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Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte's

Last Will & Testament

Exhibited, proved and filed on
the 29th day of June 1870 ~
same day recorded in "Ullis"

Liber J. H. B. " No 36 "
Folio 259 v. & Communica

J. Harmant Brown
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I, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: -

Firstly, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Susan May Bonaparte, for and during her natural life, the three groundrents, amounting together to the annual sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.), which I hold in the lands in the said City of Baltimore, described in the following named deeds: -

(1.) The deed from John S. Gittings and wife to me, dated the thirty first day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty eight, recorded among the land records of said Baltimore City in Liber G.E.V. No 162, folio 267 &c, describing property fronting an Exchange Place and running back to and fronting on Second Street, - the same being leased at a rent amounting to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.) in the year; - (2.) The deed from Solomon Corner and wife and others to me, dated the eleventh day of March Eighteen hundred and fifty one, recorded among the said land records of said Baltimore City, in Liber A.W.B. No. 452 folio 481 &c, describing property at the lower or southern portion of Smith's Wharf, being subject to a lease yielding the sum of twelve hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,260.) in the year; - (3.) The deed from William

McCann and wife to me, dated the ninth day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and recorded among the said land records in Liber E. D. no. 118 folio 50 &c, describing property on the East side of South Gay Street, between Lombard and Second Streets, yielding the sum of Two hundred and forty dollars in the year of ground rent.

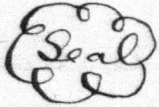
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my said wife absolutely, all my household furniture, books, plate, wines, liquors, and my horses and carriages.

Thirdly, I give, devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue and remainders of my estate real and personal (including the reversion after my wife's death of all my estate in the lots of ground described in the deeds herein before recited) to my sons Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte and Charles Joseph Bonaparte, to be equally divided between them share and share alike;

And finally, I do hereby constitute and appoint my said two sons to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and testaments at any time here before by me made, and declaring this to be my sole last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I the said Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte have hereunto subscribed my name and affix:

ed my seal on this twenty first day of March
in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and seventy.

Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte 

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte,
the above named testator, as and for his
last will and testament, in the presence
of us the subscribers, who, at his request,
in his presence, and in the presence of
each other, have subscribed our names as
witnesses thereto

J. Williams
W. Williams
G. Morris

executed in triplicate one copy deposited with Mr Kim & Co
one Mr Bonaparte one in my bag.

The Undersigned Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte
 appointed one of
 the Executors in the last Will and Testament of Jerome Napoleoa
Bonaparte late of Baltimore City, deceased,
 do hereby refuse to act as Executor of said Will and do therefore renounce all my
 right to **LETTERS TESTAMENTARY** upon said deceased's Estate, and all right, title
 and claim, that I may, or could have had, by virtue of said appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name
 this First day of July 1870

Witness

H. Donaldson

J. N. Bonaparte



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Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte's
Estate

Renunciation of
Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte

Received to be recorded on
the 1st day of July 1870 &
same day filed and recorded
in "Liber J. H. B.
No 36. Folio 260. — and
examined.

J. Harman Brown
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I, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say: -

Firstly, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Susan May Bonaparte, for and during her natural life, the three ground-rents, amounting together to the annual sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) which I hold in the lands in the said City of Baltimore, described in the following named deeds: - (1.) The deed from John S. Gettings and wife to me, dated the thirty first day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty eight, recorded among the land records of said Baltimore City in Liber G. E. S. No. 162, folio 267 &c, describing property fronting on Exchange Place and running back to and fronting on Second Street, - the same being leased at a rent amounting to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.) in the year; - (2.) The deed from Solomon Corner and wife and others to me, dated the eleventh day of March Eighteen hundred and fifty one, recorded among the said land records of said Baltimore City, in Liber A. W. B. No. 452, folio 481 &c, describing property at the lower or Southern portion of Smith's Wharf, being subject to a lease yielding the sum of Twelve hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,260.) in the year; - (3.) The deed from William McCann and wife to me, dated the ninth day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and recorded among the said land records in Liber E. D. no. 118 folio 30 &c, describing property on the East side of South Gay Street, between Lombard and Second Streets, yielding the sum of Two hundred and forty dollars in the


year, of ground rent.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my said wife, absolutely, all my household furniture, books, plate, wines, liquors, and my horses and carriages.

Thirdly, I give, devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real and personal (including the reversion after my wife's death of all my estate in the lots of ground described in the deeds here in before recited) to my sons Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte and Charles Joseph Bonaparte, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike;

And Finally, I do hereby constitute and appoint my said two sons to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and testaments at any time heretofore by me made, and declaring this to be my sole last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I the said Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this twenty first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte. 

Signed sealed published and declared

by Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, the above named testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, the subscribers, who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wm. Williams

J. Williams

Ed. Morris Jr

I, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Firstly, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Susan May Bonaparte, for and during her natural life, the three ground rents, amounting together to the annual sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) which I hold in the lands in the said City of Baltimore described in the following named deeds:— (1.) The deed from John S. Gittings and wife to me, dated the thirty first day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty eight, recorded among the land records of said Baltimore City in Liber G. E. S. No. 162; folio 267 &c, describing property fronting on Exchange Place, and running back to and fronting on Second Street, - the same being leased at a rent amounting to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.) in the year; - (2.) The deed from Solomon Corner and wife and others to me, dated the eleventh day of March, Eighteen hundred and fifty one, recorded among the said land records of said Baltimore City in Liber A. W. B. No. 452 folio 481 &c, describing property at the lower or southern portion of Smith's Wharf, being subject to a lease yielding the sum of Twelve hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,260.) in the year; - (3.) The deed from William McCann and wife to me, dated the ninth day of December, Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and recorded among the said land records

in Lib. E. D. no. 118 folio 50 &c, describing property on the East side of South Gay Street, between Lombard and Second Streets, yielding the sum of Two hundred and forty dollars in the year, of ground rent.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my said wife, absolutely, all my household furniture, books, plate, wines, liquors, and my horses and carriages.

Thirdly, I give devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real and personal (including the reversion after my wife's death of all my estate in the lots of ground described in the deeds hereinbefore recited) to my sons Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte and Charles Joseph Bonaparte, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

And finally, I do hereby constitute and appoint my said two sons to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and testaments at any time heretofore by me made and declaring this to be my sole last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I the said Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this twenty first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte the above named testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us the subscribers, who, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

William McKim BND. June 29th 1870.

Wm. T. Dickinson BND. June 29th 1870

Louis McKim BND. June 29th 1870

Baltimore City, ss.

On the 29th day of June 1870

came William McKim
and MADE OATH ON THE HOLY EVANGELY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, that he do ~~th~~ not know of any Will or Codicil of Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte late of said City, deceased, other than the above Instrument of Writing and that he received the same from the Testator on the 21st day of March 1870, and since that time has retained possession of the same. That the Testator departed this life
on ~~or about~~ the 17th day of June 1870.

Sworn to in open Court.

TEST:

J. J. Carman Brown
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

Baltimore City, ss.

On the 29th day of June 1870

came William McKim, William E. Dickinson and Louis McKim
the three
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte late of said City, deceased, and MADE OATH ON THE HOLY EVANGELY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, that they did see the Testator sign and seal this Will; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they ~~together with~~

they subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court.

TEST:

J. J. Carman Brown
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

In Baltimore City Orphans' Court:

The Court, after having carefully examined the above last Will and Testament of

Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte late of Baltimore City, deceased, ~~together with the Codicil thereto attached,~~ and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this Twenty ninth day of June 1870, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine last Will and Testament a ~~Bill~~ of the said Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte deceased.

Is. B. Alders
Thos. Bond
Edw. R. Daniels

June 29th 1870

William, Mr. King swears that he
received this will from the testator
on the 21st March 1870 and since that
time has retained possession of same -
knows of no other will whatever writing
in nature of a will. Testator departed
this life on the 17th day of June 1870 -

Richard D. Jones