

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
WILLIAM E. RAYMOND**

I, William E. Raymond, of the town of New Canaan in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut being of sound, disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain and publish my Last Will and Testament, as follows, that is to say:

First. I direct my executors, hereinafter named, to pay out of my estate all my just debts and funeral charges and the proper expenses of settling my estate. And I direct them to purchase and cause to be erected at my place of burial a suitable monument, at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars, unless I shall procure a family monument before my decease.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary A. Raymond, the sum of twelve hundred dollars for her support and maintenance during the first year that shall elapse from and after my decease, and which shall be payable to her within one month after my decease. I also give and bequeath to her the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to her without interest in one year after my decease; and I also give and bequeath to her all my household furniture, both useful and ornamental, of every description, including all my beds, bedding, books, pictures and parlor ornaments, all my family stores, provisions and fuel for housekeeping, all my wearing apparel, including my watch and chain, all my jewelry and personal ornaments, and all my garden implements and tools; all the aforesaid estate to belong to her and her executors, administrators and assigns forever.

And I give and devise to my said wife, for and during the full term of her natural life, the use and improvement of the following described real estate consisting of three several tracts of land all situated in said New Canaan to wit: One tract, in quantity four acres more or less, being my present homestead with the buildings thereon standing, and bounded northerly in part by land of Burling D. Purdy and in part by land occupied for school purposes, easterly and westerly by highway and southerly by land of Charles Raymond; one tract opposite said homestead, in quantity half an acre more or less, and bounded northerly by land of Solomon Lockwood, easterly by highway, southerly by land of Charles Raymond and westerly by land belonging to the Estate of Samuel Meyers deceased; one other tract, being pasture land, in quantity five acres more or less, and bounded northerly by land formerly of John Keeler, easterly by land of Lewis S. Olmstead, southerly and easterly by highway.

And it is my will that the aforesaid devises and legacies to my said wife, together with the provision hereinafter made for her, shall be to her in lieu and bar of dower in my estate.

Third. I give and bequeath to the Congregational Society of New Canaan, being an ecclesiastical society in said New Canaan of which I am now a member, the sum of three thousand dollars, to be paid to it without interest in one year after my decease, and to be invested at interest and kept and maintained by said Society as a perpetual fund, the annual income only of

which shall be used and applied by said Society for the sole purpose of aiding in the maintenance of Divine service and worship in its church forever. I give this sum partly from a desire to aid said Society, and partly because I have herein imposed upon it certain duties which I hope and trust it will undertake and faithfully discharge.

Fourth. I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal of every kind and description whatsoever, which I shall have or be entitled to at the time of my decease, wherever and howsoever the same may be situated, including all lapsed legacies, if any there shall be, and including the remainder or reversion of the real estate of which I have hereinbefore given the use to my said wife, subject to her said interest therein, to my friends Albert S. Comstock, formerly of said New Canaan, and Edwin Hoyt now of said New Canaan, as trustees, in trust, to have, hold, take care of, manage and dispose of the same in the manner and for the uses and purposes following, that is to say.

Fifth. I authorize and empower said trustees, and their successors in said trust, at their discretion, to sell and convey all and any part of my real estate which I shall have at my decease, with the consent and approval of said Congregational Society of New Canaan, to be expressed by vote of said Society, wherever such real estate may be situated, on such terms and with such security for the payment of any part of the purchase money as shall seem best to said trustees and be approved by said Society; provided, however, that said real estate of which the use is given to my wife shall not be sold during her life.

And I advise that my real estate situated in Hardin County in the State of Iowa be not sold until such sale shall clearly appear to said trustees and to said Society to be to the best advantage, since I believe that said real estate will increase in value, and that it is desirable property to hold for the present.

Sixth. I direct said trustees and their successors to invest my personal estate so given them in trust, and the avails of my real estate whenever the same shall be sold, in such manner as trust funds may now or hereafter be invested by the laws of the State of Connecticut (except that in no case shall the same or any part thereof be invested in the bonds of any railroad company), and from time to time, at their discretion, to take up and reinvest the same or any part thereof, whenever they shall deem it best to do so; and after paying out of the annual income thereof all lawful taxes, and the necessary and reasonable expenses and charges incident to said trust to pay out of the balance or net annual income thereof the sum of twelve hundred dollars in each and every year, and in that proportion for all the parts of a year to my said wife, for her own use, during her natural life, in equal half yearly payments, at the end of every six months, or oftener as may be convenient for said trustees and for her.

And out of any excess of said net annual income, after paying said annual sum to my said wife, I direct said trustees to pay in like manner the sum of seventy dollars annually to Susan E. Comstock, sister of my said wife, for her own use, during her natural life.

Seventh. I direct said trustees and their successors to expend such sums of money as they shall find necessary not exceeding fifteen dollars in any year, out of said net income, in causing my cemetery lot, where I shall be buried, to be kept in a neat and proper condition, and the grass thereon properly cut; and if any repairs shall be needed thereon to any of the tombstones or structures or otherwise, I authorize such trustees to cause such repairs to be made out of said net income.

Eighth. As soon as the net annual income of said residue of my estate so held in trust, after all the foregoing provisions of my will are fully satisfied, shall be sufficient therefor, and so long as said net income shall be so sufficient, I direct said trustees and their successors in said trust to employ, at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars per year, to be paid out of said net annual income in equal quarter yearly payments an orthodox evangelical clergyman of the Congregational Church, duly ordained and of undoubted Christian character, piety, learning and efficiency as a minister of the Gospel, to be designated by said Congregational Society of New Canaan, and to be examined and approved by such association of churches, or ecclesiastical council or body as shall for the time being be customarily called, assembled or consulted by the Congregational Church in said New Canaan connected with said Society and to which I belong, in the settlement of a pastor; which clergyman, while so employed, shall not be settled over nor stately minister to any particular church or congregation, or in any particular place, but whose duty shall be to serve as a home missionary or evangelist in laboring and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such places within the State of Connecticut and to and among such people therein as are destitute of or not easily accessible to, or not disposed otherwise to avail themselves of the ordinary privileges of regular attendance upon Divine worship. And I direct that such clergyman shall act under the direction, in his work, of said Society, or of such committee or committees as said Society may appoint for that purpose (which committee, or a majority of them, I should wish to be members of said church) and that he shall act so far as is possible in harmony and cooperation with the local clergymen, and so as to build up and strengthen and not weaken or divide the local churches. I would have him, so far as possible, preach in school houses or such other places as may be accessible to him, as often as twice in each week, and lecture or conduct other religious meetings as often as once in each week, and from time to time to labor in such special manner as shall for the time being seem to him and to said Society or committee most useful in promoting his work. My advice would be that for the first two years his labors be confined to the county of Fairfield.

Ninth. Such clergyman so employed for the time being shall make report in detail of his labors and so far as he may be able of the results thereof to said Society and said Church as often as once in every six months, and shall further make reports to said Society and to said committee when thereto requested. He shall be dismissed at any time upon the vote of said Society, and another clergyman of like character and qualifications and to be examine and approved in like manner, employed in his place, subject to all the provisions herein contained.

Tenth. Said fund so set apart for the maintenance of such clergyman shall be denominated and known as the Mission Fund of the Congregational Church in New Canaan.

If at any time the net income shall not be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid, then while such deficiency continues, I direct that no such clergyman be so employed, but that the income be added to the principal and the fund accumulate until the same shall produce a sufficient income; provided, that if in the opinion of said society or committee, there shall be special need, for a limited time, in any certain place or places, such clergyman may be employed for such limited time, out of such accruing income. And if, at any future time a salary of sixteen hundred dollars shall, in the judgment of said Society and of said trustees, be insufficient to secure the services of such a clergyman as I have above indicated, then I authorize the payment of such larger salary as they may deem requisite, and direct that, if necessary, the employment of such clergyman be discontinued until the fund shall accumulate sufficiently to produce such annual income as shall be required therefor.

Eleventh. If in any year there shall be an excess of said net income after fully satisfying all the provisions hereinbefore contained, including the employment during such year and the payment of such clergyman, then I direct such excess to be added to and to become part of the principal; provided that if such excess in any year shall be more than two hundred dollars, then I give all of such excess over and above said sum of two hundred dollars to the American Home Missionary Society and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, corporations known by those names respectively, to be equally divided between them, and to be applied to their respective charitable uses and purposes.

Twelfth. But if said Congregational Society shall refuse to perform the duties imposed upon it by the provisions hereof, either at the commencement of said trust or at any future time, or shall by dissolution or otherwise become unable to do so, then, and from thenceforth, I direct that no such clergyman be so employed, and I direct that said trustees fully comply with all the directions herein contained in respect to the payment of said annual sums to my said wife and to said Susan E. Comstock and to the care of my cemetery lot, during the lives of my said wife and of said Susan E. Comstock and of the survivor of them, and I direct said trustees to pay all the expenses of said net income to the American Home Missionary Society and to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions aforesaid, in equal shares, annually, to be applied by them to their respective charitable uses and purposes. And at the decease of my said wife and said Susan E. Comstock, or, as the case may be, upon the refusal of said Congregational Society thereafter at any time longer to discharge the duties so as aforesaid imposed upon it, then I give and bequeath out of said trust fund the sum of three hundred dollars to the New Canaan Cemetery Association, in trust, to invest the same at interest as a perpetual fund, and to use and apply so much as may be necessary of the annual income thereof in the care of said cemetery lot, and to use and apply any excess of said income, and, if necessary, any of the principal in making needed repairs as aforesaid; and I give, devise and bequeath all the residue and remainder of said estate so held in trust, free and discharged of said trust, to the American Home Missionary Society and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions aforesaid, to be equally divided between them, and direct that the share of each of them therein shall be invested at interest and kept and maintained as a perpetual fund, the annual income only of which shall be used and applied by them respectively to their respective charitable uses and purposes.

Thirteenth. Whenever a vacancy shall exist in the office of a trustee under this will, such vacancy may be filled by the Court of Probate having jurisdiction of the settlement of my estate, upon the nomination of said Congregational Society of New Canaan, and an additional trustee may at the request of said Society or of said trustees or either of them be appointed by said Court, so that there shall be three in all. If said Society shall refuse, or unreasonably neglect to make such nomination, then said Court may make such appointment without such previous nomination, provided, that it shall first cause at least eight days' notice to be given to said Society. And I direct that such trustees hereafter so appointed shall be members of said Congregational Society, provided suitable persons shall be proposed or known to said Court who will accept such trust.

Fourteenth. I request that this will be recorded at length in the records of said Congregational Society of New Canaan, and that the same, or so much thereof as relates to said Society, be read at each annual meeting, so that the members thereof may be kept informed of its provisions.

Fifteenth. If any person shall resist the probate of this will, or attempt to have the same set aside, or to defeat the same or any of its provisions, I direct my executors and the trustees under the same to defend said will and the provisions thereof by all lawful means after expenses of my estate.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint the said Albert S. Comstock and Edwin Hoyt executors of this will; and I direct that no bond exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars shall be required of them or either of them as such executors, or as trustees under this will. This limitation of the amount of such bonds is not to be construed to apply to any other person who may be hereafter appointed as their successors.

And I hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Norwalk this 15th day of October A.D. 1883.

/s/ William E. Raymond (seal)

Subscribed, sealed, published and declared by the above named William E. Raymond, the testator, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who have in his presence, at his request, and in presence of each other, hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

/s/ Silas P. Tuttle Norwalk Connecticut

/s/ Thadeus Crawford New Canaan Ct

/s/ Joseph Crawford New Canaan Conn

I, William E. Raymond, of New Canaan in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being of sound, disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain and publish the following codicil to my last will and testament, dated October 15th, 1883, namely.

First. I give and bequeath to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the sum of six hundred dollars, to be used by it in erecting and establishing Missionary Stations or Missions Schools in India, and in the education of children thereat. My attention was drawn to this subject by reading an article entitled "What will one Hundred Dollars do for the Board?" by Rev. John S. Chandler, of Madura, India in the Missionary Herald, a publication issued by said Board, for October 1886; and my desire is that with this legacy three missionary stations or mission school houses be established and erected and that four boys and four girls to be designated by said Board or its agents be educated thereat for one year, substantially as indicated in said article, to which reference is made: but if it is found impossible or impracticable to carry out the plan in detail as there indicated, then it is my desire that said money be used and applied as nearly in conformity thereto as said Board shall find to be practicable.

Second. I give and bequeath to Edith Raymond and Lilian Raymond, daughters of my nephew Samuel H. Raymond, the sum of five hundred dollars each. If either of them shall die before my own decease leaving lawful issue surviving me, then such issue shall together have said sum of five hundred dollars in lieu of their deceased parent. But in case of the decease of either of them before my own decease laving no such issue, then I give the whole sum, to wit, one thousand dollars, to the survivor of them.

Third. It is my will and I order and direct that no part of my estate shall be intestate, and if, for any cause whatever, the share or part of my estate which is given in trust for the support and employment of a Home Missionary or Evangelist, cannot at the outset or at any future time be used and applied to the purposes and in the manner expressed in my said will, then I give, devise and bequeath the whole sum that shall remain thereof, after complying with the other provisions of my said will and of this codicil, and I also give, devise and bequeath any and all parts of my estate which are ineffectually disposed of in and by my said will and codicil, to the American Home Missionary Society and to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to be equally divided between them, and to be kept and maintained by them as a perpetual fund, the income only of which is to be annually applied by them to their respective charitable uses and purposes.

Fourth. I republish and reaffirm my said will in all things except so far as the same is modified by this codicil.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of June A.D. 1887.

/s/ William E. Raymond (seal)

Subscribed, sealed, published and declared by the above named William E. Raymond, the

testator, as and for his codicil to his last will and testament, in presence of us, who have in his presence, at his request, and in presence of each other, hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

/s/ Walter C. Quintard Norwalk Connecticut

/s/ Silas P. Tuttle Norwalk Connecticut

/s/ Henry K. Selleck Norwalk Connecticut

/s/ Joseph Crawford New Canaan Conn.

