

I, J. Franklin Collins, of the City and County of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made, do make and declare this as and for my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST: I direct my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts, funeral expenses and the charges of settling my estate.

SECOND: I give and bequeath to my sister, Edith W. Jenckes, widow of the late George W. Jenckes, of North Providence, Rhode Island, if living at the time of my death, all that she may desire of my personal effects, of every description, including wearing apparel and jewelry; my diaries from 1883 to date, and all that she may desire of my books, pamphlets and papers of which I may be possessed at the time of my death, to her for her own property, leaving it to her to dispose (or direct the disposition) of the same in such manner as she may see fit and she may deem would best conform to my wishes.

I also give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Edith W. Jenckes, all my right and interest in and to my burial lot situated in Riverside Cemetery, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to my brother, Carlos Collins, and to my niece, Edith Mabel Collins, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to each of them, if living at the time of my death.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath my botanical specimens and other botanical records, etc., as follows:

(1) To the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, all my botanical specimens of vascular plants (of little or no commercial value) including containers, in accordance with the pre-arranged verbal understanding that: (a) the New England Botanical Club, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, shall be permitted to select such specimens as may be desired for its Club herbarium: (b) the Gray Herbarium shall next take such specimens as may be desired for its own herbarium: (c) the remaining specimens to be sorted and organized and a set of the Rhode Island specimens deposited in the

Herbarium of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; (d) the remaining specimens to be used by the Gray Herbarium for exchanges, preferably with well-organized and well-established American and foreign herbaria in such manner as the Curator of the Gray Herbarium may direct.

(2) To the Farlow Herbarium of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, all my botanical specimens of cellular cryptogamic plants (of little or no commercial value) including containers, in accordance with the pre-arranged verbal understanding that: (a) representative specimens of all collections made in New England shall be deposited in the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club as soon as properly prepared, provided they are desired by the Club and are not already in the Club Herbarium: (b) the Farlow Herbarium next to take such specimens as may be desired for its own herbarium: (c) the remaining specimens to be sorted and organized and a set of the Rhode Island specimens deposited in the Herbarium of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island: (d) the remaining specimens to be used by the Farlow Herbarium for exchanges with well-organized and well-established American and foreign herbaria, in such manner as the Curator of the Farlow Herbarium may direct.

Where unbroken original sets of Bryophytes, Lichens, etc., are duplicates of sets already in the Farlow Herbarium such duplicate sets may (preferably) be sold by the Curator of the Farlow Herbarium, and, if sold, half the proceeds of such sales shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the New England Botanical Club, to become a part of the "J. Franklin Collins Fund" hereinafter created, together with an itemized memorandum of the sale with the name of the purchaser; the other half may be used for the purchase of botanical specimens (preferably bryophytes) for the Farlow Herbarium.

(3) To the Farlow Herbarium: My card indexes (mainly of bryophytes) consisting of one "home-made-case of 12 drawers and one 'Library Bureau' case of two drawers (marked "Moss").

(4) To the Herbarium of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island: Sets of Rhode Island plants to be sorted, organized and set aside for this purpose by the Gray Herbarium and the Farlow Herbarium,

as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this (Fourth) clause.

(5) To Professor M. L. Fernald of the Gray Herbarium, if living at the time of my death, such of my photographic negatives, prints and lantern slides pertaining to field trips or botanical matters in which he may be interested, as he may desire, to be retained by him or to be disposed of by him to other persons or institutions (including the New England Botanical Club and Brown University Botanical Department) wherever he may think they will be of most use and appreciated.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath to said Gray Herbarium all my books, magazines and pamphlets relating or pertaining to botanical, horticultural, agricultural and allied subjects, and such other articles as they may desire that are mentioned in the Second Clause of this will which my sister, Edith W. Jenckes, may not desire, and request: (a) that said Gray Herbarium select such items as may be desired for its library or other herbarium equipment; (b) that the New England Botanical Club next be allowed to select such items as may be desired for its library or other Club equipment; (c) that the Farlow Herbarium and Library be allowed next to select such items as may be desired (copies of which are not already in its possession) for its library; (d) and finally, that the Gray Herbarium dispose of the remainder by gift, exchange, or sale, as the Curator may direct. In case of sale half the proceeds are to be turned over to the Treasurer of the New England Botanical Club to become a part of the 'J. Franklin Collins Fund', hereinafter created.

SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or over which I have any power of testamentary disposition at the time of my decease, as follows:

(1) Ten percent (10%) of it to the said Gray Herbarium, as much of it as needed to be used to defray the expense of organizing the vascular plants mentioned in paragraph 1, Fourth clause, of this will.

(2) Ten percent (10%) of it to the said Farlow Herbarium, as much of it as needed to be used to defray the expense of organizing the cellular plants mentioned in paragraph 2, Fourth clause, of this will.

(3) Forty percent (40%) of it to my sister, Edith W. Jenckes, if living at the time of my death; otherwise to be divided equally between (a) the said Gray Herbarium, (b) the said Farlow Herbarium, (c) the said New England Botanical Club "J. Franklin Collins Fund", and (d) Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island: this last to Brown University to be used to establish a scholarship in Botany (if sufficient for that purpose) or for current needs of the Botanical Department.

(4) Forty percent (40%) of it to the New England Botanical Club, Inc., to be known as the "J. Franklin Collins Fund", or by some equally distinctive name, the income of which shall be used primarily for the upkeep of the Club Herbarium (both phaenogamic and cryptogamic), and the maintenance of the publications of the Club, especially the Club Journal RHODORA: the income to be applied in such manner as the Council of the Club shall from time to time direct. In case of an unusual emergency, or in order to attain some specially desirable botanical objective, the principal may be drawn upon for similar purposes and in like manner.

LASTLY: I hereby nominate and appoint the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company of Providence, Rhode Island, executor of this, my will, and I direct that it be not required to give any surety upon its bond as such executor, and so far as I have the power so to do that it be not required to file any inventory or to render any public account of my estate; and I further direct that my said executor (or any appointed in its stead) pay all death duties, legacies, transfer or inheritance taxes, or other similar taxes however designated or by whatever jurisdiction imposed, out of my residuary estate, and that the same shall be charged upon such residuary estate to the exoneration of all legacies and beneficial interests under this will.

IN TESTAMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

J. Franklin Collins

Signed, published and declared by said J. Franklin Collins
as and for his last will and testament, in our presence, who have, at
his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses.

Herbert R. Mottshaw

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Malcolm A. McKenzie

Pornham Club, Riverside, R. I.



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