next of Kin of the said deceased & some of them appearing to be minors under the age of twenty one leaving no general guardian or special guardian were thereupon appointed. To take care of the interest of said minors in the matter of proving the last will & testament of the said deceased by an order for that purpose entered in due form of law by the said Surrogate & the said Surrogate did thereupon issue a Citation to said heirs at law next of kin & special guardian by their respective names stating their respective places of residence & requiring them to appear before said Surrogate on this 31st day of July 1854 at the Surrogate's Office in the City of Chicago then & there to show cause why the probate of said will, and afterwards to wit on the day & at the place last aforesaid satisfactory evidence by affidavit was adduced & presented to the said Surrogate of the service of said citation in the mode prescribed by law & on that day no one appearing to oppose the probate of said will such proceedings were then & there had that the Surrogate took the proofs of said will hereinafter set forth & on this 31st day of July 1854 at the place aforesaid he adjudged the said will to be a valid will of real & personal estate & the proofs thereof to be reduced which said will & testament & the proofs thereof are as follows that is to say

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Leach of the town of Sandwich in the County of Kane and State of Illinois being of the age of seventy years and being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I give and devise to my daughter Mary Ann Robinson the sum of forty dollars. I give and devise unto my daughter Catharine Gilbert the sum of forty dollars and to my daughter Amanda Leach the sum of forty dollars which said sums are to be paid by my executors hereinafter named to the said respective sisters within one year after my decease

Secondly I give and devise all the residue and remainder of my real estate of every name and nature whatsoever to my son Thomas Leach to have and to hold the said premises unto the said Thomas Leach forever

subject nevertheless to the following provisions & limitations & upon the express condition that he the said Thomas Leach will pay the said legacies mentioned in the last will & testament of the said deceased & will take the said Thomas Leach to his home & maintain him during the term of his natural life and I hereby appoint my said son Thomas executor of this my last will and testament & I do hereby revoking all previous wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of March A.D. 1854

Thomas Leach (L.S.)

Signed sealed & published in the presence of us the undersigned witnesses at the request of the said testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other

Thomas J. Kennedy Sandwich Kane County Illinois
Ira Kennedy Sandwich Kane County

State of Illinois } ss
County of Kane }

In the matter of proving the last will & testament of Thomas Leach deceased

Thomas J. Kennedy of the town of Sandwich in the County of Kane being duly sworn in this matter on his oath says that he was well acquainted with Thomas Leach late of said town the deceased for many years prior to his death & that he was of sound mind & memory at the time of his decease & was of the age of seventy years or upwards at the time of his decease & that the said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & testament of the said deceased bearing date the 2nd day of March A.D. 1854 was signed by the said testator as & for his last will & testament in the presence of this affiant & of Ira Kennedy who also signed the same as witnesses at the request of said testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other & that affiant believes the said testator was at the time of the execution of said will of the age of twenty years or upwards & of sound mind & memory & not under any restraint or undue influence

Thomas J. Kennedy

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 31st day of July A.D. 1854

Stephen Gentle
Justice of the Peace

State of Illinois } ss
County of Kane }

Ira Kennedy being duly sworn in the matter of proving the last will & testament of Thomas Leach deceased in the county of Kane & state of Illinois on his oath says that he was well acquainted with Thomas Leach late of said town the deceased for many years prior to his death & that he was of the age of seventy years or upwards at the time of his decease & was of sound mind & memory at the time of his decease & that the said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & testament of the said deceased bearing date the 2nd day of March A.D. 1854 was signed by the said testator as & for his last will & testament in the presence of this affiant & of Thomas J. Kennedy who also signed the same as witnesses at the request of said testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other & that affiant believes the said testator was at the time of the execution of said will of the age of twenty years or upwards & of sound mind & memory & not under any restraint or undue influence

Ira Kennedy

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 31st day of July A.D. 1854

Stephen Gentle
Justice of the Peace