

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1857  
I Lawrence H. Burdette knowing  
the uncertainty of life - being of sound  
mind & conscious of settling my  
worldly affairs and directing how  
the property of which I am possessed  
shall be disposed of after my decease  
do make & publish this my last will  
& testament - My will is that Sarah J.  
Beckwith my step daughter have eighty  
dollars. 1 feather bed. 1 of my best  
flannel sheets. 1 pair cotton sheets  
one pair pillow cases. 1 comfortable  
my large table & table wit cloth. To  
her three children Estella Barrows. Ellen  
Beckwith & John Beckwith ten dollars each  
To <sup>the</sup> five children of my step daughter  
Lydia C. Roe viz. George W. Roe  
Charles Roe John C. Roe Sarah Roe  
& Mary Wendt ten dollars each

of said sum, viz. a sum of  
one thousand eight hundred and ninety

two  
John B. Law Clerk  
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

Also twenty dollars to be paid  
Charles Roe to purchase grave stones  
for his mother Leylein to Roe.

To Estella Barrows my large yellow  
wood. Her son Arthur Barrows five  
dollars & the small lamp he gave  
me.

To my grand nephews - Fred  
P Curtis, Arthur B Curtis - Charles  
E Curtis - and John C Curtis - each  
five dollars. My niece Hattie W.

Wilton two hundred dollars for her  
sacrifice in giving my sister Betsy  
a home. My clock & best quilt - piece  
from one of mine & my mother's dresses.

To Adelaide E Pendleton my best-  
feather bed. one of my best flannel  
sheets - diamond star quilt - blue &  
white - curulet - one pair cotton sheets  
two fair pillow cases. chest of drawers  
red shawl. the dishes that were my  
sister Betsy's & any others she wants.

To George W. Curtis & Mary his wife ten  
dollars.

To my nephews. He will be with  
one hundred dollars and  
my large bible

went grave stones bought for my  
father & my brother Theron & Nettie.  
To remainder Nettie one pair blanket an  
a pair of wool blankets (short). The  
remainder of my bedding to be divided  
between Sophia & her two daughters. Sarah  
Ragner & Mary Wentworth. The things  
from Cousins lent me are to be returned  
to her. My clothing & remaining effects  
to be divided between Sarah Beckwith  
& her two daughters Estella & Sarah  
Ellen Beckwith. Adelaide Pennington &  
Hattie Hatch. & they are to give things to  
other friends not mentioned in this at  
their discretion. The house I live in  
can be moved away by making  
road the other where this joins it.  
If Mrs. Johnson is then minded  
would like him to have it. He can  
live in it where it is - if the owner

of the place on which it stands  
 gives his consent - or he can make  
 it away. If he does not have it  
 it can be sold to the highest bid  
 if there is any thing left after paying  
 any funeral expenses & the above  
 distributions made - the remainder  
 is to be equally divided between  
 my nephews & nieces - viz. John  
 Curtis. Edmund B. Curtis. Palm  
 S. Daniels. Loren A. Daniels. Walter  
 A. Fitch. Samarian Jones. Del  
 Jones. Addie Pundleton. Clara  
 Burr & Frank Fitts. & George A  
 Fitts.

I do hereby appoint my son  
 Frank S. Fitts executor of  
 my last will & testament.

Lovina F. Co

J. G. Brown Witness  
 Hattie A. Fitts

Surrogate's Court,  
 County of Chenango, State of New York.

Be it Remembered, That in pursuance of Section 2629 of the Code of Civil Procedure,

I hereby Certify, that on the  
 6th day of

Surrogate's Court, County of Chenango

In the Matter of the Judicial Settlement of the account of Frank L. Fitts, as executor of the Will

of

Lovina F. Carpenter, deceased.

To the Surrogate's Court of the County of Chenango:-

I, Frank L. Fitts, the executor of the Will of Lovina F. Carpenter, late of the town of McDonough in said county of Chenango and state of New York, deceased, do respectfully render the following account of my proceedings as such executor, for final settlement and allowance, to wit:-

The following is a true statement of all the personal property of the said deceased which has come to my knowledge, and particularly all money, bank bills and other circulating medium belonging to the said decedent, and all just claims of the deceased against me, according to the best of my knowledge, to wit:-

- 4 pr cotton sheets, 1 pr flannel sheets, 1 pr linen sheets, 1 pr cotton and wool sheets, 3 pr cotton pillow cases, 1 pr linen pillow cases, 6 quilts, 2 comforters, 1 coverlet, 2 feather beds, 2 pr pillows, 1 blanket shawl, 1 Thist shawl, 1 stove, 1 lamp, 1 bedstead, 1 chest of drawers, 1 table, 1 table oil cloth, 2 rockers, 1 clock, 5 sadirons, 1 cord of wood, 1 soap stone, 1 bible, 3 calico dresses, 1 black alapaca dress, 1 small towel, 1 old blanket shawl, 1 crepe shawl, 5 pr cotton stockings, 6 pr woolen stockings, 1 lounge spread, 3 flannel skirts, 1 lounge frame, 3 chairs, 1 set dishes small, 1 boiler, 2 stands, 1 chest, 1 trunk, 1 kettle, 1 tea kettle, 1 spider.

A note made by Elijah A. Brown for \$100., dated October 13, 1890, due 3 days after its date with interest. Endorsed: interest to June 13, 1891; \$4. A note made by Frank L. Fitts for \$25.00, dated Aug 22, 1888, payable 1 yr interest to Oct 13, 1892 \$8.00; July 8, 1898 \$10.00 pd

A note made by Frank L. Fitts for \$25.00 dated Aug 29, 1888, payable 1 yr after its date with interest. Interest endorsed to Feby 14, 1892.

A note made by Frank L. Fitts and Angeline Fitts for \$350.00 dated Feb

2,1891, payable 3 years after its date with interest. Interest endorsed to Feby 14, 1892.

A note made by Frank L. Fitts for \$350.00 dated April 15, 1893, payable 7 years after its date, with semi-annual interest. No endorsements.

Besides the above mentioned endorsements the following payments were made upon the three last mentioned notes, to wit: -1892 June 14 1.52, 1.00; Aug 27 5.00; Dec 29 5.00; 1893 Aug 7 10.00; Aug 25 5.00; Oct 19 10.00; 1894 Jan 15 15.00; Feb 10 25.00; Mch 26 20.00; May 17 5.00; July 30 15.00; Aug 23 10.00; Oct 1 10.00; Dec 4 10.00; Dec 8 15.00; 1895 Jan 2 15.00; Jan 31 5.00; Mch 2 2.00; Mch 7 5.00; Mch 12 10.00; Mch 21 30.00; Mch 21 25.00; July 8 10.00; Nov 26 25.00; Dec 9 15.00; 1896 Jan 27 5.00; Jan 27 3.00; Mch 6 39.00; Feb 26 10.00; May 17 10.00; Aug 3 5.00; Sept 29 20.00; Oct 24 10.00; Dec 12 20.00; Dec 26 3.25; 1897 Jan 25 10.00; Apr 3 10.00; May 10 10.00; May 10 15.00; May 29 5.00; July 2 30.00; July 2 5.00; Aug 16 10.00; Aug 16 10.00; Oct 26 20.00; Oct 26 20.00; Dec 24 10.00; Dec 24 20.00; 1898 Apr 25 10.00; do 5.00; July 8 5.00; Aug 8 5.00; Sept 26 58.00; Oct 3 10.00; Dec 29 10.00; do 21.00; 1899 Feb 24 3.00; Feb 25 6.00; Feb 23 3.50; Mch 20 10.00; Apr 17 10.00; June 9 5.00; July 17 28.00.

Balance due on the three notes of Frank L. Fitts at the death of the testatrix June 8 1899 \$185.96

#### RECEIPTS

|  |               |
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| Sold the stove for                               | 2.00          |
| Collected of Elijah A. Brown in full of his note | 144.50        |
| Amount remaining due on Frank L. Fitts notes     | <u>185.96</u> |
| Total receipts                                   | \$332.46      |

#### EXPENDITURES

Paid funeral expenses as follows:-

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Pettis & Co, undertakers  | 55.00 |
| P. Dodge digging grave    | 5.00  |
| E. Harvey caring for body | 1.00  |
| Elder Barrows, minister   | 3.00  |
| T. E. Wands, tombstone    | 20.00 |

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| L. Rogers setting same  | 5.00           |
| Livery  | 5.00           |
| Telephone messages  | 1.36           |
| Mrs Coville care of house   | 1.75           |
| Total funeral expenses  | <u>\$97.11</u> |
| Paid for expenses of administration:-                             |                |
| 1899 June 12 Horse to McDonough                                   | 2.00           |
| 21 do   | 2.00           |
| 22 do 1/2 day   | 1.00           |
| 21 telephone  | .70            |
| Aug 15 Fare to Norwich  | .36            |
| Oct 12 Horse to Norwich   | 1.50           |
| 13 do   | 1.50           |
| 18 Car and bus fare   | .86            |
| 19 Fare to Binghamton to serve citations                          | 2.04           |
| 18 Pd for serving citations                                       | 5.00           |
| " for horse in serving citations                                  | 1.50           |
| Nov 8 Pd J.G. Brown, witness fees                                 | 1.52           |
| 2 Hattie A. Fitch do  | .50            |
| 1900 Mch 5 Car fare to Norwich                                    | .36            |
| Pd for horse to get receipts from legatees                        | 1.25           |
| " Oxford Times for publishing citation and notice<br>to creditors | 14.75          |
| " bill of Charles W. Brown, attorney                              | 32.88          |
|   | <u>72.52</u>   |
| Total expenses of administration                                  | <u>\$69.52</u> |
| Paid debts as follows:-   |                |
| To George S. Weaver, physician                                    | \$60.00        |

No other claim has been presented against the estate, except that of Frank L. Fitts hereinafter mentioned, and no other assets have come to my hands as executor.

RECAPITULATION

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Total receipts | \$332.46 |
| Paid out:-     |          |

|                              |          |                  |          |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| For funeral expenses         |          | 97.11            |          |
| " expenses of administration |          | <del>70</del> 52 |          |
| " debts                      |          | 60.00            | 229.63   |
| Balance on hand              | (102.83) |                  | \$107.83 |

I have delivered to the following named legatees the specific articles given them by the Will, as follows:-

To Arthur Barrows, 1 lamp

" Sarah J. Beckwith 1 feather bed, 1 flannel sheet, 1 pr cotton sheets, 1 pr pillow cases, 1 comfortable, 1 large table, 1 table oil cloth.

To Estelle Barrows 1 large yellow bowl

To Almada W. Fitts 1 pr cotton and wool sheets.

To Frank L. Fitts 1 bible.

To Adelaide F. W. Pendleton 1 feather bed, 1 flannel sheet, 1 diamond star quilt, 1 blue and white coverlet, 1 pr cotton sheets, 1 pr pillow cases, chest of drawers, 1 red shawl, the dishes that were aunt Betsey's.

To Hattie A. Fitch 1 clock.

To Estella Barrows, Hattie A. Fitch, Sarah J. Beckwith, Ellen Conant

Adelaide E. F. Pendleton, jointly, all the rest of the personal property of the testatrix, except money and notes, not given to others as above.

THE EXECUTOR presents with this account a claim against the estate in his own favor for \$90.00 for services rendered by him in the care of the testatrix and her estate for the six years previous to her death, and asks that it be allowed to the extent of the remaining assets of the estate left after the payment of <sup>credit to</sup> expenses of the final accounting.

THE FOLLOWING are the names of all persons entitled to a share of the personal estate of the deceased, with their respective places of residence and relationship, none of which persons are minors, to wit:-

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mary Burr                | a niece residing at Lodi, Ohio. |
| Hattie A. Fitch          | " " Norwich, N. Y.              |
| Adelaide E. F. Pendleton | " " " "                         |
| Lorena A. Daniells       | " " Reed, Colorado              |
| Palmyra L. Daniells      | " " Arborville, Kansas          |

I am, your petitioner.



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| George H. Fitts   | a nephew residing at Iowa Falls, Iowa. |
| Delos Towslee   | " " Brisben, N.Y.                      |
| Lovorian Towslee  | " " Moravia, N.Y.                      |
| John T. Curtis  | " " Eubanks, Ky.                       |
| Edmund B. Curtis  | " " 407 B. St N.E. Washington, D.C.    |
| Sarah J. Beckwith   | " " Oxford, N.Y.                       |
| Estella Barrows   | " " McDonough, N.Y.                    |
| Ellen Comstock  | " " Boonville, N.Y.                    |
| Jennie Beckwith, administratrix of the estate of John D. Beckwith, decd | residing at Norwich, N.Y.              |
| Charles Roe   | " at Preston, N.Y. (P.O. Oxford, N.Y.) |
| Sarah Wagner  | " Georgetown, N.Y.                     |
| Mary E. Wentworth   | " Earlville, N.Y.                      |
| Arthur Barrows  | " McDonough, N.Y.                      |
| Fred B. Curtis  | " Somerset, Ky.                        |
| John C. Curtis  | " " "                                  |
| Arthur B. Curtis  | " Denison, Texas                       |
| Charles E. Curtis   | " Fackler, Ala.                        |
| Almeda Fitts  | " Lodi, Ohio.                          |
| Mary Curtis   | " McDonough, N.Y.                      |

THE BALANCE ON HAND belonging to said estate, as shown by the preceding statement, is the sum of \$102.83<sup>(102.83)</sup> which is subject to the deductions to be made for commissions, the amount of which is claimed to be the sum of \$16.62, and subject also to such amount as may be allowed as costs and expenses of this accounting.

Dated this 18th day of June 1900.

*Frank L. Fitts*  
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*mi Fitts*

State of California )  
 Tehama County ) ss:-

Frank L. Fitts being duly sworn, says that he is the executor named in the foregoing account; that the said account is in all respects just and

true; that the same, according to the best knowledge and belief of deponent, contains a full and true account of all the receipts and disbursements on account of the estate of Lovina F. Carpenter, deceased, and of all sums of money, and of all property belonging to the estate of said deceased, which has come into the hands of deponent as such executor, or which have been received by any other person by his authority, or for his use, and that there is no error or omission in said account to the prejudice of any of the parties interested in the estate, to the knowledge or belief of deponent.

Deponent further says that the sums under twenty dollars charged in said account for which no vouchers or other evidences of payment are produced, or for which he has not been able to produce vouchers or other evidences of payment, have actually been paid and disbursed by deponent as charged.

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me~~  
~~this June, 1900.~~

*Frank L. Pettit*  
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*Frank L. Pettit*  
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~~Notary Public in and for~~

*Subscribed and sworn to before me*  
*this 16th day of July 1900.*

*W. A. Fish*

Clerk of Superior Court,  
Tehama County, California.

