

Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

HOLDING PROBATE COURT

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JAN 25 1933
REGISTER OF WILLS
Clerk of Probate Court

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:

On this 25th day of January, A. D. 1933

personally appeared Hester A. Lawrence

who on oath says that he does not know of any will or codicil of

Violet Blair Fanner late of said

District, deceased, other than the instrument^s of writing hereunto annexed dated

July 6th - 1927 - July 8th - 1926 - September 25th - 1928 - and March 4th - 1932

that he ^{removed} received the same from

the Bill Vault of the National Savings and Trust Company

and that said Violet Blair Fanner died on or

about the _____ day of _____, 1933

Hester A. Lawrence

Address National Savings and Trust Co.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day aforesaid.

Victor J. Mensch

Deputy Register of Wills for the District of Columbia,
Clerk of the Probate Court.

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In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:

On this 25th day of January, A. D. 1933
 personally appeared S. Jones Hill, J. Fontaine Hall
and Carlin Mason, who on oath say 3 that he
is one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing paper-writing dated the 4th
 day of March, A. D. 1932, purporting to be a
 to the last will and testament of Ruby Blair Janin
 deceased, late of the District of Columbia, that the Testatinf therein named signed said will
 in their presence; that said Testatinf published, pronounced and declared the same to be a
his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing said Testatinf
 was, to the best of affiant's apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, and capable of executing a valid deed
 or contract; and that affiant's name as witness to the aforesaid will were signed
 in the presence and at the request of Testatinf and in the presence of one another
 the other subscribing witness, who also signed in the presence of the affiant, and in the presence and at
 the request of the Testatinf

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S. Jones Hill
 Address Washington D. C.
J. Fontaine Hall
 Address Washington D. C.
Carlin Mason
 Address Washington, D. C.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day aforesaid.

Victor J. Mensch
 Deputy Register of Wills for the District of Columbia,
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THEODORE DOUGLAS
REGISTER OF WILLS, D. C.
Clerk of Probate Court

The Last Will and Testament
of
VIOLET BLAIR JANIN.

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I, VIOLET BLAIR JANIN, do make, publish and declare this as and for my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling any and all Wills, Testaments and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

ITEM I. I direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay all of my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my death as may be convenient.

ITEM II. I give and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named a sum sufficient to purchase a golden chalice, and to cause to be set therein the diamond cross belonging to my late mother, and I direct that the same be presented unto the Bethlehem Chapel at Mount St. Albans, Washington, D. C., in memory of my late mother, Mary Jesup Blair.

ITEM III. I direct my Executors hereinafter named to have a golden patten made from the diamond cross, earrings and stars, using the golden chain given to me by my late husband, and to present the same unto the Bethlehem Chapel at Mount St. Albans, Washington, D. C., in memory of my late husband.

ITEM IV. I give and bequeath, absolutely, one hundred (100) shares of the capital stock of The Columbia Title Insurance Company, which may be owned by me at the time of my death, unto the endowment fund of St. John's Episcopal Orphan Asylum, of Washington, D. C., in memory of my late beloved mother, Mary Jesup Blair.

ITEM V. I give and bequeath, absolutely, unto the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, of Washington, D. C., all

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books, manuscripts, autographs and miscellaneous papers, five mahogany red plush seat chairs, all large bookcases, combination secretary-bookcase, dropleaf brass claw mahogany table, carved inlaid teakwood armchair, round top variegated wood table, leather seated siesta chair, and old silver candlesticks contained in the library of my home, No. 12 Lafayette Square, Northwest, Washington, D. C. I direct that all of the above described articles be used in furnishing the wing of the Library Building at the Cathedral at Mount St. Albans, given by me in memory of my late beloved mother, Mary Jesup Blair. Further, I direct that the books bequeathed by me as aforesaid shall be kept together as a unit and never separated, and the said books must be placed in the reading room of the wing of the Library. In case I leave more books than can be placed on the shelves of the reading room, I direct that the same be kept together as a unit in the stacks otherwise provided in the wing of the Library Building referred to.

I give and bequeath, absolutely, the sum of Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000) unto the said Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, of Washington, D. C., the net income from which shall be used perpetually to keep in repair the books and other personal articles bequeathed unto said Foundation as aforesaid in memory of my mother, Mary Jesup Blair.

ITEM VI. I give and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) unto the Emergency Hospital of Washington, D. C., as an endowment fund in memory of my late husband, Albert Covington Janin, to be used in the discretion of the Board of Directors of said Hospital.

ITEM VII. I give and bequeath, absolutely, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) unto St. John's Church Branch of Woman's Auxiliary, as an endowment fund in memory of my late beloved mother, Mary Jesup Blair.

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ITEM VIII. I give and bequeath, absolutely, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) unto the Episcopal Home for Colored People, Washington, D. C., for the establishment of a memorial room in memory of the late Betty Robinson and Maria Adams, who were in my service and in the service of my family for many years, and who were faithful and true to the last.

ITEM IX. I give and bequeath my blue French china coffee set, given to me by my dear late husband, unto my cousin, Mary J. Sitgreaves as a memento of my regard and affection for her.

ITEM X. I give and bequeath, absolutely, unto Edith Draper Blair, all of my jewelry, with the exception of the diamond crosses herein otherwise specifically disposed of, all laces and certain articles of furniture specifically referred to in a letter which I shall leave addressed to Edith Draper Blair, all of which articles are to be disposed of by her in accordance with the instructions in said letter.

Should the letter not be found among my papers in my desk or in my safe deposit box at the time of my death, then and in said event, I give and bequeath the aforesaid articles absolutely, unto said Edith Draper Blair.

ITEM XI. I give and bequeath, absolutely, ten (10) shares of the capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company which may be owned by me at the time of my death unto each of my cousins, as follows: Emily Blair Henrotin, Brooke Lee, Blair Lee, 2nd, Edith Blair Staton, Minna Blair Holliday, Virginia Blair Brooke, Ellen Blair Jackson, Montgomery Blair, 3d, Willian D. Blair and Woodbury Blair, 2d.

ITEM XII. I give and bequeath, absolutely, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) par value Potomac Electric Power Company five per cent. (5%) bonds, which may be owned by me at the time of my death. or the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) as the equivalent thereof, in case said bonds are not owned by me at the time

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of my death, unto Diana Kearny Powell, if living.

ITEM XIII. I give and devise, in fee simple, my real estate, with improvements, designated as No. 12 Lafayette Square, Northwest, Washington, D. C., unto Woodbury Blair, if living.

ITEM XIV. I give and devise, in fee simple, my real estate, with improvements, designated as No. 10 Lafayette Square, Northwest, Washington, D. C., unto Blair Lee, if living.

ITEM XV. I give and devise unto Edward Danner, for and during his lifetime, the cottage and one acre of ground appurtenant thereto of the farm "The Moorings", near Silver Spring, Montgomery County, State of Maryland, which cottage is included in the portion of my said farm hereinafter devised unto Blair Lee.

ITEM XVI. I give and devise, in fee simple, that portion of my farm "The Moorings", near Silver Spring, Montgomery County, State of Maryland, from the Boyle fence to the grove and from the Brookville Pike to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, including vegetable gardens, stable and north meadow and the land across the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, together with all the improvements thereon, in fee simple, unto Blair Lee, if living, subject to the life interest in the cottage and one acre of ground appurtenant thereto hereinbefore devised to Edward Danner for and during his lifetime.

ITEM XVII. I give and devise, in fee simple, the remaining portion of my farm, "The Moorings", near Silver Spring, Montgomery County, State of Maryland, from the trees fronting on the Brookville Pike and the road on the south, together with all improvements thereon, unto the State of Maryland, for the establishment of a public park thereon, in memory of my beloved brother, Jesup Blair, subject to the following conditions:

That this devise be accepted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland within three years after the

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date of my death.

That ample provision shall be made for the perpetual maintenance of said property as a park open to the public.

That all of the trees now upon the property be preserved except such of them as it is absolutely necessary to remove in connection with the laying out of such park. It is my earnest wish and request that if any of the trees upon the property are destroyed, or die, that such trees be replaced.

In event, however, this devise is not accepted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, said real estate shall fall into and become a part of my residuary estate and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the residuary clause of this my Will.

ITEM XVIII. I give and bequeath, absolutely, the sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100) each unto Henry Hawkins and Sophia Hawkins, and the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) unto Annie O'Connor Noone, if said legatees, respectively, shall be living at the time of my death.

ITEM XIX. I give and bequeath, absolutely, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) unto my goddaughter, Gertrude Greely Shand, if living.

ITEM XX. I give and bequeath, absolutely, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and any automobile owned by me at the time of my death unto Edward Danner, if living.

ITEM XXI. All of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and property, real, personal and mixed, and any legacies, bequests or devises which shall have lapsed or shall otherwise become ineffective, I give, bequeath and devise, in absolute estate and in fee simple, in equal shares and as tenants in common, unto the children of my cousins, Montgomery Blair and Blair Lee, per capita, the issue, per stirpes, of any deceased child or children to take the share of my residuary estate which

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their deceased ancestor or ancestors would have been entitled to take, if living.

ITEM XXII. I nominate, constitute and appoint Woodbury Blair, Blair Lee and the National Savings and Trust Company, a corporation organized under the laws in force in the District of Columbia and doing business therein, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I direct that Woodbury Blair and Blair Lee be not required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties as said Executors.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of March, A. D. 1932, to this my last Will and Testament, typewritten upon six pages. For the purpose of identification, I have signed the margin of each of the five preceding pages hereof.

Violet Blair Janin

Signed, published and declared by the above named testatrix, VIOLET BLAIR JANIN, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of one another, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this 4th day of March, A. D. 1932.

S. James Hill

Washington D.C.

J. Fontaine Hill

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Carlisle Mason

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