

Appendix E

Transcript of Valentin Blatz' Will

Register of Probate, File 10517

Last Will & Testament of Valentin Blatz

Know all men by these Presents that I, Valentin Blatz of the city of Milwaukee in the State of Wisconsin, do hereby make publish and declare my last will and testament as follows:

First. I hereby revoke and annul any and every testamentary disposition of my property heretofore made by me.

Second. I hereby give and devise to my beloved wife Louise Blatz, in case she shall survive me my homestead on Van Buren street in the city of Milwaukee with all my household furniture and effects both useful and ornamental, all wearing apparel and personal ornaments, and the carriages, sleighs, horses, harnesses and appurtenances kept for family use, also my place on the Whitefish Bay road near Milwaukee, consisting of about seven acres of land with the buildings thereon and known by the name of Ferne Brae, together with all the furniture and effects both useful and ornamental belonging to or used in connection therewith. I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife, as long as she shall live, the annual sum of Ten Thousand dollars, to be paid to her by my executors hereafter named in equal quarterly payments; said devises and bequests to be accepted by her in lieu of dower.

Third. I give and bequeath to Cora, Selma, Elsie and John Blatz (so called) children of John Braun, the oldest son of my wife, who is now deceased, and who during his lifetime was generally known as John Blatz the sum of five thousand dollars each. Such sum of five thousand dollars shall be set apart and invested for each of said children by my executors until each child shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty years, and the income thereof shall be paid to him or to her after that time as the same shall be received each year.

The principal sums shall be held by my executors in trust until each child shall respectively arrive at the age of thirty years; provided that if any of said girls shall marry before arriving at such age and my executors shall be satisfied that it will be to her advantage and that the same will be well cared for and not wasted, they are hereby authorized in such case to pay over to her said principal sum or such

part thereof as they may think best, and provided also that in case said John Blatz shall before his thirtieth year desire to use said principal sum bequeathed to him or part thereof in business and my executors shall be satisfied that it is prudent and safe, and that he can be safely trusted not to waste the same, they may at any time pay over to him said principal sum or such part thereof as they may think best, and provided further that in case my executors shall have reason to believe in the case of any of said four legatees at the time when he or she shall arrive at the age of thirty years that for any reason it will not be prudent and best to pay over to her or to him said principal sum they shall be authorized and are hereby directed to withhold said principal sum and continue to invest the same paying to the beneficiary the income thereof so long as they shall deem proper, and if necessary throughout the lifetime of such beneficiary, after which it is to be paid to her or his heirs.

Fourth. Subject to the foregoing devises and legacies and subject to the payment of my past debts (if any) I give devise and bequeath all my property real and personal, and all I may be in any wise interested in at the time of my death, in equal shares to my five children, viz., Louise Kremer (who is in all respects to be treated as one of my own children) Albert Blatz, Emil Blatz, Valentin Blatz Jr. and Alma Kletzsch, and to their respective heirs forever. In case any of my said five children should die prior to my decease his or her share of said inheritance shall go to his or her lawful heirs.

Fifth. I nominate and appoint my son-in-law John Kremer and my sons Albert Blatz and Valentin Blatz Jr. executors of this my last will and testament giving to them full power and authority to do all things required to carry out the provisions of this will and I hereby give to my executors power and authority to sell real estate and to convey the same when in their judgement it shall be advisable so to do, and I request that said executors be not required to give an official bond with sureties but that the personal bond be taken of each. It is my wish and I direct that Mr. John Kremer as one of my executors have charge of, and represent the estate in, all the interests of the estate in the Second Ward Savings Bank.

Sixth. I further provide and direct that that [sic] my said executors pay the following legacies, and the provisions of paragraph fourth of this will are hereby made subject to the same.

- To the German and English Academy of Milwaukee the sum of three thousand dollars.
- To the Nord Amerikanische Turnlehrer Seminar, at present located at Milwaukee the sum of two thousand dollars.
- To the Associated Charities of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To the St. Mary's Hospital of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.

- To St. Rose Orphan Asylum of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To The Milwaukee Orphan Asylum of said city the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To The Wisconsin Industrial School of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To the Deutsche Gesellschaft in Aid of Immigrants of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To the Wisconsin General Hospital of Milwaukee the sum of one thousand dollars.
- To the Home for the Aged in charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To the Home for the Friendless of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To the Wisconsin Phraseological Institute for Deaf and Dumb of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To the House of the Good Shepherd located in the town of Wauwatosa in the county of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To St. Vincents Infants Asylum of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To The Milwaukee Infants Home of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To St. John's Home for Old Ladies of Milwaukee the sum of five hundred dollars.
- To The Milwaukee Protestant Home for the Aged the sum of five hundred.

All of said sums to be paid as soon as convenient but not later than one year after my death.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament, written on this and six like sheets of paper this 17th day of February 1894.

Valentin Blatz

The foregoing instrument written on seven sheets of paper like this all in the handwriting of Mr. F. C. Winkler of Milwaukee, was on this 17th day of February 1894 in our presence executed by said Valentin Blatz and then and there by him declared to be his last will and testament, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

F. C. Winkler of Milwaukee Wis
AAL Smith of Milwaukee, Wis.