

1881

Susan May Bonaparte's
Estate

Renunciation of
Jerome N. Bonaparte

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Jest: Robert T. Banks

Registrar.

I, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, appointed an executor
in the last will and testament of Susan May Bonaparte
late of the City of Baltimore, deceased, do hereby refuse to act
as an executor of said will, and do therefore renounce all
right to letters testamentary upon said deceased's estate, and
all right title or claim that I may or could have had, by
virtue of said appointment

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe
my name this 19th day of September in the
year 1881

J. N. Bonaparte

witness

W. Reynolds

In the name of God, Amen! - I, Susan May Bonaparte, of the City of Baltimore, do make and execute this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: -

After my funeral expenses and all my just debts are paid,

I give, devise, and bequeath all my estate, real, personal and mixed, and all property and all rights to a interest in property which I have power to dispose of by last will and testament, (however the power may have been conferred upon me), One half thereof to my son Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte for and during his natural life, and One half thereof to my son Charles Joseph Bonaparte, for and during his natural life;

And after the death of my son Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, I give devise and bequeath the one half of all the estate and property aforesaid, being the half so devised and bequeathed to him for life, to his children living at the time of his death, share and share alike, subject, however, to an annuity of Two thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, to the widow of my said son, if he should leave a widow, during her natural life;

And after the death of my son Charles Joseph Bonaparte, I give, devise, and

bequeath the one half of all the estate and property aforesaid, being the half so devised and bequeathed to him for life, to his children living at the time of his death, share and share alike, subject, however, to an annuity of two thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, to the widow of my said son, if he should leave a widow, during her natural life; + In case either of my sons should die leaving no children living, then the one half of the property aforesaid, being that so devised and bequeathed to said son for life, I here by devise and bequeath to his brother for his life, and ^{after} the death of the said brother, to the children of said brother, share and share alike, but in all cases subject to the said annuity of two thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, to the widow of my said son so dying, during her natural life; ~ my purpose being, that there shall be this provision for the widows of my sons, whether my said sons or either of them should die with or without leaving children.


In the expression "children", used in the foregoing clauses of this will, I mean to include descendants of any deceased child of either of my said sons, which descendants shall in all cases stand in the place of the said child deceased.

If both of my said sons and all their children and descendants should die before the whole of the estate by this will devised and

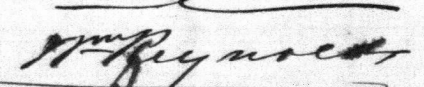
bequeathed shall become vested absolutely under the terms of said will, then such part of said estate as has not then become so vested absolutely, shall pass to my right heirs and next of kin, according to the nature thereof.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my said two sons, Jerome Napoleon, and Charles Joseph, to be executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made, and declaring this to be my sole last will and testament.

I, however, except from the operation of the preceding provisions my furniture, plate, wines and liquors, which I give and devise to my said two sons Jerome Napoleon and Charles Joseph, share and share alike. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal on this thirtieth day of March — Eighteen hundred and seventy six.

Susan May Bonaparte 

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the above-named testatrix, Susan May Bonaparte, as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us the undersigned, who at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have signed our names as witnesses hereto, — the word "after" being first interlined in the fifteenth line of the second page.

Notarially proved by Mr. Reynolds M. Donaldson chosen and sworn
JMS. Sept 19th 1881 
JMS. Sept 19th 1881 James Carey Jr.

Baltimore City, ss.

On the 19th day of
September 1881 came William Reynolds,
and made Oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty
God, that he was well acquainted with the Hand-
writing of Thomas Donaldson (now deceased)
one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
Last Will and Testament of Susan May Bonaparte
late of said City, deceased, and verily believes
that the signature of "Th. Donaldson," as a Witness
to the foregoing Last Will and Testament of the
said Susan May Bonaparte, is in the Handwriting
of the said Thomas Donaldson.

Sworn to in Open Court,
Test: Robert S. Banks, Register of Wills for
Baltimore City.

Murphy & Co. Printers & Stationers, 182 Baltimore street, Baltimore.

Baltimore City, ss.

On the 19th day of September 1881,
came William Reynolds and James Carey Jr.
two of the

subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Susan May Bonaparte
late of said City, deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God, that they did
see the Testatrix sign and seal this Will; that they heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same
to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of their
apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they together with
Thomas Donaldson, the other subscribing Witnesses

subscribed her name as witnesses to this Will in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of
each other.

Sworn to in open Court.

TEST:

Robert S. Banks
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

in respect of said annuities so that the same shall be payable without deduction.

Second. I give to each one of my servants who at the time of my decease shall have been in my service for five years, or longer, the sum of Five hundred Dollars. And I direct my executors to pay the collateral or other tax chargeable in respect of said gifts, so that the same shall be paid without deduction.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy eight.

Susan M. Bonaparte Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Susan May Bonaparte, the above named testatrix, as and for a codicil to her last will and testament in the presence of us who, at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Out of process of Court

W. M. Sept 19 #1581

Thos. J. Morris

W. Mackenzie

Out of process of Court

W. E. Cushing

Sw J. DeBarkunzie proved signature of Thos J Morris & Wm E. Cushing
W. M. Sept 19 #1581

BALTIMORE CITY, ss.

On the 19th day of September 1881
came John Stewart

and MADE OATH ON THE HOLY EVANGELY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, that he doth not know of any Will or Codicil of Susan May Benaparte late of said City, deceased, other than the above instrument(s) of writing, and that he

~~received the same from~~ found the same after the death of the Testatrix in her private Box and delivered the same to the Executor. And that the Testatrix departed this life on ~~or about~~ the 15th day of September 1881.

Sworn to in open Court.

TEST:

Robert J. Banks
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

Baltimore City, ss.

On the 19th day of September 1881,
came James S. Mackenzie, one of the

~~subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will and Testament of~~ ^{codicil to the} Susan May Benaparte

late of said City, deceased, and ^{codicil} made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix sign and seal this ~~Will~~; that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was, to the best of his apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that he together with

Thomas J. Morris & William E. Cushing, the other two

~~subscribing Witnesses thereto~~ ^{codicil} subscribed their name as witnesses to this ~~Will~~ in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to in open Court.

TEST:

Robert J. Banks
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

Baltimore City, So.

On the 19th day of
September 1888 came Dr. James S.
Mackenzie and made Oath on the Holy
Evangelies of Almighty God, that he is
well acquainted with the signatures of
Thomas J. Morris and William E.
Cushing two of the subscribing Witnesses
to the foregoing Codicil to the Last Will
and Testament of Susan May Bonaparte
late of said City, deceased, and verily
believes that the signatures of "Thomas J.
Morris and "W. E. Cushing," as Witnesses
to the foregoing Codicil to the Last Will
and Testament of the said Susan May
Bonaparte, are the true and genuine
signatures of the said Thomas J. Morris
and William E. Cushing.

Sworn to in open Court.

Jest: Robert P. Banks, Register of
Wills for Baltimore City

Murphy & Co., Printers & Stationers, 123 Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

In Baltimore City Orphans' Court:

The Court, after having carefully examined the above last Will and Testament of
Susan May Bonaparte late of Baltimore City, deceased, together with the Codicil
thereunto attached, and also the evidence adduced as to its validity, Orders and Decrees, this 19th
day of September 1881, that the same be admitted in this Court as the true and genuine
last Will and Testament and Codicil of the said Susan May Bonaparte deceased.

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Geo. W. Simsbury
John K. Caryall

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Susan May Bonaparte's

Last Will & Testament

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Exhibited, proved and

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Test: Robert T. Banks.

Register.

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Balt. Sept 19 1881

John Stewart Swears
that he found this Will
after the death of the
Testatrix in his private
box and delivered the same
to the executor, and that
he knows of no other
papers or writings in the
possession of a Will
Testatrix departed
this life on the 15th
day of Sept 1881

J. M. Swearing