

State of Nebraska;

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Buffalo County :

On this 7th day of March, A. D. 1924, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared Otto F. Sothman, Harry L. Crawford, Frank J. Benesh, Trustees of Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to me personally known to be the Trustees and the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above deed, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be their voluntary act and deed as such Trustees and the Voluntary act and Deed of the said Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal at Ravenna, in said County the day and year last above written.

My commission expires the 29th day of January, 1929.

W. T. Eckerson,
(SEAL) Notary Public.

UNITED STATES :

TO : PATENT.

Filed for Record, March 15th, 1924 at 11 A. M.,

T. J. SCOTT, REGISTER OF DEEDS.

ALONZO J. BRUCE;

CERTIFICATE No. 1328.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS: Alonzo J. Bruce, of Buffalo County, Nebraska, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Grand Island Nebraska, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Alonzo J. Bruce, according to the Provisions of the Acts of Congress on the 24th day of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto for the Lots Numbered Six, Seven and Ten, of Section Seven, in Township Eight, North, of Range Thirteen, West, and the Lot Numbered Eight, of Section Twelve, in Township Eight, North of Range Fourteen, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Nebraska, containing One Hundred and Forty-five acres and thirty-five hundredths of an acre, according to the official plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, and which said tract has been purchased by the said Alonzo J. Bruce,

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Alonzo J. Bruce, and to his heirs the said tract above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Alonzo J. Bruce, Alonzo J. Bruce and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made patent and the Seal of the General Land Office, to be here unto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Sixth,

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By the President: Chester A. Arthur,

By: Wm. H. Crook, Secretary.

S. W. Clark, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office,
Washington, D.C. Mar. 12, 1924.

I, hereby certify that this photograph is a true copy of the patent record, which is in my custody in this office,
(GENERAL LAND OFFICE SEAL)

M. P. LeRoy, Recorder.

AUGUST WENDT, DECD. :

TO : WILL & DECREE.

Filed for Record, March 15th, 1924 at 11:40 A.M.,

T. J. SCOTT, REGISTER OF DEEDS.

WILHELMINE WENDT, ETAL. :

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF AUGUST WENDT.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, August Wendt, of the County of Buffalo, and State of Nebraska, being mindful of the uncertainties of life, and desiring to provide for the distribution of my estate in the event of my death, should that event transpire before the decease of my present wife, Wilhelmine Wendt, do hereby make publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament, that is to say:-

It is my desire, and bequest to my executrix is hereby made for that purpose, that all my just debts, funeral expenses, burial lot (if none suitable has then been provided) and a suitable tombstone to my last resting place, shall be paid out of my personal estate, and if that be not sufficient, then out of the proceeds of the sale of my real estate.

The entire rest, residue and remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind and nature, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Wilhelmine Wendt, to have and to hold the same to herself, her heirs and assigns forever, in absolute title.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife, Wilhelmine Wendt, as sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and request that no bond be required of her for the administration of my said estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of November, A. D. 1909.

August Wendt,

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument consisting of one page, being the last will and testament of August Wendt, was signed by the said August Wendt, in our presence and in the presence of each of us, on this 11th day of November, A. D. 1909, and the same was then and there, in our presence and hearing, by said testator, published and declared to be his last will and testament, and we, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, subscribed our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

F. J. Everitt, of Kearney, Neb.,
W. R. Macaulay, of Kearney, Neb.,

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE OF WILL

State of Nebraska:

: In County Court.

County of Buffalo:

In the matter of the Estate of August Wendt, deceased.

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of September, 1923, the foregoing instrument of writing to which this certificate is attached was duly probated and allowed as the last will and testament of the said August Wendt, deceased, and the same was duly filed and entered upon the probate records of said County.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 8th day of September, 1923.

J. M. Easterling,
County Judge,

(SEAL)

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

In the Matter of the Estate:
of
August Wendt, Deceased. : FINAL DECREE.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 16th day of February, 1924, August F. Wendt, Executor of the last Will and Testament of August Wendt, deceased, filed his petition in this Court, together with his final account and praying for settlement of said estate. That thereupon an order of said Court was made, assigning the 12th day of March, 1924, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., for hearing the said petition.

And now on this 12th day of March, 1924, this cause coming on for hearing the said petition, the matter was submitted to said Court upon the evidence adduced, and upon due consideration whereof the Court finds:

First: That notice of the time and place of hearing the said petition has been given by publication of the copy of said order for three consecutive weeks prior to said day in the Kearney Hub, a legal newspaper published in said County.

Second: That said August Wendt, deceased, left surviving his as his sole and only heirs: Willhelmine Wendt, his widow, August F. Wendt, his son, Willhelm Wendt, son; Albert Wendt, son; Frederick Wendt, son; Henry Wendt, son; George Wendt, son; Freida Kuhfahl, daughter, and Amelia Bartmann, daughter, all of full and legal age; That Willhelmine Wendt, Widow, is entitled to all of the rest and residue of said estate, both real and personal.

Third: That proper notice has been given to all creditors of said estate of the time and place for filing claims against said estate; that such time has expired; that all claims filed have been paid.

Fourth: That the cost of administration and funeral expenses have been paid.

Fifth: That said deceased died possessed of the personal estate described in the inventory herein, and seized of the following described real estate, to-wit:

"The Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-four, Township Ten, North Range Sixteen, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Buffalo, State of Nebraska."

"The East Three feet of Lot Sixteen, and all of Lots Seventeen and Eighteen, Block 6, in the Village of Riverdale, Buffalo County, Nebraska."

Sixth: That the distributive share of said estate is not liable for the payment of an inheritance tax.

Seventh: That the taxes on said personal property for the year 1923 have been paid.

Eighth: That each and every allegation of said petition is true.

IT IS ADJUDGED AND DECREED: First: That said deceased, August Wendt, left surviving him as his heirs Willhelmine Wendt, his widow; August F. Wendt, son; Albert Wendt, son; Henry Wendt, son; George Wendt, son; Freida Kuhfahl, daughter, and Amelia Bartmann, daughter.

Second: If there be any outstanding claims against said estate, they are now forever barred.

Third: That Willhelmine Wendt, widow, is seized in fee simple of the above described real estate in accordance with the terms of said last will.

Fourth: That said distributive share is not liable for payment of inheritance tax.

By the Court, J. M. Easterling,
County Judge.

(NO SEAL)

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

State of Nebraska;

County of Buffalo;

IN RE: ESTATE OF AUGUST WENDT.

I, J. M. Easterling, County Judge, within and for said County, do hereby certify, and as such Judge I am by law, the sole custodian, of the seal, records, files, books, papers, documents and of all the appurtenances belonging to said office, and the same are now in my quite undisputed possession. That said Court is a Court of record, having a seal, that the above and foregoing instrument to which this certificate is attached is a true copy of Last Will and Testament, Certificate of Probate of Will and Final Decree in the estate of August Wendt, deceased, as the same remains and now appears upon the records of said Court, and that the same is a true, full and correct transcript of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said County Court, at Kearney, in said County this 15th day of March, 1924.

(SEAL)

J. M. Easterling, County Judge
and Ex-officio Clerk of said Court.

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GEORGE N. SMITH, DECD. : Filed for Record, March 15th, 1924 at 1:30 P. M.,
TO : DECREE. T. J. SCOTT, REGISTER OF DEEDS.

ELIZABETH SMITH, ET AL.:
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

In the Matter of the Estate:
of
George N. Smith, Deceased. : FINAL DECREE.

Now on this 14th day of December, 1923, this cause came on for hearing upon the report of Bert C. Smith, Administrator, and for a decree of distribution, and the Court being fully advised finds, that due and legal notice has been given to all persons interested and that no objections have been filed thereto.

The Court finds that George N. Smith, departed this life on the 7th day of July, 1923 intestate, a residing of Buffalo County, Nebraska, leaving certain personal property, which has been accounted for by the administrator. That the deceased died seized of the title in fee of Lots One Hundred Sixty (160) One Hundred Sixty-one (161) and One Hundred Sixty-two (162) in the Original Town of Kearney Junction, in Buffalo County, Nebraska, of which Lot One Hundred Sixty-two (162) was the family homestead. That all claims filed against the estate of the deceased have been paid. That said estate is not liable for inheritance taxes either under the laws of the State of Nebraska, or the acts of congress. That the deceased left as his sole and only heirs at law, and persons entitled to participate in his estate, his widow, Elizabeth Smith, and his sons and daughters, Minnie B. Power, George William Smith, Grace P. Ryness, Bert C. Smith and Arthur G. Smith, all of full legal age, and no others. That Elizabeth Smith is the mother of all the children of the deceased, that she is entitled to the use of the family homestead during her lifetime, and to an undivided one-third interest in all the remainder of the estate of the deceased. That each of the children above named are entitled to an undivided two fifteenth interest in the estate of the deceased, both real and personal.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said George N. Smith, died as above set forth. That the persons above named are his sole and only heirs at law. That they are entitled to the estate of the deceased, in the shares above set forth. That all claims against the estate of the deceased not filed herein are forever barred from in any manner participating in the estate of the deceased. That said estate is not liable for inheritance taxes. That the report of the administrator filed herein is true and correct. Said administrator is discharged.