

United States of America
Department of State

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

I certify that Nathaniel P. Cousin, whose name is subscribed to the paper hereunto annexed, is now and was, at the time of subscribing the same. Judge of the Orphan's Court of the County Washington, in the District of Columbia, duly commissioned; and that full faith and confidence are due to his acts, as such:

In testimony whereof, I, John Forsyth
Secretary of State, of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name
and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Don at the city of Washington, this nineteenth
Day of December A.D. 1839
And of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-fourth.
[Signed] John Forsyth

The last will and testament of Joseph M. White of Florida.

In the name of God, Amen. I Joseph M. White of Florida considering the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of making a disposition of the property I have acquired other than the law directs me in case of persons dying intestate, I hereby ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others.

Imprimis. I hereby give and bequeath to my affectionate wife Ellen Adair White, my entire property, real and personal consisting of lands, slaves, stocks, bonds, notes, and money; with the exception of the specific legacies hereafter mentioned.

Item. I give to each of the children of my brother John B. White one share of stock in the New Brighton Association of New York.

Item. I also give and bequeath to Phillip S. White, Thomas Foster, son of my sister Maria Foster, and Oscar White of Florida one share each of said stock of New Brighton.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Maria a negro woman named Judy, and her children, being the woman I received from my father after the death of my wife.

Item. I give and bequeath to Phillip S. White my seventy-fourth part of the Town of Winnebago in Wisconsin Territory, and to Jane White a negro boy Wilson (a mulatto son of Mary.)

Item. To each of my sister Elizabeth W. Brayer's children, one share of stock in the New Brighton association.

Item. I hereby direct the sale of my stock in the Brunswick and in the Atlanta Company, upon which ten thousand dollars has been paid by Thomas Butler King and A Colby by contract with me and the proceeds devoted to the education of such of the children of the Brothers and Sisters of my wife, as she may designate.

If in the disposition of providence it shall be ordained, that I shall survive my wife Ellen Adair White, in that event, I hereby direct that the property shall be divided unto equal parts, one of which to be equally divided into four parts, one of which fours, shall

be given to each of the two Brothers of my wife, William & John Adair, and the other two to the children of her two Sisters Margaret and Isabella, and the other half to be divided into four parts, also one of each to given to my brothers Jane Wife John B. & Phillip S. White and the remainder to the children of my two sisters Elizabeth and Marcia. I hereby bequeath to Ann A. Bridges Harriet and her three youngest children after the death of my wife.

I appoint Ellen Adair White my sole executor and direct that no security shall be required of her, and in the event of my surviving her, I hereby appoint John Adair as my sole executor.

Given under my hand and Seal, at Washington September 28th, 1836.

Joseph M. White {seal}

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged in presence of us. -

Michael Nourse

Elias Kane

T.W. Gallaudet

District of Columbia,

Washington County, to wit, December 18th, 1839.

This day appeared Michael Nourse & T.W. Gallaudet, two of the three subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will & testament of Joseph M. White, late of Florid, deceased and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see the testator therein named sign & seal this will that he published, pronounced & declared the same to be his last will & testament that at the time of so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound & disposing mind, memory, & understanding that they together with Elias Kane the other subscribing witness, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will, in the presence & at the request of the testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before,

Ed: N. Roach Reg. Wills

District of Columbia,

Washington County, to wit, I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original *** and recorded in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 19th day of December in the year 1839.

Ed: N. Roach Reg. Wills of Columbia.

Washington County, to wit, I Nathaniel P. Cousin acting Judge of the Orphan's Court for Washington County aforesaid do certify that the foregoing attestation by Edward N. Roach Esquire Register of Wills of the said County is in due form, and that full faith and credit are to be given to his official acts.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Washington this 19th day of Dec. 1839.

Nathaniel P. Cousin

Copy Last Will and Testament of Joseph M. White

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