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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

Levi Coffin

Dec'd,

AND PROBATE OF SAME.

Filed and Admitted,

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Isaac B. Martin

Probate Judge.

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The Last Will and Testament
of Levi Coffin, of Avondale Hamilton County Ohio

I Levi Coffin, of Avondale Hamilton County, state of Ohio, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills, by me at any time made.

First; It is my will that all my legal & just debts be paid, and that the expences of my ~~burial~~ sickness and my funeral expences be first paid out of my Estate.

Second; I do hereby devise and bequeath to my well beloved wife Catharine Coffin, all my Estate real, personal, and mixed, for and during her natural life.

Third; I do hereby devise and bequeath to my son Jesse S. Coffin, the house and lot where he now lives, known as lot fifty four (54) on the Plat of the sub division of lots made by Sylvanus Right Lying on the east side of Spring Street, or County Road in the Village of Avondale, with all the buildings & ^{improvements} there on, to have and to hold, to my said son Jesse his heirs & assigns for ever, but this devise is subject to the life Estate of my said wife

Fourth I do hereby devise and bequeath to my son Henry W. Coffin the homestead where I now reside situated in the Village of Avondale with all the buildings and improvements thereon, the lot extending from Spring Street westward to the line of the Coloned (?)

From Asylum grounds, two hundred & ten feet ~~more or less~~
thence southward along the line of the Asylum grounds one
hundred & fifty feet 150. Thence eastward on the line of the
Asylum grounds to a line parallel with the centre of Spring
street running North & South, one hundred & fifty feet
more or less to the place of beginning ^{It is my wish that a good foot street} ~~these~~ lots, includes my
^{on this line north & south be opened} orchard and all my buildings, to have and to hold, to
my said son Henry his heirs and assigns forever
but this devise is subject to the life estate of my said
wife

Sixth; I do hereby devise all the residue of my estate,
real, personal & mixed to my sons Jesse S. Coffin and
Henry W. Coffin to have & to hold the same to them, and
their heirs and assigns forever, but subject to the life
estate of my said wife

Seventh; It is my will and desire that my Library of Books
be equally divided between my two sons Jesse S. and Henry W.
Coffin after the death of their Mother Catharine Coffin

It is also my will and wish, that the proceeds of the sale of my
Book entitled Reminiscences of Levi Coffin, should be equally
divided between my two sons, after the death of their Mother, and
after all expenses of publication & agency are paid, but this as
all other devise, to be subject to the life estate of my said wife

Eighth I do hereby nominate and appoint Catharine Coffin
and Theophilus Wilson Executor and Executrix of this my will
and direct that no appraisment of my personal property or
sale be made, except to sell such property as my wife
may wish to dispose of, or that may be unprofitable for her to keep,
and that they be not required to give the usual bond
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, this 6th day of March 1877

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared
by the said Levi Coffin as his last
Will & Testament, in our presence
Levi Coffin Seal

and signed by us, as witnesses, in his presence & at his request, and in the presence of each other, the words
It is my wish that a forty feet street on this line South & South
be opened, being first intencined, also the word improvements in
the third item

N. D. Goff
M. A. Green

PROBATE COURT.

HAMILTON PROBATE COURT.

Probate of the last will of Levi Coffin
deceased, presented on the 6 day of Oct A. D. 1877

Personally appeared in open Court Mary A. Green and
M. D. Goff

the subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Levi Coffin
deceased, who being duly sworn, according to law, to
speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in relation to the execution of said
Will, depose and say

that they were present at the making of said Will, and, at the request of the deceased, subscribed
their names to said Will as witnesses, in the presence of the deceased, and of each other; that they
saw the said Levi Coffin deceased, sign
and seal said Will, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament;
that the said Levi Coffin was, at the
time of making, signing, and sealing said Will, of legal age, of sound and disposing mind and
memory, and under no undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court,
this 6 day of Oct
A. D. 1877

Lucas B. Matton

Probate Judge.

M. D. Goff
M. A. Green

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Fourth; I do hereby devise and bequeath to my son Henry W. Coffin the homestead where I now reside situated in the village of Avondale with all the buildings and improvements thereon, the lot extending from Spring Street westward to the line of the Colored Orphan Asylum grounds, two hundred & ten feet more on left thence southward along the line of the Asylum grounds one hundred & fifty feet 150. Thence eastward on the line of the Asylum grounds to a line parallel with the center of Spring Street running north & south, one hundred & fifty feet more or less to the place of beginning. It is my wish that a forty feet street and lots on the line north & south be opened. These lots includes my orchard and all my buildings to have and to hold, to my said son Henry his heirs and assigns forever but this devise is subject to the life estate of my said wife.

Fifth; I do hereby devise all the residue of my estate, real, personal & mixed to my sons Jesse S. Coffin and Henry W. Coffin to have & to hold the same to them, and their heirs and assigns for ever, but subject to the life estate of my said wife.

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Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Levi Coffin as his last Will & Testament in our presence and signed by us, as witnesses, in his presence & at his request, and in the presence of each other, the words It is my wish that a forty feet street on this line north & south be opened, being first interlined, also the word improvements in the third item.

W.D. Goff

M.A. Green