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June 1, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hektor
Vetlanda, Sweden

Dear Mrs. Hektor:

I enclose a copy of the Last Will and Testament of John W. Nelson. You will note, under paragraphs 35, 36 and 37, that he has made a bequest to your family, to the family of Ida and to the family of Mathilda.

We are required, by law, to deal through the Swedish Consul on these matters and immediately after the death of John W. Nelson we did furnish their Omaha office with copies of his Last Will and Testament and with a request that the information contained in the above named paragraphs be transmitted to you folks and that we be given the names of their respective beneficiaries.

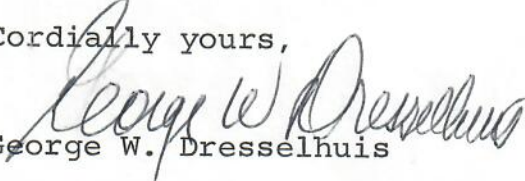
I have just learned from Mr. Arvid Huldeen that you folks had not yet been contacted a few days ago.

Sometimes this consular office has been very slow. Consequently, will you please furnish us a list of all of the children of Mrs. Hektor; and if any of such children are deceased, the names of their children, if any, with their present addresses and ages.

Will you also give us the same information relative to the cousin Ida, referred to in paragraph 36, and the cousin Mathilda, referred to in paragraph 37.

I recall a very pleasant evening with you, John and the Huldeens when you were here some years ago, and hope at sometime in the future we may all visit again.

Cordially yours,


George W. Dresselhuis

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN W. NELSON

I, John W. Nelson, of Odebolt, Sac County, Iowa, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but aware of the uncertainty of this life, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all will or wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item I

I first direct that my executors as hereinafter named shall pay all of my just debts, including the expenses of my last sickness and funeral.

Item II

By the way of explanation, I feel I should state that my estate presently consists of lands in Wheeler, Richland and Levey Townships in Sac County, Iowa; Lands in Ida County and Monona County, Iowa; some lots in Crescent Park, Lake View, Iowa, and crop shares in various cribs and graineries on my farmland. I have savings accounts in the Toy National Bank, of Sioux City and in the Iowa Des Moines National Bank, in Des Moines. I have bank accounts in the Odebolt State Bank, the Wall Lake Savings Bank, and the Iowa Des Moines National Bank in Des Moines. I have stocks and bonds and notes and some cash in Lock Boxes 340 and 9 in the Odebolt State Bank, and other records such as Abstracts and business papers in lock box 50 in the Arthur Trust and Savings Bank. My Leases with various tenants and my records regarding my rental transactions are in separate large envelopes with the names of tenants thereon, which are kept on or in a desk in the den at the Maples, or at my place of abode.

Item III

I bequeath and devise, share and share alike, to John L. Benson, Maurine Peterson, and Blanche Jahoda, all farmland which I own in Monona County, Iowa; forty (40) acres, more or less,

I give and bequeath to Maurine Peterson of Willmar, Minnesota the sum of \$5,000.00 cash.

Item VI

I give and bequeath to Blanche Jahoda of Rochester, Minnesota the sum of \$5,000.00 cash.

Item VII

I give and bequeath unto Mr. and Mrs. Gust Hedberg of Odebolt, Iowa, or the survivor in the event of the death of either, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item VIII

I give and bequeath to Elsie Clark, of Reynolds, Nebraska, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item IX

I give and bequeath to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davis, or the survivor in the event of the death of either, of Mahaska, Kansas, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item X

I give and bequeath to Mrs. Bertha Green of Beloit, Kansas the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XI

I give and bequeath to Mrs. George Westberg, widow of Dr. George Westberg, of Blue Lake, California, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XII

I give and bequeath to Rev. Palmer Sellstrom the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XIII

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I give and bequeath to Rev. Harry Lundberg, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XIV

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of the late Charles Leonard, and widow of Raymond Leonard, the sum of \$2,000.00 cash.

Item XV

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Arthur Scott, the sum of \$500.00.

Item XVI

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of James Scott, Jr., the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XVII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Arthur Schmidt, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XVIII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Melvin Schmidt, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XIX

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Duane Johnson, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XX

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Claræ Campbell, the sum of \$250.00 cash.

Item XXI

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Clayton Rude, of Ute, Iowa, the sum of \$250.00 cash.

Item XXII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to Harold Johnson and Esther Johnson, or the survivor in event of the

death of either, of near Spencer, Iowa, who are former tenants on my farmland, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XXIII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of George W. Dresselhuis, the sum of \$2,000.00 cash.

Item XXIV

I give and bequeath to Arvid Huldeen and Esther Huldeen, or the survivor in event of the death of either, the sum of \$2,000.00 cash.

Item XXV

I give and bequeath to Charles Krusenstjerna the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XXVI

I give and bequeath to Herbert and Alma Ward, of Kiron, Iowa, or the survivor in event of the death of either, the sum of \$1,000.00 cash.

Item XXVII

I give and bequeath to Jerome Schwaller the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XXVIII

I give and bequeath to Walter Lundblad the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XXIX

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Emma Nelson Westerberg, the sum of \$500.00 cash. The last address of Emma Nelson Westerberg was LaGrange, Illinois.

Item XXX

I give and bequeath to Arthur Johnson, son of August Johnson, (who was the son of C. M. Johnson, my mother's cousin) the sum of \$1,000.00 cash.

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Item XXXI

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Fred Johnson, (who was the son of C. M. Johnson, my mother's cousin) the sum of \$1,000.00 cash.

Item XXXII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Anna Johnson, (who was the daughter of C. M. Johnson, my mother's cousin) the sum of \$1,000.00 cash.

Item XXXIII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of Gusta Johnson Wood, (who was a daughter of C. M. Johnson, my mother's cousin) the sum of \$1,000.00 cash.

Item XXXIV

I give and bequeath to Mrs. Signe Turnell, of 6326 South Winchester, Chicago, Illinois, the sum of \$2,500.00 cash.

Item XXXV

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of my cousin, Mrs. Hektor, Late of Vetlanda, Sweden, (they being Silas, Herbert and Agnes Hektor) the sum of \$2,500.00 cash.

Item XXXVI

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of my cousin, Ida, in Sweden, the sum of \$2,500.00 cash. My cousin, Ida, being a sister of Mrs. Hektor, whose name can be secured from the Hektor children in Sweden.

Item XXXVII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the children of my cousin, Mathilda, in Sweden, the sum of \$2,500.00 cash. The names of these children can be secured from the Hektor family mentioned in Item XXXV.

Item XXXVIII

I give and bequeath, share and share alike, to the

children of C. A. Ander, the sum of \$2,000.00 cash.

Item XXXIX

I give and bequeath to Mr. and Mrs. John Brower, or the survivor in event of the death of either, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XL

I give and bequeath to the Bethpage Mission of Axtell, Nebraska, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLI

I give, devise and bequeath, share and share alike to the children of Eugene Fertig, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLII

I give and bequeath to the Lutheran Old Folks Home of Madrid, Iowa, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLIII

I give and bequeath to the Building Fund of the Faith Lutheran Church, of Odebolt, Iowa, the sum of \$5,000.00 cash.

Item XLIV

I give and bequeath to the Foreign Mission Fund of the Faith Lutheran Church of Odebolt, Iowa, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLV

I give and bequeath to the Home Mission Fund of the Faith Lutheran Church, of Odebolt, Iowa, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLVI

I give and bequeath to the Odebolt Public Library, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLVII

I give and bequeath to the Odebolt Fire Department, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item XLVIII

I give and bequeath to Rev. Lyle Lieder the 1916 Six Cylinder Buick Touring Car which I have at the Maples.

Item XLIX

I give and bequeath to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shives, or the survivor in event of the death of either, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item L

I give and bequeath to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bahrenfus, or the survivor in event of the death of either, the sum of \$500.00 cash.

Item LI

I give and bequeath to the American Legion Post of Odebolt, Iowa, the sum of \$250.00 cash.

Item LII

I direct that my executors as hereinafter named shall select my items of clothing, and linens and personal effects of a like nature which cannot be feasibly used for the Trust Purposes hereinafter set forth, and that my said executors shall divide these items of clothings, linens and personal effects among John L. Benson, Maurine Peterson, and Blanche Johoda; and the division made by my said executors shall be final.

Item LIII

I direct that my executors shall divide the pictures, paintings, and art work of my wife, Blanche O. Nelson, and shall give one fourth of the same to friends of our family, one fourth to the Odebolt Public Library, one fourth to the Faith Lutheran Church of Odebolt, Iowa, and the remaining one fourth shall remain as part of "The Maples" in the trust hereinafter set out. The division of said items as made by my executors shall be final.

Item LIV

All the rest, residue, and remainder of any estate of which I may die possessed or seized, whether real or personal or mixed property, and including my farmland in Sac and Ida Counties, Iowa, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to Arvid C. Huldeen, C. A. Ander, and the Trust Department of the Toy National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, and to their successors in trust, AS TRUSTEES FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ODEBOLT, IOWA, UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Said Trustees and their successors in Trust shall operate said farmland, keep the same improved and maintain the land in a high state of fertility; and shall use the income therefrom as follows:

1. To maintain "The Maples" and the Buildings and the Red Cottage as a memorial to John W. Nelson and Blanche O. Nelson.

2. Pay taxes, upkeep, insurance and repairs on all the land and property, and expenses of administration.

3. To hire a caretaker who may reside in "The Maples" if they see fit.

4. The remainder of the income, after retention of a reasonable balance for reserve, to be paid into the treasury of the Faith Lutheran Church, Odebolt, Iowa, /Augustana Synod, to be apportioned to the various activities and budgets in a just ratio, favoring the building fund of said church.

I specifically direct that Arvid C. Huldeen, and C. A. Ander, who are familiar with my farming operations and wishes, shall, as long as they are able, manage my farmland on behalf of this Trust; and upon the inability of either of them to act, the remaining trustees shall continue, and when they have both reached

the time when they can no longer act, then the Trust Department of the Toy National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, shall continue as sole Trustee.

I direct further that the farmland coming into this Trust shall not be sold, and shall be retained in this Trust for the use and benefit of the Faith Lutheran Church of Odebolt, Iowa, to perpetuity.

Item LV

I direct that the Trustees named herein in Item LIV hereof; and that the Executors whom I nominate herein, shall be appointed and permitted to qualify and serve without being required to post any bond.

To Carry out the terms of this, my Last Will and Testament, I hereby nominate as Executors, Arvid C. Huldeen and Clarence A. Ander, to serve jointly.

I specifically mention that I wish and desire said Trustees and executors to accept such reasonable compensation as the Court will allow them for their services.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1964.

John W. Nelson
Testator

The above and foregoing Last Will and Testament of John W. Nelson was on the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John W. Nelson as and for his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us and each of us, who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses on this 8th day of April, 1964.

Mrs. Arlene Lamaak
Witness

George W. Dresselhuis
Witness

Hilkea Jacobs
Witness

Filed April 13, 1964
Margaret Long, Clerk District Court

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