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Probate

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Description Level: Item

Collection: James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 2 Harriet Lane Johnston

Description:

Legal papers noting that Harriet Lane Johnston has bequeathed \$10,000 to Mary C. Speer and containing her signed consent to the delivery of the residue of Henry E. Johnston's estate to the executors of Harriet Lane Johnston's estate. Printed. Baltimore.

Custodial History: The James Buchanan Family Papers were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to the LancasterHistory archives in the Spring of 2009. Digitization of the James Buchanan Family Papers was funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, PHMC Appl ID # 201808013051, 2019-2020.

Date Range: 1904/03/15

Creator: Maryland. Register of Wills (Baltimore City)

People: Johnston, Harriet Lane
Johnston, Henry Elliot
Speer, Mary C.

Subjects: Probate records

Search Terms: Probate records
Harriet Lane Johnston
Buchanan Collections
James Buchanan Presidential Library

Extent: 1 item, 4 pages to scan, 8.5 x 14.25 in.

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Room: Archives South

Container: JBFP Part 2, Box 2

Associated Material:	<p>James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections, http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers</p> <p>James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress, https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/</p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html</p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries, https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm</p>
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Witness by the will of Henry E. Johnston, late of the City of Baltimore, dated December 26, 1881, and duly admitted to probate and record by the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City, and recorded in Will Book, B. T. N. No. 44, folio 17 et seq., of the office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore City, power and authority are given to his wife, Harriet Lane Johnston, to give and appoint by her last will and testament the entire residuum of his estate to such person or persons or corporations as she may so designate;

And whereas the said Harriet Lane Johnston, wife of the said Henry E. Johnston, has by her last will and testament and codicils thereto, exercised such power and has given and appointed said entire residuum of said estate of Henry E. Johnston to her executor, to be held named in trust, to apply the same, together with her own individual property, to the payment of the pecuniary legacies in her said will and codicils set forth;

And whereas, by her said will and codicils, the said Harriet Lane Johnston has bequeathed to Mary C. Spear the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.)

payable out of said two estates;

And whereas, doubt has been suggested to the Trustees under the will of said Henry E. Johnston, as to their legal right to turn over, transfer, and deliver to the executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston the said entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston without the consent of all parties in interest under the will of both said Henry E. Johnston and said Harriet Lane Johnston;

Now, Therefore, This Instrument Witnesseth, that the said Mary C. Spear

doth, hereby admit and declare the right of the executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston to receive, and the right of the said Josiah Lee Johnston, W. Graham Bowditch, and D. K. Ester Fisher, Trustees, under the said will of Henry E. Johnston, aforesaid, to turn over, transfer, and deliver to the executor under the last will and testament of said Harriet Lane Johnston, the entire corpus and any undistributed income of the entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston, and doth, hereby consent that the said Trustees under the will of said Henry E. Johnston, shall turn over, transfer, and deliver to the said executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston, the entire corpus and any undistributed income of the said

entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston, hereby forever releasing, acquitting, and discharging absolutely the said Johnston, Bowditch, and Fisher, Trustees, as aforesaid, under the said last will of said Henry E. Johnston, and each and every of them, of and from any and all claims or manner of claim or demand whatsoever which she may have or might or could have by reason of such turning over, transferring, and delivering of said entire residuum of said estate of said Henry E. Johnston to the executor of Harriet Lane Johnston, under the said will of said Henry E. Johnston, or under the said will and codicils of said Harriet Lane Johnston, or either of them, or otherwise hereafter.

In Witness Whereof The said Mary C. Spear hath hereunto set her hand and seal this 15th day of March A. D. 1904

Mary C. Spear

Armita M. Byrie Joseph Spear (Seal)

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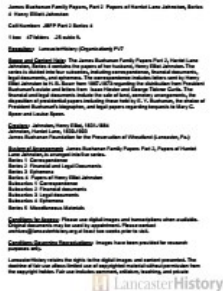


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And whereas the said Harriet Lane Johnston, wife of the said Henry E. Johnston, has by her last will and testament and codicils thereto, exercised such power and has given and appointed said entire residuum of said estate of Henry E. Johnston to her executor, in her will named in trust, to apply the same, together with her own individual property, to the payment of the pecuniary legacies in her said will and codicils set forth;

And whereas, by her said will and codicils, the said Harriet Lane Johnston has bequeathed to Louise Spier the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

And whereas, doubt has been suggested to the Trustees under the will of said Henry E. Johnston, as to their legal right to turn over, transfer, and deliver to the executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston the said entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston without the consent of all parties in interest under the will of both said Henry E. Johnston and said Harriet Lane Johnston;

Now, Therefore, This Instrument Witnesseth, that the said Louise Spier

doth hereby admit and declare the right of the executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston to receive, and the right of the said Josiah Lee Johnston, W. Graham Bowdoin, and D. K. Ester Fisher, Trustees, under the said will of Henry E. Johnston, aforesaid, to turn over, transfer, and deliver to the executor under the last will and testament of said Harriet Lane Johnston, the entire corpus and any undistributed income of the entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston, and doth hereby consent that the said Trustees under the will of said Henry E. Johnston, shall turn over, transfer, and deliver to the said executor of said Harriet Lane Johnston, the entire corpus and any undistributed income of the said

entire residuum of the estate of said Henry E. Johnston, hereby forever releasing, acquitting, and discharging absolutely the said Johnston, Bowdoin, and Fisher, Trustees, as aforesaid, under the said last will of said Henry E. Johnston, and each and every of them, of and from any and all claims or manner of claim or demand whatsoever which — *She* — may have or might or could have by reason of such turning over, transferring, and delivering of said entire residuum of said estate of said Henry E. Johnston to the executor of Harriet Lane Johnston, under the said will of said Henry E. Johnston, or under the said will and codicils of said Harriet Lane Johnston, or either of them, or otherwise howsoever.

In Witness Whereof the said Louise Spier hath hereunto set her hand and seal on this 18th day of March A.D. 1904.

Louise Spier

Wm. M. Ryan *Louise Spier*

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