

Will of Christian M. Stauffer

Name in Record	Reason for Being in Record	Date of Record
Christian M. Stauffer	Of Wabash Township; makes his last will & testament	Sept. 28, 1905
Sophia Stauffer	Wife; inherits entire estate unless she remarries	
Sophia Stauffer	Wife; to inherit 1/3 of estate if she remarries	
Unnamed children	To share 2/3 of estate if Sophia Stauffer remarries	
Henry H. Stucky	Witnessed Christian Stauffer making his last will	
Amos Hirschy	Witnessed Christian Stauffer making his last will	
Christian M. Stauffer	Died	Oct. 17, 1905
Henry H. Stucky	Subscribing witness; oath of death & validity of will	Oct. 27, 1905
David Gerber	Clerk	
Paul Baumgartner	Deputy	
David Gerber	Clerk; will has been admitted to probate	Oct. 27, 1905
Paul Baumgartner	Deputy	

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no 752
In the Name of the Benevolent Father of All:
I, the undersigned, Christian M. Stauffer,
residing in Wabash Township, Adams County,
Indiana, being of sound mind and disposing memory
and realizing the uncertainties of life, do hereby
make, publish and declare the following to be my
last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all
other wills by me heretofore made.

Item First.

It is my will that all my just debts and
funeral expenses shall be paid first out of my estate.

Item Second.

After the payment of my debts and funeral
expenses as in item first of this will provided,
then it is my will, and I hereby give, devise and
bequeath to my beloved wife, Sophia Stauffer, to
have and to hold so long as she remains my
widow, all the rest and residue of my estate,
real, personal and mixed. She to have the use,
income and possession thereof so long as she
remains my widow. And I hereby give to her
full power to sell, convey and dispose of any of
said estate, execute deeds therefor, or to change
the investment thereof, and to use any por-
tion thereof to maintain herself and my children
during such widowhood and she shall not be
liable to any one for any action
she may take in the management, control
or use of said estate during such time.

Item Third.

In the event of the termination of my
said wife's widowhood by marriage, then it is
my will and I hereby give, devise and bequeath
to my beloved wife and my children the rest
and residue of my estate remaining after the
use thereof by my said wife as in item
second of this will provided, the same to be there
absolutely and in fee simple in the following
shares and portions, to wit: To my beloved wife
the undivided one third thereof, and to my
children the undivided two thirds thereof.

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Item Fourth.

It is further, my will that at the death of my said wife, if she has not remarried before said time, then I give, devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, remaining after the use thereof by my said wife as in item second of this will provided, to my children, share and share alike.

Item Fifth.

It is my will that should my beloved wife die before my death, then I give, devise and bequeath the residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, after payment of debts and funeral expenses as in item first hereof provided, to my children, share and share alike.

Item Sixth.

It is my will that the estates hereby created and made in items third and fourth hereof shall not vest until the happening of the events mentioned therein respectively.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of Sept, A. D., 1905.
Christian M. Stauffer. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the above testator, Christian M. Stauffer, as his last will and testament in our presence, and by each of us signed at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other, as attesting and witnesses thereto the day and date last above written.

Henry H. Stucky } Witnesses.
Amos Hirschy }

(Probate of Will)

State of Indiana, } ss:
Adams County, }

Best known, That Henry H. Stucky, one of the subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of

Last Will & Testament of Christian M. Stauffer.

Christian M. Stauffer late of Adams County, deceased, personally appeared before the undersigned, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams County, being of lawful age and being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows: That Christian M. Stauffer deceased, on the 17th day of October, 1905, that he left the foregoing signed and true and correct, that the undersigned was present and saw the said testator sign his name to the same, and he, also, published and declared that the same was his last Will and Testament; that he was of sound mind and memory, fully competent to devise his property, and was under no restraint or coercion whatever. That Henry H. Stucky and Amos Hirschy each signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of October, 1905.

David Gerber, Clerk.
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.

State of Indiana, } ss:
Adams County, }

I, David Gerber Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, certify that the above and foregoing Will of Christian M. Stauffer late of Adams County, deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate; that its due execution was this day proven by Henry H. Stucky whose proof, together with said Will, have been duly recorded on pages 347-348-349 Record "X" of Will in this office.

Witness my hand, and seal of said Court, this 27th day of October, 1905.

(Seal)

David Gerber, Clerk.
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.