

I, CHARLES W. HOPKIN of the town of Roxbury, County of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument as and for my last will and testament, in manner and form following, hereby expressly revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

FIRST I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid as soon as may be conveniently done after my death.

SECOND I give, devise and bequeath to said town of Roxbury a certain piece or parcel of land, being a building lot, situated in said town and the village of Roxbury, opposite the Protestant Episcopal Parsonage in said town, (said building lot having been conveyed to me by Seth Warner, and for a description thereof reference is hereby made to the land records of said town of Roxbury) for the uses and purposes herein after in the next succeeding clause mentioned.

THIRD I give and bequeath to said town of Roxbury Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) upon the following terms, conditions and requisites and for the uses and purposes hereinafter set forth:

(a) Of said sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) a sum of not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be set apart and is hereby appropriated for the building and erection of a library building upon said lot hereinbefore in the second clause hereof described, together with the necessary and proper heating and lighting plants and apparatus, and shelving and fixtures. The outside walls of said library building shall be constructed of Mine Hill Granite, and shall be laid in the same manner as called for and provided in the plans of the Protestant Episcopal Church now in process of erection in Litchfield, Connecticut.

(b) The balance of said sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be and remain a permanent and perpetual trust fund, to be administered by the trustees hereinafter provided for, the income, interest and avails thereof to be used for the proper heating and lighting of said library building and the care of said building and the enclosure wherein said building is erected. If the income, interest and avails of said balance of said Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) be more than is sufficient and necessary for the

heating, lighting and care aforesaid, then and in that event the surplus of such income, interest and avails shall be used in purchasing new books for said library.

(c) Said Library shall be forever known as "The Hodge Memorial Library" and intended to perpetuate the memory of my respected father, Albert L. Hodge,

(d) Said library building shall contain (as per building plans) one room of sufficient size and of suitable location therein, wherein can be hung and deposited pictures, writings and other articles of historic kind of the Hodge Family, and also that said room shall be used as a place where relics and other articles of historic value of any and all kinds, appertaining to said town of Roxbury may be deposited and permanently preserved.

(e) The government of said library, and the management of all trust funds shall be vested in five trustees, who shall serve as such without pay or compensation of any kind, and who may be of either sex, to be elected by said town as follows; after this bequest and the devise in clause second become available, said town at its next annual town meeting, due warning being had for that purpose, shall by ballot elect said trustees, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years and one to serve five years. At each successive annual town meeting one trustee shall be elected by said town in like manner to serve five years.

(f) The privileges of said Library shall be forever open and free to all the residents and inhabitants of said town of Roxbury, under such regulations as said trustees may provide.

If I have prior to my decease erected or caused to be erected a library building for the benefit of the people of said town of Roxbury, or made provision in any manner for the same, or made provision in any manner for the endowment of the same or any similar library in said town, or if the provisions of this, the third clause of my will and the second clause of said will, shall not be accepted by said town in the annual or special town meeting duly called and warned for that purpose, there and in that event

this, the third clause and said second clause shall be and become null and void of none effect, and shall be and become cancelled and abrogated.

FOURTH I give and bequeath to Christ Episcopal Church Society of said Roxbury, Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00) to be held, kept and preserved as a permanent and perpetual trust fund and to be know as "The Jane Wells Hodge Fund" and the interest and income only of said trust fund to be applied to and used for the painting and necessary repairs of the Church and parsonage of said Society, so far as the same may be necessary. Any surplus of income of said trust fund shall be used for the heating of said Church and toward the salary of the Minister of said Church.

FIFTH I give and bequeath to said town of Roxbury One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) a permanent and perpetual fund, the interest and income only thereof to be used for and applied to the care and if necessary the replacement of the shade trees, and the planting and care of flowering shrubs between said trees, on the public highway leading from Roxbury Center, and running northerly to the Washington Town Line.

SIXTH I give and bequeath to said Town of Roxbury Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) as a permanent and perpetual trust fund, the interest and income only thereof to be used for and applied to the care, upkeep and mowing of and the re-erection of fallen grave stones, in the several cemeteries of said town.

SEVENTH I give and bequeath to the Center Cemetery (or by whatever official name the same may be known) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a permanent and perpetual trust fund, the interest and income only thereof to be used for and applied to the care, maintenance and improvement of the entire Cemetery and grounds of said Cemetery.

EIGHTH I give and bequeath to said town of Roxbury Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) as a permanent and perpetual trust fund, the interest and income only thereof to be used for the help and assistance of those residents of said town who may be temporarily in need, and at a time when such assistance will accomplish the most good. Should the interest and income of said fund exceed in any year, the amount required to accomplish the purposes and objects intended by the creation of the trust, that the surplus of said income shall be applied to the support of the public schools of said town.

TENTH I give and bequeath to my housekeeper, Naomi Ketallick, of said Roxbury, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to her absolutely, provided, however, that she shall be in my service and employment at the time of my decease.

TENTH All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of every name and kind, and wheresoever the same may be situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Elizabeth J. Pons of Devon, in the Town of Milford, Connecticut, to her and her heirs absolutely. If the said Elizabeth J. Pons predeceases me, then and in that event, I give devise and bequeath said residue and remainder to my niece Adelaide J. Pons, the daughter of said Elizabeth J. Pons, to her and her heirs. If both Elizabeth J. Pons and Adelaide J. Pons should predecease me, then and in that event I give, devise and bequeath said residue and remainder to said Town of Roxbury, to be invested and held as a permanent and perpetual trust fund, and the income and interest only thereof to be used for and applied to the general expenses of said town.

ELEVENTH If I have in my lifetime made provision for the objects mentioned in clause four, five, six, seven and eight of this will, or any of them, then and in that event, such matters and objects in said clauses as have been provided for, either expressly or in similar manner, or in the same or different amounts, or in similar terms, shall be and become null and void/^{and} of none effect, and any of such clauses shall by such act of mine become at once annulled and abrogated.

TWELFTH I do not name an executor of this will, and the failure to do so is intentional, as I hope and desire during my lifetime to be able to carry out some of the provisions of this, my will, while living, being fully satisfied that the proper Probate Court will appoint some suitable person to administer my estate, and one who would be as acceptable to me as though I were to appoint him myself.

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the Town of New Milford this 21st day of April 1920.

CHARLES W. HODGE

WITNESSED BY:

Robert E. Murphy
Thomas S. White
William B. Bull