

Copy of Will of Francis M. Drexel

Be it known that I Francis M. Drexel of the City and County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania Banker being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made First, I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as soon as conveniently may be.

Item, I give and devise to my wife Catharine and to her heirs executors, administrators and assigns the dwelling house and lot of ground situated at the south west corner of Locust and Nineteenth Street in said City of Philadelphia containing in front on said Locust Street forty two feet, and in length Southward of that width along said Nineteenth Street ninety five feet to Ann Street together with all my household furniture, Silver plate, library, pictures kitchen and dining utensils, clothing and household stores. I also direct that my wife shall have her dower in all the rest of my real estate during her life. And that she shall have one third of all the rest of my personal estate absolutely to the same extent as if I had died intestate seized and possessed of the same.

Item, As to the remaining part of my real and personal estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated, I make the following dispositions to wit:

1. I give and devise one equal sixth part thereof to my son Francis A. Drexel and to his heirs executors, administrators and assigns forever.
2. I give and devise one other equal sixth part thereof to my son Anthony J. Drexel and to his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.
3. I give and devise one other equal sixth part thereof to my son Joseph W. Drexel and to his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.
4. I give and devise one other equal sixth part thereof to my wife Catharine and to her heirs and assigns in trust for the following uses, intents and purposes, that is to say, to lease and demise the real estate, and to invest the money appertaining to this part in ground rents, bonds and mortgages secured upon real estate or in bonds of the United States of America, of the State of Pennsylvania, or of the City of Philadelphia, and to collect and receive the rents, revenue, interest and profits arising therefrom, and after paying thereout the taxes, rents, costs of repairs and other charges...

Atlantic County, ss:

Mathilde Schmidt Sole Executrix in the within testament named, being duly sworn did depose and say that the annexed instrument contains the true last will and testament of Philipp Ludwig Schmidt the testator therein named. So far as she knows and as she verily believes that she will well and truly perform the same, by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies in the said testament specified, so far as the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased can thereunto extend; and that she will make and ^{exhibit} into the Surrogate Office of the County of Atlantic, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, that have or shall come to her knowledge or possession, or to the possession of any other person or persons for her use and ^{under} a just and true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Sworn and Subscribed at Mays Landing this 28th day of August A.D. 1883 before me } Mathilde Schmidt
J. S. Risley }
Surrogate

State of New Jersey } ss:
County of Atlantic, }

I John S. Risley, Surrogate of the County of Atlantic, do certify the annexed to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Philipp Ludwig Schmidt, late of the County of Atlantic deceased and that Mathilde Schmidt the executrix therein 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.

Witness my hand and seal of office the Twenty eight day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three J. S. Risley Surrogate