

## Estate of Genevieve L. Berling

Genevieve L. Berling	Of Adams County; makes her last will & testament	Nov. 14, 1958
Joseph Berling	deceased brother; request for headstone to be placed on his grave	
Diane Briede	Relation not stated; bequeathed 100.00	
Lena Ulman	Relation not stated; bequeathed 50.00	
Rev. Father Alben Berling	Nephew; bequeathed 100.00	
Matilda Briede	Sister; bequeathed 1000.00	
Edward F. Berling	Brother; bequeathed 1000.00	
William Berling	Brother; bequeathed 1000.00	
Agnes Berling	Sister; bequeathed 1000.00	
Severin Schurger	Witnessed signature of Genevieve Berling	
Elsie Fueling	Witnessed signature of Genevieve Berling	
Genevieve L. Berling	Died	March 21, 1959
Severin H. Schurger	Affidavit of death	March 24, 1959
Richard D. Lewton	Clerk	
Severin H. Schurger	Proof of will by subscribing witness	March 24, 1959
Richard D. Lewton	Clerk	
Richard D. Lewton	Clerk; Will has been admitted to probate	March 24, 1959

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

GENEVIEVE A. BERLING

I, Genevieve A. Berling, a resident of Adams County in the State of Indiana, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make public and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all former wills by me made:

ITEM 1. It is my will and request that all my just debts and funeral expenses and costs of administration be first paid by my Executor out of any property that I may have either real or personal at the time of my decease.

ITEM 2. It is my request that a headstone be erected over my grave, and also a headstone over the grave of my deceased Brother, Joseph Berling, suitable to our stations in life.

ITEM 3. I direct my Executor hereinafter named, to reduce all of my property, be it real or personal, into cash as soon after my decease as may be proper so to do.

ITEM 4. I give and bequeath the sum of \$100.00 to Diane Briede; the sum of \$50.00 to Lena Ulmsn; and the sum of \$100.00 to my nephew Rev. Pether Alben Berling.

ITEM 5. I further request that immediately after my decease, my Executor arrange to have 30 Gregorian Masses read for the repose of my Soul. Also the further sum of \$500.00 to be given to St Marys Catholic Church, Decatur, Indiana for Masses for the repose of my Soul.

ITEM 6. I hereby give and bequeath to each of my brothers and sisters, Matilda Briede, Edward F. Berling, William Berling, and Agnes Berling, each the sum of \$1,000.00, in full for services rendered to me in my lifetime. /{One Thousand}

ITEM 7. After all of above provisions have been made, and/or complied with, then I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest and residue of my property to St. Marys Catholic Church, Decatur, Indiana.

IT IS ORDERED that I hereby appoint my attorney, Severin H. Schurger, as Executor of this my last will and testament, he to serve at such compensation as the Court shall allow.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 14 day of November, 1958.

/s/ GENEVIEVE A. BERLING  
GENEVIEVE A. BERLING

The foregoing instrument signed, sealed and acknowledged by said Genevieve A. Berling as and for her last will and testament, in our presence and in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at her request, and we have at the same time subscribed our names as witnesses hereto this 14 day of November, 1958.

WITNESS: s/ SEVERIN H. SCHURGER

WITNESS: ELSIE FUELLING

STATE OF INDIANA }  
COUNTY OF Adams } SS:

RE ESTATE OF  
Genevieve A. Berling  
Deceased

Estate No. 5436  
IN THE ADAMS CIRCUIT COURT

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AFFIDAVIT OF DEATH

Severin H. Schurger, being duly sworn, on oath says that Genevieve A. Berling died on or about the 21st day of March, 1959 and at the time of such death was a resident of such county and state.

/s/ SEVERIN H. SCHURGER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of March, 1959.

(SEAL)

/s/ RICHARD D. LEWTON, Clerk

PROOF OF WILL (By Subscribing Witness)

Severin H. Schurger, being duly sworn by the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, on oath says:

1. Affiant is one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing written instrument dated November 14, 1958, purporting to be the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Genevieve A. Berling (hereinafter called the "decedent").
2. Such instrument was on the date thereof duly executed, published and declared by such decedent to be the Last Will and Testament of such decedent.
3. At such time, such decedent was the full age of twenty-one years, of sound and disposing mind and memory, under no coercion, compulsion or restraint, and competent to devise her property.
4. Such decedent signified that such instrument was her Last Will and Testament, and duly executed same, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses thereto, namely, the affiant and Elsie Fuelling.
5. In the presence of such decedent and in the presence of each other, each of subscribing witnesses attested and signed the same as witnesses thereto.

/s/ SEVERIN H. SCHURGER

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in witness of which, I hereunto affix the seal of such Court, and subscribe my name at Decatur, Indiana, this 24 day of March, 1959.

(SEAL)

/s/ RICHARD D. LEWTON, Clerk

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF Adams, SS:

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE

I, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, do hereby certify that: (1) the foregoing Will and Testament of Genevieve A. Berling, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate before Judge of the Adams Circuit Court; (2) the same was proved by the examination under oath of Severin H. Schurger, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and by the examination under oath of : (3) such will has been recorded in Will Record N Page14-16 in the Will Records of such County; and (4) a full and complete record of such will and of the proof and examination of the witness by whom the same was proved and of the Order of Probate relating thereto has been made and is now of record in the records of the Clerk of such county pertaining to such Court.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the seal of such Court, and subscribed my name at Decatur, Indiana, this 24 day of March, 1959.

(SEAL)

/s/ RICHARD D. LEWTON  
RICHARD D. LEWTON, Clerk  
Adams Circuit Court