

the said Hamilton D. and the said George D. their respective heirs and assigns, paying to said Sarah the yearly sum of Twenty five dollars each, the first payment to be made on the first Monday of January next, following my decease, and annually thereafter so long as she remains unmarried and the said sum is hereby made a charge upon the share of said Hamilton D. and the said Thomas D. respectively in said estate, but neither to be answerable for the default of the other in the payment thereof, meaning hereby the said Hamilton D. his heirs and assigns shall pay yearly as aforesaid said sum of Twenty five dollars and his share to be answerable hereafter and the said Thomas D. his heirs and assigns shall pay yearly as aforesaid said sum of Twenty five dollars and his share to be answerable hereafter.

Item 3. I hereby give devise and bequeath to said Hamilton D. Stapler of Willard in said County and to David Adams of said Brandon all my real estate and interest therein lying in the village of said Brandon whereon I now live and purchased by me of W. W. Wheelock upon the mere purpose and trust herein declared of and concerning, the same that is to say, in part to hold the same and permit my son Gustavus H. Stapler and Frances his wife during their natural lives and the natural life of the survivor of them to occupy and enjoy the same and receive the profits and income thereof except as hereinafter provided and on the termination of the natural life of said Gustavus H. and Frances and the survivor of them to convey the same estate and property to the heirs of the body of said Gustavus H. and in default thereof to his legal heirs in fee.

In case the payment of any existing Mortgage on said real estate should be demanded or if said Gustavus H. should deem it best to pay the same I do hereby authorize the said trustee to sell and convey to the purchaser or purchasers thereof by good and sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance a sufficient quantity of land of the naturally portion of said real estate to produce a sum sufficient to pay such Mortgage and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment and discharge of such Mortgage.

For the purpose of paying interest that may be at any time due and unpaid on any existing Mortgage on said real estate, or paying any taxes or assessments thereon in arrears and unpaid, or paying for the insurance thereof, or paying for necessary repairs of the premises and the build-

ings thereon I do authorize said Trustee to take and receive the rents and income of said real estate and to apply the amount so received to the said taxes and payments aforesaid. And I do authorize said Trustee if they think best by the written consent of said Gustavus H. and Frances and or survivor to sell dispose of or exchange the said real estate whereon I now live and the interest therein whereof I shall be seized and possessed and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof by good and sufficient deed or deeds in fee, and with the proceeds of such sale or disposition or by the means of such exchange to purchase or purchase the real estate suitable for a residence which shall be conveyed to said trustee and held by them upon the same trust and to be subject to the same uses and rights as are above declared touching the real estate and interest above devised to said trustee, and the estate so to be purchased and received shall be held by the said Trustee upon the same trust as the real estate first devised to said Trustee and shall be used, or sold and improved by said Gustavus H. and Frances for their natural lives and that of the survivor and then be conveyed to the heirs of the body of said Gustavus H. and in default thereof to his legal heirs in the same way as provided for the estate first devised to the said Trustee.

The devise to the said Trustee in this item is on the express condition that said Gustavus H. & Frances shall release in writing to my Executor hereinafter named all claims and demands against my estate accrued in my life time and all claims against said Sarah &c.

Item 5. The rest and residue of my estate of every kind I give devise and bequeath to my children Hamilton D. Stapler. Gustavus H. Stapler. Thomas D. Stapler. Sarah D. Stapler. to be equally divided between them.

Item 6. I do hereby appoint Hamilton D. Stapler executor to be the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Melrose Stapler have hereunto set my hand & seal and published and declared this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named above this twentieth day of June A. D. eighteen hundred sixty eight.

Melrose Stapler (seal)
Signed sealed published and declared by the above