

4 No. 404

PROBATE COURT

—FOR THE—

County of St. Clair.

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ESTATE OF

*C. L. Crane*

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*deceased*

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## Will of E. L. Crane.

Last Will and Testament of E. L. Crane: = To my wife I will the house and lot of land in Tippecanoe in and on which we now live and also a part lot immediately south of said lot and all there is in or on said lots in fee simple to dispose of as she pleases, also that said premises at the expense of my estate be kept in good repair also that all taxes be paid on the same, and in addition to the above. I will she have paid her one hundred dollars monthly also fuel and light, so long as she may live, and to secure the above bequests to my wife. I hereby encumber all of my real estate. I will my estate be divided equally (after my wife has her share between my three children, William, Van, and Allie, each of them, according to my estimate, have had Five thousand dollars of which I make no account here, but above this, at the present time William has had Five thousand dollars more than Allie, and Van has had Thirty three thousand dollars more than Allie, this must all in the final distribution be made equal. To William and Allie I will all the real estate I have in Miami County, Ohio, for them to divide between themselves, as they can agree, but not to disturb my present arrangement more than they can well help. To Van I will all the real estate I own in the State of Ohio Michigan, of course all my real estate must be valued either by my heirs as they can agree or by disinterested persons selected by themselves, or appointed by court any other lands of which I may die possessed can be divided among themselves or sold, and proceeds divided. If my executor should find in my papers any notes of hand assigned to other persons he of course will hand over all such notes to the persons to which they are assigned, and not administer on them as any

part of my estate. If they should be assigned to any of my heirs they will simply increase the amounts such heirs have already had of my estate, and said heir charged accordingly. At my death I want my executor to conduct the affairs of my means so long as my wife lives, just as he finds they were conducted by me while living, and the final distribution of my property will be at the death of my wife. To Allie I will her share to her as long as she lives and her heirs after her. I constitute my son William Executor of this will, and do not require he give any bond. My Executor may use a thousand dollars of my estate for cemetery purposes as William has lands joining mine I want Allie to accommodate him in the selection of such lands as now joins his. The bequest to my wife is instead of any right of dower she might have by law. Wane share is willed to him as long as he lives and his children thereafter. The undersigned persons at the request of the testator have signed their names as witnesses to this will, this 11 day of July A.D. 1885.

E. S. Crane Testator .SS

A. W. Miles - Jos. Benham, witnesses.

A codicil to the above will.

There is thirty one thousand and six hundred dollars of the means willed to Wane in the above bequest and given to him mostly in form of promissory notes on different persons which is subject to the following conditions he has the use of the means as long as he lives, on conditions that he pays yearly to E. S. Crane on his estate a thousand dollars so long as E. S. Crane and his wife may live. But at the death of Wane E. Crane said thirty one thousand six hundred shall be divided into four equal parts and Wane's widow, if he leaves one, shall inherit one of the parts by virtue of this codicil, and the heirs of his body in legal marriage the other three parts. The required sum to be paid yearly in equal monthly payments has up to the present been paid. The undersigned

persons at the request of the said E. S. Crane have signed their names as witnesses to this codicil this 5 day of December A.D. 1885.

A. W. Miles - Joseph Benham.

Second codicil to this Will.

The above provisions in this will are so far changed as to require what was given to Wane, is hereby willed to Wane's children, as begotten as above, direct from me to them. And Wane is hereby constituted his children's agent, to manage for their benefit their share of my estate as long as he may live. Wane having for such management twelve hundred dollars yearly in

A. W. Miles - Jos. Benham, witnesses.

A codicil to the above will.

There is thirty one thousand and six hundred dollars of the means willed to Wan in the above bequest and given to him mostly in form of promissory notes on different persons which is subject to the following conditions he has the use of the means as long as he lives on condition that he pays yearly to E. S. Crane on his estate a thousand dollars so long as E. S. Crane and his wife may live. But at the death of Wan E. Crane said thirty one thousand six hundred shall be divided into four equal parts and Wan's widow, if he leaves one, shall inherit one of the parts by virtue of this codicil, and the heirs of his body in legal marriage the other three parts. The required sum to be paid yearly in equal monthly payments has up to the present been paid. The undersigned

persons at the request of the said E. S. Crane have signed their names as witnesses to this codicil this 5 day of December A.D. 1886.

A. W. Miles - Joseph Benham.

Second codicil to this Will.

The above provisions in this will are so far changed as to require what was given to Wan, is hereby willed to Wan's children, as be gotten as above, direct from me to them. And Wan is hereby constituted his children's agent, to manage for their benefit their share of my estate as long as he may live. Wan having for such management twelve hundred dollars yearly in monthly installments. Wan also to have homestead where he can live free of charge. So far as the first codicil to this will may come in conflict with this one the first is hereby set aside. The yearly sum of a thousand dollars in monthly installments must in all events be paid to E. S. Crane or his wife as long as either lives, the three shares into which my estate is to be divided I wish be made equal, each bearing an equal burden. The undersigned at the request of E. S. Crane the testator have herunto signed their names as witnesses this the 20 day of Feb. A.D. 1886.

E. S. Crane testator.

A. W. Miles - Jos Benham witnesses

If at my death Wm. and Allie find any notes assigned to them, they must pay three per cent thereon as a fund for my wife's support is to help make up the \$1200 yearly. 3 per cent yearly  
E. S. C.

If it is not necessary for my wife's support any of my heirs do not pay to my executor what is required by them they must be charged with it, as so much they have had of my estate.  
E. S. C.

# PROBATE OF WILL.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That, on the 26 day of January A. D. 1887, the following proceedings concerning the foregoing Will were had in the Probate Court of Miami County, Ohio, and entered on the journal thereof in the words and figures following, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF

Deceased

A. D. 1887

IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF

*Codicils*  
of E. S. Crane Deceased.

WILL PROVEN.

January 26 - 1887

An instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. S. Crane, late of Monroe in this county, deceased. was produced in open Court for probate, and it now being shown to the satisfaction of the Court, that due notice of the production of said Will and of the application to admit the same to probate and record in this Court, has been given to *waived by all* next of kin of the testator, therefore *A. W. Miles and J. B. Benham*

*Codicils*  
the subscribing witnesses to said Will, having been duly qualified, in open Court, and having testified to the due execution and attestation of said Will, *Codicils* which testimony was reduced to writing, and by them respectively subscribed, the Court now finds that the aforesaid instrument of writing is the last Will and Testament, *Codicils thereto* of said *E. S. Crane*, deceased; that the same was duly executed and attested; and that the said Testator, at the time of signing the same, was of lawful age, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and under no undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever. It is therefore, by the Court ordered, that the said Will, *Codicils* be admitted to Probate, and that the same, together with the testimony of the witnesses above named, be filed and entered of record in this Court.

W. J. CLYDE, Probate Judge.  
PROBATE JUDGE,

The testimony, taken in relation to the execution of said Will, is in words and figures following, to-wit:

IN PROBATE COURT, } In the Matter of proving the last Will and Testament of E. S. Crane Deceased.  
*Miami* }  
County, Ohio.

STATE OF OHIO, *Miami* COUNTY, SS.

*A. W. Miles*, being duly sworn and examined as a witness in the above entitled matter, says: I was present at the execution of the instrument now shown to me, bearing date the 11 day of July A. D., 1885, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament of *E. S. Crane*, late of *Monroe* township, in said county of *Miami* deceased, and saw the said *E. S. Crane* now deceased, sign said instrument, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament, and I thereupon, at his request, and in his presence, subscribe my name to the same as a witness.

The said decedent, at the time of so executing said instrument, was upwards of Eighty years of age, and was of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint.

Sworn to and subscribed, before me this 26 day of January, A. D., 1887.  
H. M. Miles  
M. J. Lyda Probate Judge.

THE STATE OF OHIO, Miami COUNTY, ss.  
Joseph Benham, being duly sworn and examined as a witness in the above entitled matter, says: I was present at the execution of the instrument now shown to me, bearing date the 11 day of July, A. D. 1885, and offered for probate as the last Will and Testament, of E. S. Crane, late of Morroe township, in said county of Miami deceased, and saw the said E. S. Crane now deceased, sign said instrument, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament; and I, thereupon, at his request, and in his presence, subscribed my name to the same as a witness. The said decedent; at the time of so executing said instrument, was upwards of Eighty years of age, and was of sound mind and memory, and not under any restraint.

Sworn to and subscribed, this 26 day of January, A. D., 1887, before me.  
Joseph Benham  
M. J. Lyda Probate Judge.

STATE OF OHIO Miami COUNTY, ss.  
I, M. J. Lyda Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said county, hereby certify the foregoing to be a complete and true copy of the last Will and Testament, of E. S. Crane deceased, and the testimony of witnesses to prove the same, together with the orders and entry of probate in said Court, made concerning the same.

Witness my hand and official Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D., 1887.  
M. J. Lyda Probate Judge.



IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
BEFORE ME  
I HAVE FILED FOR RECORD  
THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 1887.  
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT

COPY OF WILL

—OF—

*E. S. Crane Decd.*

Admitted to Probate,

the *26* day of *January*

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Attest:

*J. Lyda*

Probate Judge.

*Recd & filed this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1889  
J. W. Murray  
Probate Judge*

4 No. 569

PROBATE COURT

—FOR THE—

County of St. Clair

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ESTATE OF

*C. L. Crane*  
*deceased*

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State of Michigan, } ss. Probate Court for said County.  
County of St Clair

To Joel Avery Judge of Probate for said County.

In the Matter of Proving the last Will and Testament of C. D. Crane  
late of the State of Ohio deceased.

Your petitioner would respectfully represent to the Court that he is interested in the above matter as executor of said deceased; that said deceased departed this life at his home, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of Miami, and State of Ohio, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 188\_\_\_\_, leaving a last will and testament bearing date the 11 day of July, 1887, which is herewith deposited and filed in said Court:

that said will is in writing and signed by the said testator, and is attested and subscribed by A. W. Nick and Jos. Benham two competent witnesses; that said witnesses attested and subscribed said will in the presence of the said testator and at his request, and that the said testator at the time he executed said will, was twenty-one years of age and upwards, and was of sound mind and under no restraint or undue influence whatever, as your petitioner is informed and verily believes \_\_\_\_\_

Your petitioner further represents that the said deceased, at the time of his death, was an inhabitant or resident in said County of Miami & State of Ohio, and was possessed of real and personal estate situate and being in said County of St Clair and elsewhere, to be administered, and that the estimated value of the personal estate is the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, and of the real estate the sum of Seven thousand dollars, or thereabout, as your petitioner is informed and verily believes.

And your petitioner further represents that the names, ages, residence and relationship to the deceased of the legatees and heirs at law of said deceased, and other persons interested in said estate, as your petitioner is informed and believes, are as follows:

Van C. Crane of St Clair Co. Mich. Alie and your petitioner of the State of Ohio.

Your petitioner further shows that said will was duly proved & allowed by the Probate Court of the County of Miami in the State of Ohio on the 26 day of January 1887, according to the laws of said State, that duly authenticated copies of said will & of the probate thereof in said Court have been filed in said Court.

Your petitioner further represents that said deceased has estate situate in said County of St Clair upon which said will will operate of the value of \_\_\_\_\_

that there are two creditors that executed according to the laws of the State of Ohio

Twelve thousand dollars as your petitioners wish believe

Your petitioners therefore asks that due notice of the time and place fixed for hearing this petition, and that such copy of said will be allowed, filed and proved by this Court as and for the last will and that letters testamentary of said estate be granted to

Your petitioner therefore prays the Court to appoint a time and place for proving said will, and that due notice thereof be given to all persons interested as the Court shall direct, and that said will may be allowed and admitted to probate, and that administration of said estate may be granted to Wm W. Crane your petitioner

the executors named in said will, or to some other suitable person, and that such other and further order and proceedings may be had in the premises, as may be required by the statutes in such case made and provided.

Dated 14th Ohio Wm W. Crane

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

County of Miami } ss.  
Wm W. Crane

the above named petitioner, being duly sworn, say that he has read the foregoing petition by him signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated on his information and belief, and as to those matters he believe them to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to at Springfield O, this 14th day of March, A. D. 1888, before me,

Ellis H. Kern, Notary Public  
Miami County O.

(518)  
PROBATE COURT  
FOR THE

County of \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTATE OF  
Edward L. Crane  
deceased

PETITION FOR THE PROBATE OF A WILL.  
Probate Court Springfield  
County of Springfield A. D. 1888

Filed and Recorded in Liber \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_  
J. M. M. M. M.  
Judge of Probate.

**PROBATE ORDER.**—State of Michigan,  
County of St. Clair, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county of St. Clair, held at the Probate Office in the city of Port Huron, on the ninth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Present, Joe. W. Avery, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of E. L. Crane, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Wm. L. Crane praying for the allowance of a duly authenticated copy of the will of E. L. Crane, deceased, and the probate thereof in the probate court of Miami county, in the state of Ohio, now on file in this court, and for the appointment of himself as executor thereof.

It is ordered that Monday, the 7th day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing thereof.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the TIMES, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of St. Clair.

JOE. W. AVERY,  
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR. } ss.

being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Wm. Phillips of L. A. Sherman the printer and publisher of the Times, a newspaper printed and published in the County of St. Clair, in said State; that the annexed printed notice has been duly published in said newspaper at least once in each week for 3 successive weeks, immediately preceding the day of hearing mentioned in said notice, and that the first insertion thereof was on the 14th day of May 1888, and the last insertion on the 28th day of May 1888.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of May A. D. 1888.

W. M. Phillips  
Geo. A. Acup  
Notary Public, St. Clair Co., Mich.

**PRINTER'S BILL.**

3 Folios, 3 times, \$ 4.20  
Affidavit of publication, 25

Received Payment,

Fred H. Sherman  
445  
For Port Huron Times Company.

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