cause of woman suffrage, one third for the advancement of the cause of temperance in the direction of total abstinence and prohibition, and one third for the advancement of the cause of prison reform. Should my said sister Maria die before I do, then and in that case I will and direct that my executors hereinafter named divide said test residue, and remainder of my estate

herein specified, and bestow the same, as hereinbefore directed to be done by said trustee in case of the decease of my said sister subsequent to my decease. Should said J. Cleveland Early decline to act as such trustee, or die, or become incapable of so acting, then it is my will that the Court appoint either Miss Angie King, or Sanford A. Huelser, or H. L. Eldred, of Jonesville aforesaid, such trustee; or in case of the unwillingness or inability of each of these persons, that the Court appoint a suitable and trustworthy person as such trustee. And it is further my will that the person acting as such trustee be paid such reasonable sum, annually, from the income of said trust fund, for his or her labor as such trustee, as the Court shall adjudge just and right. The omission of my nephews, the children of my said sister, in making these bequests, is not due to any unfriendly feelings on my part towards them, nor from any lack of affection for them;

but because they are sufficiently provided for by the will of my mother; and for the further cause that, as boys, they are better able to provide for themselves than women are.

Lastly: I hereby nominate and appoint my cousin Sarah M. Thomas aforesaid, J. Cleveland Cady aforesaid, and Sanford A. Hudson aforesaid, executors of this my last will and testament with full power to carry out all the provisions herein specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of July A.D. 1879.

Lavinia Goodell 

The above instrument, consisting of nearly seven pages of legal cap paper was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, sealed, published, and declared by Lavinia Goodell to be her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have

Last will and
testament of
Lavinia Goodell

signed our names at her request
as witnesses, in her presence and
in presence of each other.

Geo H M Carney of Jansville N.Y.
T. W. Palmer of Jansville N.Y.
Clara L. Harrington of Jansville N.Y.

Delivered into Court April 9, 1880
by Sanford A. Hudson