

## Will of Mary Jane Closs

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Mary Jane Closs	Of Bellvue, Campbell County, KY; makes her last will & testament	Oct. 28, 1898
J. Arthur Closs	Son; inherits real estate in Hamilton Co., Ohio & Indiana with provisions	
J. Arthur Closs	Son; inherits 2 story home and 3 story building in Cincinnati, Ohio	
Mary Brown	Daughter; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate	
Emma Skillman	Daughter; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate	
Ada J. Closs	Daughter; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate	
Charles H. Closs	Son; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate	
J. Arthur Closs	Son; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate	
Edward N. Closs	Son; to receive 1/6 of estate from sale of real estate, held in trust	
Adele Closs	Daughter; to inherit grand piano	
J. Arthur Closs	Son; appointed executor of will of Mary Jane Closs	
Edward Metz	Witnessed Mary Jane Closs making her last will	
Frederick Horman	Witnessed Mary Jane Closs making her last will	
Mary Jane Closs	Died in Campbell County, Kentucky	Aug. 7, 1904
Edward Metz	Subscribing witness; oath of death; presentation of will to probate	Aug. 12, 1904
Frederick Horman	Subscribing witness; is now deceased	
W. J. Hissem	Judge	
Joseph M. Betz	Clerk of Campbell Co., KY; oath of valid will	Aug. 16, 1904

Read at the office of the County Judge, in Newport in the County of Campbell and State of Kentucky thereof, held at Newport, Campbell County and State of Kentucky, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, before the Hon. W. J. Hixson, sole Judge of said Court.

Commonwealth of Kentucky }  
County of Campbell } Sot.

Be it remembered that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary Jane Closs, to this Court for probate and record, clothed in the words and figures following, to wit,

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, Mary Jane Closs, of the Town of Bellevue, County of Campbell and State of Kentucky, do make this my last will and Testament as follows:—

After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I order and direct that any articles which are deposited in the Safe Deposit Company, or in any deposit company, and directed to any party or parties, or to my children, shall be delivered to them, and that no inventory whatever shall be made of the same.

I feel that I have a right to devise my property, <sup>as I deem proper</sup> and therefore I have, during my lifetime, expended my personal efforts, and have deposited them in the Safe Deposit Co., and order them devised as before set forth.

Second— I will, and bequeath unto Arthur Closs, the following described real estate, owned by me in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, known



as No. 395 Gratiot Avenue (old number), also a two story frame cottage known as No. 11 Elizabeth St., also a three story brick building situated on Central Avenue, corner Lawrence St. Cincinnati, Ohio. Also a farm in Indiana containing rights (80) acres, also all my real estate wherever situated, in trust nevertheless to collect the rents, income and profit thereof, and out of the net income to pay unto my children Mary Seawie, Emma and Adela, Ada J. Cross, Charles H. Cross, Edward N. Cross, and Arthur Cross share and share alike, until said real estate shall be disposed of, and then divided subject to the below provision.

Unto my daughter Mary, Emma and Adela, and my son Chas. H. and Arthur, each an undivided one sixth of the proceeds derived therefrom, I devise one sixth of my real estate to my son Arthur, to hold in trust for my son Edward N. Cross, having full confidence in my son Arthur, I order that no bond be given by him as such trustee, but authorize him to pay unto said Edward the whole or any part of the principal of said fund at any time that he may deem necessary in the premises.

I do not charge him with any responsibilities in the premises.

Should anything be left at the death of said Edward, I order and direct that the same be paid over to his children at legal age, if any be living. If not, the same to vest in my children.

I also devise unto my daughter Adela my piano, a George Stock Pailor Grand. The balance of my household effects I direct to be disposed of to the best interest of my children.

I authorize and empower my executor at any time he may deem proper, to sell the whole or any part of my real estate,

hereby releasing the purchaser thereof from any or all responsibility arising from the said sale.

I appoint and make J. Arthur Cross executor and trustee of this my last will and testament, and request that he be required to give me an inventory of my estate, be made.

In Witness Whereof, I, Mary Jane Cross have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28 day of October, 1898.

Mary J. Cross.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Mary Jane Cross and acknowledged by her to be her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Edward Metz,  
Friedrich Lorman

Therefore on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, Edward Metz, one of the subscribing witnesses of the last will and testament of Mary Jane Cross, late of this county, deceased appeared in open Court and was duly sworn and examined according to law touching the due execution of said will.

Whereupon said Court made an order herein as follows, to wit:—

Campbell County Court.

Regular Term Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1904.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary J. Cross, who died in this county Aug. 7, 1904, was this day presented in open Court, filed, and offered for probate. Whereupon came Edward Metz, one of the subscribing witnesses



thereto and being first duly sworn, testified that the aforesaid document signed and acknowledged said paper to be her last will and testament; that at the time of doing so she was of sound mind and disposing memory; that he signed his name as such witness in the presence of and at the request of the testator and in the presence of Frederick Hornum, the other subscribing witness; It appearing that the said Frederick Hornum is now deceased the said Edward Metz testified that said Frederick Hornum signed said paper as a witness in the presence of and at the request of testatrix and in the presence of said Edward Metz.

Whereupon it is hereby ordered that said paper be admitted and established as such for the last will and testament of Mary J. Closs, deceased, and so such is ordered to record.

Came J. Arthur Closs the Executor and United named in the last will and testament of Mary J. Closs deceased, and qualified by taking the oath required by law without bond.

W. J. Hissam  
Judge.

State of Kentucky }  
Campbell County } Sec.

I, Joe M. Betz, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, the same being a Court of Record, having a seal and having jurisdiction of the Probate of Wills and the appointment and qualification of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and other Fiduciaries, do hereby certify that the foregoing and hereto attached writing contains a full and complete copy of the Last Will and

Testament of Mary Jane Closs, as fully as the same appears from the Records on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Newport, Kentucky, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1904.

Joe M. Betz,  
Clerk.

(Seal)

State of Kentucky }  
Campbell County } Sec.

I, W. J. Hissam, Presiding Judge of the County Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Joseph M. Betz, who signed the foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, duly elected, qualified and sworn; that his said signature is in his own genuine and proper handwriting, and that said certificate and authentication are in due form of law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of said Court to be hereto affixed at Newport, Ky, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1904.

(Seal)

W. J. Hissam,  
Presiding Judge Campbell County  
Court.

State of Kentucky }  
Campbell County } Sec.

I, Joe M. Betz, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Hon. W. J. Hissam who signed the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Presiding Judge of said Court, duly elected, commissioned and

sworn and that his said signature is in his own genuine and proper handwriting.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Newport, Kentucky, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1904,

Jos. M. Betz, Clerk.

(Seal)

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