

SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the matter of proving the last Will and Testament

of Joseph Peckham DECEASED.

Chicago County, SS. Oscar W. Kean and Horace D. Slack  
being first duly sworn, in open Court, upon their several corporeal

oaths, each for himself, doth depose and say, that they are subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the Town of Mexico in the County of Chicago and State of New York deceased. And these deponents do further say, that the said Joseph Peckham deceased, did in the presence of each of these deponents, subscribe his name at the end of the instrument in writing, which is now here shown to these deponents, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, and which bears date on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four. That the said deceased did at the time of subscribing his name to the said instrument as aforesaid, declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their own respective names at the end of said instrument, as attesting witnesses to the execution thereof, each at the request of the said deceased, and in his presence and in the presence of each other; That the said deceased, at the time of so subscribing his name to said instrument as aforesaid, and publishing said instrument as aforesaid, was upwards of twenty-one years of age, and a citizen of the United States; that he appeared to be, and deponents believe he was of sound mind, memory and understanding, and not under any restraint, and as deponents verily believe, in all respects competent to devise real estate; that each of these deponents saw the other sign his name to said instrument in the presence of the said deceased.

Oscar W. Kean  
Horace D. Slack

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
12 day of June A. D. 1864  
J. W. Skinner  
Chicago County, SS.

It appearing upon the proofs duly taken in respect to the last Will and Testament of Joseph Peckham late of the Town of Mexico in the County of Chicago and State of New York, deceased, that the said Will was duly executed, and that the said Joseph Peckham at the time he executed the same, was in all respects competent to devise real estate, and not under restraint, the said last Will and Testament and the proofs and examinations are hereby recorded, signed and certified by me, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, this 12 day of June A. D. 1864  
J. W. Skinner Surrogate.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
Joseph Peckham Deceased.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That heretofore, to wit: on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four in the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Joseph Peckham late of the Town of Mexico in the County of Chicago deceased, appeared in open Court, before the Surrogate of the County of Chicago and made application to have the said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT which relates to both Real and Personal Estate proved; and on such application, the said Surrogate did ascertain by satisfactory evidence who were the heirs at law and next of kin of the said testator, and their respective residences,

and said Surrogate did thereupon issue a Citation in due form of law, directed to the heirs at law, and next of kin by their respective names, stating their respective places of residence in the village of Mexico in said County, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1864 requiring them to appear before said Surrogate at his office to attend the Probate of said Will.

And afterwards to wit: on the 12 day of June A. D. 1864 satisfactory evidence by affidavit, was produced and presented to said Surrogate, of the due service of said Citation in the mode prescribed by law; and on that day no one appearing to oppose the Probate of said Will such proceedings was thereupon had in said Court afterwards, that the said Surrogate did the proofs of said Will. Laminated set forth, upon this 12 day of June A. D. 1864 and he thereupon adjudged the said Will to be a valid Will of Real and Personal Estate, and the proofs thereof to be sufficient, which said last Will and Testament and proofs are as follows, that is to say:

WILL: