

The Last Will and Testament

Of Bernard G. Wegs of the town
of Mt Sterling in the County of Brown and State of Illinois
made and published the 21st day of October in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Nine Hundred and eighteen

In the Name of God, Amen

I, Bernard G. Wegs of the town
of Mt Sterling in the County of Brown and State of Illinois
of the age of forty nine years, and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish
and declare this my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST.—It is my will that my funeral expenses and my just debts be fully paid.


SECOND.—I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Josephine
Wegs all the real residue and remainder of
my property I may own at the time of my
death whether real personal or mixed and
where so ever located, being or situated
to be hers forever in lieu of widow
award or any all other and give her un
der the statute of this state she however is
to keep and care for our two sons viz
Alfred H. Wegs and Julius H. Wegs, keep
them together as best she can and
when each becomes 21 years of age,
shove either ~~one~~ or both live to the
of that age and has been good sons
then is to pay each of them twelve hundred
and fifty dollars

LASTLY.—I hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved
Wife Josephine Wegs without bond

to be the executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

all expenses were made prior to
signing here of

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 21st day
of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and eighteen

B G Wegs 

The above instrument, consisting of one sheets, was now here subscribed
by Bernard G. Wegs the Testator, in the presence of each of us; and was at
same time declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and we, at his
request, sign our names hereto in his presence as attesting witnesses.

Bertie D. Robbins of Mt. Sterling Ill.
John Schoonhoven of " "
Abbedrick of " "

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Brown County. } ss.

In the Matter of the Estate of *Bernard G. Wegs* Deceased.

The following is a full and perfect Inventory of all the Real and Personal Estate of the said deceased; so far as the same has come to the possession or knowledge of the undersigned *executor* of *said estate*.

REAL ESTATE

VALUE

DOLLS. CTS.

The South West quarter of Sec. 18, except therefrom forty acres in the South West corner thereof in Twp. 1 S. Range 3 W. of the 4th P. M. in Brown Co. Ill. owned in fee simple title supposed to be perfect unincumbered

PERSONAL ESTATE.

No.	CHATELS	No.	CHATELS	
7	head of horses	1	do	\$420-
42	" cattle	"	"	1170-
39	" hogs	"	"	370-
	abt. 100 bush corn in shock			180-
	" 200 " oats			120-
	" 40 " wheat			80-
	" 25 Tons hay			375-
	farming implements & machinery			225-
	part household goods			85-
1	automobile			250-
			Gold	\$3875-
	cash in bank on hand			1000-
				<u>Total \$4175.00</u>

State of Illinois In the county court
 County of Brown December Term A.D. 1919

To the Hon. W. G. Baker judge of said court
 The undersigned executrix of the last will
 of Bernard S. Wege dec. should most re-
 spectfully submit the following as
 her final report as such executrix,
 she having given the required notice of
 this settlement one full year having
 expired since letters were herein ^{ward} issued.

She charges her self as follows to wit
 To personal property as per inventory \$3175.00
 " cash " " " 1000. -
 Total \$4175.00

She asks to be credited as follows
 By cash funeral expenses v. 1 \$266.00 ✓
 " " dr. bill v. 2 35.00 ✓
 " " guards and labor 2.00 ✓
 " " business to Will 1.00 ✓
 " " clerk fees in full v. 3 11.50 ✓
 " " Remon's Message adj. & final settle mt.
 v. 4 6.00 ✓
 " " Hunsman & Parkes v. 5 3,482 ✓
 " " Rev. Neubling funeral etc v. 6 30.00 ✓
 " " John W. Enloe v. 7 60.12 ✓
 " " Astorick atty. v. 8 25.00 ✓
 I have retained a widow and
 sole legatee - will the bal. 3734.83
 Total \$4175.00

I have now fully accounted for all assets of
 said estate paid all estate charges and all

claims the well gives me all personal property
of his partners of funds expenses & debt
I have said same & never ask that
this report be approved & be discharged

Mrs. Josephine Wiggs. Apr 1

The court having examined the foregoing
report and the vouchers a number of them
finds said report to be true and correct that
notice of this settlement has been given and
that said estate has been fully settled
It is ordered that said report be and same
hereby is approved and said estate is dis-
charged

W. G. Baker
County Judge

Exhibit of
Barnard G. Wiggs
died,

Final report
and
Order of discharge

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF BROWN } ss

County
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,

Of the

November

Term, A. D. 1918

In Re Petition for the
Probate of last will
of Bernard G. Wegs
deceased.

~~IN CHANCERY PARTITION.~~

THE ANSWER OF Alfred H. Wegs and Julius H.
Wegs

infantS. who ~~are~~ under the age of ~~their~~ legal majority

by

R. E. Vandewanter Guardian ad litem.

These defendantS., by R. E. Vandewanter their
Guardian ad litem, for answer to said ~~bill~~ ^{petition} filed against ~~them~~ for ~~partition and~~ Probate of a will

by their said guardian say: That ~~they~~ ^{They} are ~~minor~~ infantS,
of tender years, and ignorant of the matters and things alleged against ~~them~~ ^{petition} in said ~~bill~~, and can neither admit
nor deny the same, but call for strict proof, and pray the Court to protect fully all ~~their~~ ^{their} interest in the premises.

And further answering, say:

Alfred H. Wegs
Julius H. Wegs
By R. E. Vandewanter Guardian ad Litem.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Brown County. } SS.

Of the November Term, A. D. 1908
Brown County Circuit Court.

In Re Probating last }
Will of Bernard } In Probate
G. Wegs dec'd } In Chancery.

The Replication of Josephine Wegs
petitioner

complainant to the answer of Alfred W. Wegs and John
H. Wegs by R. E. Vanderwerker their
guardian ad litem
defendant.

The said complainant... saving and reserving to herself all, and
all manner of advantage of exception to the manifold insufficiencies of said an-
swer, for replication thereunto say s that she will aver and prove petition
said ~~bill~~ to be true, certain and sufficient in the law to be answered unto; and that
the said answer of the defendant s is uncertain, untrue and insufficient to be
replied unto by this petitioner complainant, without this, that any other
matter or thing whatsoever in the said answer contained, material or effectual in
the law, to be replied unto, confessed and avoided, traversed or denied, is true, all
of which matters and things petitioner complainant and will be ready to
aver and prove, as this honorable Court shall direct, and humbly pray... as in and
by petition her said ~~bill~~ she has already prayed.

Alfred W. Wegs
Solicitors for defendant

STATE OF ILLINOIS. }
COUNTY OF BROWN } ss.

IN THE BROWN COUNTY COURT.

In Probate. November Term, A. D. 1918.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Bernard G. Wegs
Deceased.

PETITION FOR
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

To the Honorable W. G. Baker Judge of Said Court:

The petition of the undersigned, Josephine Wegs respectfully

represents that Bernard G. Wegs late of the County aforesaid, departed

this life at his late residence

on or about the 21st day of October A. D. 1918, leaving at the time of his

death a Last Will and Testament; Probate of said Will and proof thereof having been made, together with proof of death,

and the names of heirs-at-law and legatees; all of which having been duly entered of record on the 21st

day of November A. D. 1918.

Your petitioner further represents that said deceased left at the time of his death an estate consisting of

houses cattle hogs grain hay and
farming implements

being estimated to be worth about thirty five hundred Dollars.

Said Last Will and Testament having named Josephine Wegs

as Executor thereof, who is present, ready and willing to accept and undertake the said office and trust so confided in.

THEREFORE, May it please your honor to grant Letters Testamentary to said

Josephine Wegs who is ready and willing to take the oath

prescribed by the statute, and enter into bond in such sum and with such securities as may be approved by your Honor.

Dated Nov, 21st A. D. 1918.
Josephine Wegs

STATE OF ILLINOIS. }
COUNTY OF BROWN. } ss.

Josephine Wegs

being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts averred in the above Petition are true, according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21st day of Nov A. D. 1918.

Attest
W. G. Baker

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

Estate of Bernard G. Wegs Deceased.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In County Court November Term 1918
County of Brown.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come—GREETING:

Know Ye, That whereas Bernard G. Wegs

late of the County of Brown and State of Illinois died on ~~or about~~ the
21st day of October A. D. 1918, as it is said, after having duly made and published

his last Will and Testament, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed, leaving at the time of his death, property in this State, which may be lost, destroyed, or diminished in value, if speedy care be not taken of the same; and inasmuch as it appears that

Josephine Wegs has been appointed Executor, in and by the last Will and Testament to execute the same:

Now, to the end that said property may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, and that the said Will may be executed according to the request of the said Testator, we do hereby authorize her the said Josephine Wegs as such Executor, to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Bernard G. Wegs at the time of his decease, in whosoever hands or possession the same may be found in this State; and well and truly to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon her by the said Will, so far as there shall be property, and the law charge her and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are or hereafter may be required of her by law.

WITNESS H. A. Perry Clerk of the
County Court of said County of Brown at his office in Mt. Sterling this 21st
day of Nov. A. D. 1918, and the Probate Seal of said Court hereunto
affixed.

H. A. Perry Clerk.
By _____ Deputy.

ESTATE of Bernard G. Wegs DECEASED.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In County Court November Term, A. D. 1918
County of Brown,

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR, That this writing contains the true last Will and Testament of the within named Bernard G. Wegs deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies mentioned therein, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and credits, as may come to my hands or knowledge, belonging to the estate of the said deceased, and render a fair and just account of my executorship, when thereunto required by law, to the best of my knowledge and abilities; so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court, before me this Josephine Wegs
21st day of
Nov. A. D. 1918

Asst. Clerk Clerk. By _____ Deputy.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF BROWN } ss.

IN THE BROWN COUNTY COURT,

In Probate October Term, A. D. 1918

I, H. A. Perry County Clerk

in and for the County aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the 30th day

of October A. D. 1918, I sent by mail a copy of a Petition, asking that the Last Will and

Testament of Bernard G. Wegs late of Brown

County, be admitted to Probate, said Petition being now on file in my office, to

Josephine Wegs, Alfred H. Wegs and

Julius H. Wegs all of Mt Sterling

Illinois.

In pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved
June 3d, 1897; in force July 1st, 1897.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this

30th day of October A. D. 1918

H. A. Perry Clerk.
(By H. A. Perry, dpl.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF BROWN } ss.

Mt. Sterling, Ill. December 14 1918

The undersigned publishers of the Democrat-Message, a public newspaper,
of general circulation in said Brown County, Illinois, published in the city,
county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that a notice, of which the an-
nexed is a true copy, has been regularly published one time each week in the
aforesaid newspaper for four successive weeks,

the first publication being on the 23rd day of November 1918
and the last publication on the 14th day of December 1918

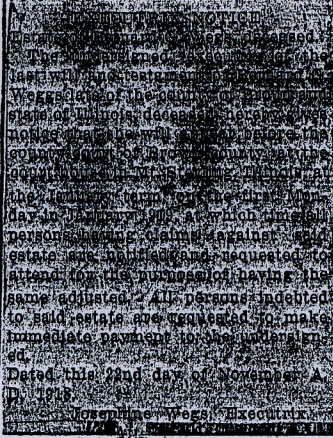
And we further certify that said newspaper has been regularly published
for a period of more than six (6) months prior to the first publication of said
notice at the city, county and state aforesaid.

Davis & Davis Publishers.

By W. B. Davis one of the publishers of
said Democrat-Message.

Publishing fee \$ 6.00

Received payment,



FINAL SETTLEMENT.
 To the legatees under the last will of Bernard G. Wegs, deceased, and all others interested.
 Take notice that the undersigned, executrix of the last will of Bernard G. Wegs, deceased, will on Saturday, December 6, 1919, file in the county court her final report as such executrix and will then and there ask an order of said court approving her said report and discharging her as such executrix.
 Dated this November 25th, 1919.
JOSEPHINE WEGS, Executrix.
 A. Hedrick, Att'y.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 COUNTY OF BROWN } ss.

Mt. Sterling, Ill., Nov. 26 1919

The undersigned publishers of the Democrat-Message, a public newspaper, of general circulation in said Brown County, Illinois, published in the city, county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that a notice, of which the annexed is a true copy, has been regularly published one time each week in the aforesaid newspaper for one successive week, the first publication being on the 26th day of Nov. 1919 and the last publication on the _____ day of _____ 191

And we further certify that said newspaper has been regularly published for a period of more than six (6) months prior to the first publication of said notice at the city, county and state aforesaid.

By Davis & Davis Publishers.
W.B. Davis one of the publishers of said Democrat-Message.

Publishing fee \$ _____
 Received payment,

PROBATE OF WILL—Democrat-Message Print.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 COUNTY OF BROWN } ss.
 In Probate November Term, A. D. 1918

Personally appeared in open court Gertrude D. Robbins and John Schoonhoven

subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Bernard G. Wegs late of Brown County deceased, who, being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say, each for himself, that the foregoing is the Last Will and Testament of said Bernard G. Wegs deceased that they subscribed their name thereto as the attesting witnesses at the request of said testator and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, on the 21st day of October A. D. 1918. That he then and there subscribed his name thereto in our presence, and declared the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that the said testator at the time of executing the same as aforesaid was of full age, of sound mind and memory and under no constraint.

Gertrude D. Robbins
John Schoonhoven
 Subscribed and sworn to in open court, this 21st day of November 1918
H.A. Berry County Clerk.