

WILL PROVIDES FOR MODEL FRUIT FARM FOR GOSHEN.

Goshen's oldest citizen, Spencer W. Tilton, who died on Nov.15, at the age of 85, was held in the highest respect and esteem by all the community. That he also loved the town of his long residence is shown by his leaving in his will, which is given below, a generous sum for the establishment and maintenance of a model fruit farm.

THE WILL FOLLOWS:-

Be it remembered that I, Spencer William Tilton of Goshen in the County of Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and testament.

After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, I bequeath and devise as follows:--

First: To my sister, Mary S. Godfrey, Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

Second: To my niece, Wealthy A. Godfrey Bradford, Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

Third: To my niece, Eilen Godfrey Holway, Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

Fourth: To my niece Lillian S. Graves, Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

Fifth: To my nephew, William H. Merritt, Two Thousand (\$2000) " .

Sixth: To my nephew, Charles K. Merritt, Two Thousand (\$2000) " .

Seventh: To my nephew, William H. Godfrey, Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars. All money deposited by me in Savings Banks in the name of the said William H. Godfrey, or in trust for him, and where the deposit books are held by me, shall be treated and regarded as a part of my estate and in no sense as the property of the said William H. Godfrey;

but for the use of his name in such way, I give to him an additional sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Eighth: To Mary Graves Boynton, One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars.

Ninth : To Walter H. Bradford, One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars.

Tenth: To Helen Fidelia Bradford, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Eleventh: To Ethel May Bradford, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Twelfth: To Leland H. Godfrey, One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars, the same, however, to be put at interest and allowed to accumulate and not to be paid over to him until he shall attain the age of twenty-eight years.

Thirteenth: To Carrie Viola Godfrey, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Fourteenth: To Emma L. Merritt Bane, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Fifteenth: To Milura E. Merritt Clark, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Sixteenth: To Jason W. Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Seventeenth: To Alice C. Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, to be placed in the hands of a guardian.

Eighteenth: To Samuel W. Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, to be placed in the hands of a guardian.

Nineteenth: To Ethel Sophia Merritt Cross, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Twentieth: To Charles Wesley Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Twenty-first: To Frank Whitney Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, to be placed in the hands of a guardian.

Twenty-second: To Edith Mary Merritt, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Twenty-third: To Frederick S. Rice, One Hundred (\$100) Dollars.

Twenty-fourth: To Mary Mollison Rice, Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars.

Twenty-fifth: To Frank L. Rice, Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

Twenty-sixth: To the Cemetery Association in Goshen, the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, the principal sum to be kept intact and the income alone to be used each year in the perpetual care of my family burial lot with its appurtenances.

Twenty-seventh: To the Town of Goshen, Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for the purchase of a Town Clock and an additional sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars to be kept intact for the cost of repairs on the same. This gift is on the express condition that the town will install it in some suitable place and in due running order and condition, and further provided that at the time of my death there shall not be a town clock in said town and no immediate public provision for one in contemplation. Should the gifts named in this paragraph fail for any reason, then the sums herein given are to be regarded as a part of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate.

Twenty-eighth: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal, to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, wherever the same may be situated, to the said Town of Goshen, for the following purpose; to establish and maintain in said Goshen a Model Fruit Farm and in order to better accomplish said purpose I will and direct further as follows, Namely:--

A. Said farm shall be my old home farm, on which I was born and on which I am living at the date of this will. None of it is to be sold, but more can be added if thought advisable.

B. I direct that a fund of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars be established out of the residue of my personal estate and that the principal of said fund be kept forever intact and the income only used in each year for expenses and general repairs.

C. The balance of the residue of my, personal estate, as to either or both principal or income, to be used in repairs on buildings, erection of new buildings, purchase of land, securing running water, fruit trees, farming implements, stock and any and all other purpose properly connected with said farm and its management.

D. The said Town of Goshen shall elect annually by ballot a board of three supervisors, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, who shall have the general control and management of said farm, and who shall make an annual report to the town of all receipts and expenditures connected with said farm and its funds and of the condition and investment of such funds.

E. Some reliable party shall live on the farm at all times.

F. All net income from this farm and its funds every year shall belong to the said Town of Goshen and be used to lessen the taxes therein.

Twenty-ninth: Should the Town of Goshen fail to accept this gift of the rest and residue and remainder of my estate for one year from the probate of this will, in this event I give said rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in trust to carry into effect my wishes in reference to said farm, but under such rules and regulations and conditions as it may establish from time to time in lieu of paragraph twenty-eight hereof.

Thirtieth: I direct that none of my property shall be sold at public auction but so far as expedient shall be sold by my executors to the best of their judgment and ability.

Thirty-first: If any legatee hereinbefore named with the exception of my sister, Mary S. Godfrey, shall die before my own decease or the distribution of my property by my executors, in such case the legacy shall (to such legatee given) lapse and become part of the residue of my estate.

I nominate and appoint the said William H. Godfrey, and Charles N. Clark of Northampton, executors of this will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and in the presence of three witnesses declare this to be my last will this Third day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred fourteen.

Spencer William Tilton.

On this third day of January, A. D. 1914, Spencer William Tilton of Goshen, Massachusetts, signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be his last will; and as witnesses thereof we three do now, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names.

Clara B. Smith.

George A. Elder.

Charles N. Clark.

Hampshire County, ss. Northampton,  
Mass., Nov. 22, 1918.

Registry of Probate.

A true copy.

Attest:

Hubbard M. Abbott, Register.

Typewritten by Robert M. Goss.

Holyoke National Bank.

January 2, 1920.