

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I, William R. Plum of Lombard, Ill. being of sound mind and memory and of the age of eighty years, hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

1<sup>st</sup>. I direct that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I authorize my executors or other representatives in their stead to expend not to exceed four thousand dollars in the purchase, if need be of burial ground and the erection of a suitable stone, shaft or monument for myself and wife in or near Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, preferably where my parents are buried, also a headstone at my brother's grave.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I give and devise unto my nephews and niece, F. Raymond Hale, Ralph Hale Lawrence (Ted) Hale, Joe Hale and Hazel Skeels, my store property in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, known as a part of lot five (5) in Block Ten (10) on the East side of Front Street being a strip of land Twenty-five (25) feet wide fronting West on said street and running Easterly to an alley, the North line of said lot being the North line of said strip, to have and to hold the same unto them their heirs and assigns forever.

4<sup>th</sup>. I give and devise unto my niece, Mrs. Lillian Hagelbarger, nephew William R. Lodge and Lucile Lodge, daughter of nephew George Lodge deceased, two of Silver Lake and Lucille of Kent, Ohio, my the old homestead property being the unsold part of Lot Four (4) in Block B in the Village, now City, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, the sold portion being the West Twenty eight (28) feet of said lot, to have and to hold unto themselves their heirs and assigns forever.

5<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath unto my nieces Mrs. Laura Shackelford of New Jersey, Mrs. Daisy Wolcott of Kent, Ohio, nephews Ballard Lodge of Cleveland, Ohio, and Lew B. Lodge of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio to each of them the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, Twenty Thousand in all and to my nephew Ralph Lodge also of the Falls, two thousand and five hundred dollars; also to John Johnson my grand nephew of Ravenna, Ohio, the sum of Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars; to my niece by marriage, wife of Wilbur H. Plum, Leone G. Plum of Los Angeles California, Three Thousand and Five hundred Dollars and to my nephew William Ralph Plum of Chicago, Ill. five Hundred Dollars.

6<sup>th</sup>. I give and devise unto said William Ralph Plum lot eight (8) in Block Twenty seven of the original town of Lombard, Ill., except the West 60 feet thereof, but in case of his demise before my own, then to his lawful issue surviving me. In the event of his previous demise leaving no issue who survives me then this devise shall become void and of no effect.

7<sup>th</sup>. I make the following general bequests. I give and bequeath unto the Congregational Church of Lombard, whatever be its corporate name, the sum of One Thousand Dollars; to the Lombard American Legion Post, Lombard, Ill., Three Hundred Dollars to be used by it for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Village; to Lombards Masonic Lodge No. 1098 Five Hundred Dollars; to Alma Laske, Five hundred dollars, and to the Ladies Cemetery Association of Cuyahoga Fall, Ohio, the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars for the perpetual care of the Plum burial lot on the hill and my brothers grave.

8<sup>th</sup>. I give and devise unto Louis A. Crittenden, Doctor Solon C. Bronson, and R. M. McKinney of Chicago, or their successors in the Club herein named, as Trustees, the premises known as number 1905 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Ill., being lot five in the subdivision of lots 49 to 60 all inclusive in Block 61 Canal Trustees Subdivision of Section seven, township 39 N. R. 14, East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M. in trust to sell said property as soon as may be, to collect all rents, pay all usual and necessary costs and charges incident to its management before sale and to turn over the net avails to the Chicago Boys Club of which said Crittenden is or was Secretary, I hereby empower said trustees and their survivors or successors to grant and sell the same upon such terms and conditions as shall seem best hereby absolving the purchaser from seeing to the application of the purchase money.

9<sup>th</sup>. For purposes of a Public Park and free public library, I give and devise unto Charles S. Hamilton, Samuel W. Norton and Harry B. Davies of Lombard, Ills. as Trustees, my homestead property described as Lot three in Block 20 of the original town of Lombard, Ill., and that part of lot 5 adjoining a part of lot 3 which lies south of a portion of said lot five which strip or portion is 148 feet deep on the west boundary line and two hundred and three feet deep on the East line, to have and to hold said premises upon the uses and trusts hereinafter set forth. In case, within two years of my demise a Public Park district or other lawful public corporate authority existing in Lombard at my death or created afterwards accepts the said property, except as herein stated, for public park purposes and agrees to maintain the same perpetually and said trustees or their successors become satisfied that the objects of this devise will be carried out and the people have the benefit of it as a public park, the said trustees are authorized, directed and empowered to convey said premises, except as aforesaid, unto the proper Park Commissioners or other proper public corporate authority to have and to hold the same forever to such uses and benefits.

Exception.

Said trustees shall reserve from said public park deed the dwelling house on said Lot 3 and so much of the ground about it as may be deemed necessary in the use thereof for public library purposes.

I desire to establish, within said period of two years, a free public library and reading rooms in said dwelling for the people of Lombard and if thought advisable, others of the vicinity, to be known as the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library, provided always that the same is accepted by the proper corporate officials fully authorized so to do and satisfactory assurances are given of its maintenance in perpetuity under the laws of Illinois as near as can legally be done. In that event said Trustees shall make the proper conveyances.

To the same end, I give and bequeath unto said trustees the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); all of my books, two copies only of those I wrote, maps, bookcases, serviceable chairs, tables, rugs, except in parlor, billiard table balls, counters and cues, musical instruments, except the harp, shades, curtains, bedstead, mattresses and common bedding for two rooms, kitchen utensils, hot water heaters, mangle, large pictures of self and wife in upper hall, dining room, kitchen and bed

room clocks, electric lamps, common dishes, desks davenport, sofas and settees, gas stove and tools in barn.

Said fund and property to be turned over to the Library Board or other proper officials for all uses and benefits of said Library consistent with the objects hereof.

The foregoing Park and Library projects are to be treated as a unit so far as the gifts are concerned in this, but if for any reason either or both fail to be accepted and satisfactory assurances made, the Trustees to be the judges thereof, then both shall plase and the whole of the foregoing shall become null and void and the title, fund and property shall revert to my estate.

In that event I give and bequeath unto said Trustees in trust the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the erection, purchase of books and necessaries and the maintenance as aforesaid of a free public Helen M. Plum Memorial Library described as above and also the books, cases and such other of the above named personal articles as may be desired in the new building provided always that said trustees shall become assured that such library will, as nearly as can lawfully be a perpetual one for the uses and purposes aforesaid, to which building may be added rooms to rent for such other objects as may properly aid in the support of the library.

The main idea in all of the above concerning a library is to establish one under the laws of Illinois, in such manner that the people will support and maintain it by such library tax as may be necessary.

I have purposely omitted detailed instructions because of my confidence in the trustees whom I invest with all necessary discretion consistent herewith and specific powers to plan and execute regardless whether the first or second of the above named library plans sis adopted.

To further the plan of a new building, if it comes to that, I give and devise to said trustees for the site thereof the following premises: commencing at the North East corner of lots Three and running thence South along the East line thereof Seventy five feet; thence West One Hundred Twenty five feet; thence North Seventy five feet to the North line of said lot; thence East along the North line One hundred and Twenty five feet to the place of beginning.

Pending the final determination of acceptances aforesaid said trustees may rent any or all of said premises, the avails thereof to be added to the library fund.

The property should be kept well insured.

In case of acceptances under the first ideas it becomes desirable for any reason to erect a new library building on the seventy five foot strip aforesaid, and the two corporations consent thereto then the park shall deed the same to the Library and thereupon become the owner of all said lots three except the seventy five foot strip aforesaid. In case of the death, removal from Lombard or other inability to act, the surviving trustee or trustees shall elect a successor or successors as the case may be.

A failure of all of the purposes aforesaid shall reinvest my estate less incidental expenses. If the fifty thousand dollar plan is preferred or made necessary all required preliminaries thereto must be perfect within three years after my demise.

10<sup>th</sup>. Of the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate, real, personal and mixed whatsoever and whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my sister Rose Plum Hale of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, the sum or value of Ten Thousand Dollars which may be taken in money or undevise and unsold land or partly each.

As to the surplus of such rest and residue I give the new avails thereof to the children of sisters Julia Lodge and of Rose Hale and to my nephew, Wilbur Husted Plum, to be divided equally among them, the child or children of a deceased parent to take the parents share. If Rose be dead all residue to go as last aforesaid.

11<sup>th</sup>. I hereby fully authorize and power my executors hereunder and their successor or successors in office to contract, bargain, sell grant and convey any and all specially undevise lots and land I may own or have an interest in at my demise upon such terms and conditions as may seem best and in case any or all of the premises described in item "9<sup>th</sup>" hereof are not accepted and conveyed by the Trustees for the uses and purposes in said item "9<sup>th</sup>" contemplated, then a like power and authority to dispose thereof shall obtain and apply as above noted concerning undevise lots or lands.

12<sup>th</sup>. I hereby nominate and appoint said Charles S. Hamilton, Samuel W. Norton and Harry B. Davies of Lombard, Illinois, executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal at Lombard, Ill., this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. D. 1925.

William R. Plum (seal)

The above instrument consisting of eight pages and this one was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William R. Plum in our presence as his last will and testament and we by his request hereby sign our names as witnesses thereof and further certify that he executed said instrument in the presence of each of us who in his presence and that of each other have signed our names hereto as witnesses.

Martin Meyer	Lombard, Ill.
George H. Fischer	" "
Ione C. Wilcox	" "

I, William R. Plum, being of sound mind and memory hereby make publish and declare this to be my Codicil to the foregoing last will and testament which is reaffirmed in all respects except as herein modified.

1<sup>st</sup>. I change clause "5<sup>th</sup>" of said will by canceling the bequest of Five Hundred Dollars to William Ralph Plum.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I add to clause "6<sup>th</sup>" of said will as follows:

In the event of said William Ralph Plum or his issue becoming seized in fee of said Lot 7 in Block 27, and of taking hereunder a part of lot 8 inasmuch as I have paid special assessments on said properties and expect to be obliged to pay others and the inheritance tax, I reserve a lien on said lot 8 for so much of the payments I have made and do make as he or his issue should by law have paid and I claim a lien on said lot 7 for the inheritance tax if paid by me and special assessments with interest thereon.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I add to the seventh clause of said will as follows: I give and bequeath unto Dorothy Scheib of Urbana, Illinois, the six bonds I own, issued by the Government of the Argentine Nation aggregating the principal sum of Five Thousand Dollars and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable semi-annually and I direct that my estate shall pay all inheritance tax thereon.

I also give and bequeath unto my nephew Wilbur H. Plum the sum of One Thousand Dollars without deduction for any debt he may owe me.

4<sup>th</sup>. I change item or clause 9<sup>th</sup> of said will by excepting therefrom the Chinese rug in the spare room, the tables in the living room and the small one in the dining room.

5<sup>th</sup>. Purchasers shall not be required to see to the application of the purchase money.

Witness my hand and seal at Lombard, Ill. April 16, 1927.

William R. Plum (seal)

The above instrument consisting of one page and about sixteen lines was at the date thereof signed, sealed and published and declared by the said William R. Plum in our presence as his Codicil to his will of December 28, 1925, and we by his request hereby sign our names as witnesses thereof and we further certify that he executed said instrument in the presence of us who in his presence and that of each other have signed our names hereto as witnesses.

George H. Fischer	Lombard, Ill.
Martin Meyer	“ “
George W. Petersen	“ “