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OF

MATILDA R. WILSON

I, MATILDA R. WILSON, of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

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I direct the payment, of all my debts, expenses of last illness, funeral expenses, and other expenses of administration; further, I direct the payment of all state inheritance taxes, Federal. estate taxes, and other death taxes or duties that may be assessed against my Estate, or on account of property passing under this Will, or an account of property passing otherwise than under this Will, and my Estate shall have no right to claim contribution from any person receiving such property. I direct that all the foregoing be charged to the amount received by the Matilda R. Wilson Fund as my residuary legatee, to the end that all the bequests', devises, legacies and annuities to others than the Matilda R. Wilson Fund, as set forth in Articles II to VI, inclusive, may be satisfied free and clear.

I I

 $$\operatorname{My}$$ jewelry, personal effects, furnishings and other tangible personal property I give as follows:

(a) Certain Special Items

(i) Jewelry. I give to my sister-in-law MABEL S.

WILSON, and to my friend and godchild, BERNADINE

BALLAGH MAIN of East Lansing, Michigan, each a
piece of jewelry, the same to be selected by my daughter.

Frances Dodge VanLennep. The jewelry given to me by
my first husband, the late John F. Dodge, and the jewelry
given to me by my daughter Frances, I give to my
daughter, FRANCES.

- (ii) <u>Dodge Portrait.</u> I give to my daughter, FRANCES, the portrait, by Hayes, of John Dodge and Frances. (I acknowledge here that the portrait, by Louis Betts, of Daniel Dodge and Frances, which may be in Meadow Brook Hall at the time of my death, already belongs to Frances.)
- (iii) $\underline{\text{Guns}}$. I give to my grandson, JOHN VAN LENNEP, the guns and gun cabinet of the late John F. Dodge.
- (iv) <u>Birds.</u> I give to OAKLAND UNIVERSITY one pair of Dorothy Doughty Birds (now in the cabinet at my home known as Sunset Terrace), as selected by my daughter, Frances, and two display cabinets (made by Schmied & Kotzan) now at Sunset Terrace.
- (v) Photographs I give to my daughter, FRANCES, all personal photographs wheresoever located.
- (b) $\underline{\text{Meadow Brook Hall Items.}}$ The personal property located at Meadow Brook Hall I give as follows:
 - (i) To $\,$ my daughter $\,$ FRANCES, the souvenirs in the cabinet on the second floor and in the morning room.
 - (ii) To OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, the Sheffield tea service and the pair of candelabra now on the sideboard of the dining room; the rest of the silver to my daughter, FRANCES, as she may select: and any such silver not selected by her to pass under (v) of this Clause (b).
 - (iii) To OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, the china glassware and table linens (all in the butler pantry); all furniture, drapes and rugs; and all tapestries.
 - (iv) To my daughter, FRANCES, such of the china, glassware, linens and other household furnishings as she may select but not including anything riven above to OAKLAND UNIVERSITY mr any paintings or portraits, nor the Meadow Brook Hall Library.

Brook Hall items remaining after (i) through (iv),
above, as my Executors in their judgment consider
would be appropriate for continued use in Meadow
Brook Hall by OAKLAND UNIVERSITY.

For the purposes of this Will, property shall be deemed to be located in Meadow Brook Hall if it is normally therein, even though at the time of my death it is temporarily absent for exhibition or repair.

- (c) <u>Wearing Apparel.</u> I give to my daughter, FRANCES, such of my personal wearing apparel and personal **accessories** and effects (but not . jewelry) as' she may desire.
- (d) Farm House and Club House Items. All furnishings at the Farm House and at the Club House I give to OAKLAND UNIVERSITY.
- (e) <u>Miscellaneous</u> I give to my daughter, FRANCES, the <u>right to</u> select such items as she may wish to have out of my glassware, china, <u>silver</u>, <u>object d'arts furniture</u>, linens and other household furnishings wheresoever located but not including Meadow Brbok Hall items (the same being already disposed of in Clause (b), above), nor any jewelry, tapestries, paintings **or** portraits, nor anything else passing under earlier provisions of this Will

All tangible personal property not effectively disposed of by this Article II shall fall in the residue of my estate and, unless sold by my Executors, shall pass to my residuary legatee.

The bequests to OAKLAND UNIVERSITY under (a), (b) and (d), above, are subject to the condition that OAKLAND UNIVERSITY shall, prior to the delivery of the property by my Executor, enter into an agreement with my Executor whereby OAKLAND UNIVERSITY undertakes to keep the major items of said personal property in Meadow Brook Hall so long as the same is a cultural center and otherwise to deal with the same in such manner, satisfactory to my Executor as may be specified in such agreement, but for charitable purposes.

- (d) To NELSON L. MEREDITH, of Detroit, Michigan, Tenthousand (\$10,000) Dollars, to lapse if he does not survive me.
- (e) To my sister, AMELIA RAUSCH CLINE, of Rochester, Michigan, Seventy-Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars, to lapse if she does not survive me; and in addition if there be owing to me any sums from my sister, Amelia, or her estate, I direct that the debt be cancelled.

IV

I give the following cash legacies to persons in my employ:

	Helen E. Turner		3,500.00
	Herman Siewert		3,500.00
	Christina Scott		10,000.00
	Vera T. Donlin .	1	5,000.00
۲.	Ruth Clark		3,000.00
	Harold Clark .		\$ 3,000.00 .
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provided that if any such person shall predecease me, or shall not be employed by me at the time of my death, the legacy to such person shall lapse.

If there be any other persons not named above, and not named elsewhere in this Will, who shall be employed by me on a full-time basis at the time of my death, and shall have been so employed for at least twelve months immediately preceding my death, I give to each such person Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each full year of continuous employment immediately preceding my death; provided, however, that the legacy to any such person shall not exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars.

Some of those named above are also given an annuity under Article VI. For the purposes of this Article IV and Article VI, employment by Anchor Realty Company shall be considered the equivalent of employment by me; and employment on a full-time basis means salaried, daily or

hourly employment on a basis aggregating one thousand or more hours per year. The conditions stated above in respect to employment shall be waived as to any person receiving a pension from me at the time of my death who sometime prior thereto was employed by me.

V

I give legacies to certain organizations as' follows:

Foundation of the Presbyterian Church In the United States of America	\$50,000
The Board of Trustees of Beliot College, Beloit. Wisconsin	75,000
First Presbyterian Church, Detroit	50,000
The Salvation Army, a Michigan corporation, Detroit	75,000
Auxiliary to The Salvation Army, a Michigan corporation, Detroit, one-half to be credited to its General Endowment Fund and one-half to be credited to its Tribute Fund	10,000
Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, a Michigan corporation, for credit to its Educational and Philanthropic Fund	5,000
Women's Association First Presby- terial Church, Detroit	5,000
University Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Michigan	10,000
Village Women's Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	5,000
Michigan State University, for credit to the John Hannah Professorship Fund (but less any amount paid by me to said Fund after the date	
hereof)	300,000
	\$585,000

The legacies in this Article are subject to abatement under Article VII, in the event my Estate proves insufficient to assure carrying out in full my plan of distribution Each bequest in this Article II made to any person is subject to the condition that the person shall survive me and where any such person predeceases me the bequest of such person shall lapse. Any selections under this Article II shall be made in writing within nine months after my death. I have not, in this Article II overlooked my granddaughters, Judith and Frederika; I anticipate that their mother. Frances, will pass on to them such items as may be appropriate.

III.

I give cash legacies to relatives and friends as follows:

- (a). To my daughter, BARBARA WILSON ECCLES, the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10, 000) Dollars, and to my son, RICHARD SAMUEL WILSON, the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10, 000) Dollars, each to lapse if the legatee'does not survive me and, in addition, if there shall be owing to me any sums from my daughter, Barbara Wilson Eccles, or her, estate, or my son, Richard Samuel Wilson, or his estate, I direct that the debt be cancelled.
- (b) The sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars to MANUFACTURERS NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT, Trustee, under trust agreement between it and me dated February 10, 1967, entitled "Trust for the Children of Barbara Wilson Eccles," to be added thereto and form part of said trust, but this bequest shall lapse if there be no children of Barbara living at my death; and the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollar; to MANUFACTURERS NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT, Trustee, undertrust agreement between it and me dated February 10, 1967, entitled "Trust for the Children of Richard Samuel Wilson", to be added thereto and form part of said trust, but this bequest shall lapse if there be no children of Richard living at my death. In 'the case of each said trust,, the receipt of the trustee shall be a full discharge of my Executor and shall relieve him and the probate court of any supervision of such trust:
- (c) To BERNADINE BALLAGH MAIN, of, East Lansing, Michigan, Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, to lapse if she does not survive me.

The rest, residue and remainder of my Estate I give to the MATILDA R. WILSON FUND, a Michigan charitable corporation, for charitable purposes, but subject to the condition, that said Fund shall pay to each of the following who survive me an annuity in the amounts stated, payable monthly in advance, beginning with and cumulative from the first day of the month succeeding my death and continuing until the death of the annuitant concerned:

NAME OF	AMOUNT
A N N U I T A N T	PER MONTH
Martin Goodwill	\$100.00
George Meade	100.00
Herman Siewert	150.00
	\$350.00

and this gift of the residue of my Estate is charged with the payment of such annuities. Each annuity is subject to the condition that the annuitant concerned shall be in my employ at the time of my death. Said Matilda R. Wilson Fund-may at any time discharge its, obligation to pay annuities under this Article by purchasing and delivering to the annuitant a fully paid-up contract issued by a life insurance company authorized to do business in Michigan, entitling the annuitant to an annuity in the amount stated above for the remainder of his lifetime, due allowance being made for any annuity payments made by said Fund.

VII

I believe my Estate will be amply sufficient to carry out the foregoing plan of distribution and leave a substantial amount for the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. In the event that the amount distributed to the Matilda R. Wilson Fund under Article VI (valuing property at its fair market value at the time of distribution) shall prove to be less than twice the then value of the annuities charged thereon (annuities being valued by the principles—used for computation of Federal estate taxes) the legacies in Article V of this Will shall be reduced or eliminated with the effect of increasing the amount actually distributed to the

Matilda R. Wilson Fund until it shall be twice the value of the annuities payable therefrom. Such reduction shall apply to all legacies under Article V in proportion to the amount of each such legacy.

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As Executor of my Will, I name my advisor of long standing, NELSON L. MEREDITH; if he shall fail to qualify or cease to act, then I nominate MANUFACTURERS NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT as Executor of successor Executor; I request that my Executor be allowed to serve with nominal bond.

For many years my tax affairs have been handled by Nelson L. Meredith and my legal affairs by Bodman, Longley, Bogle, Armstrong and Dahling, attorneys'. To the end that the tax and legal affairs of my Estate may be in the hands of those who have special familiarity with them, I wish to express the suggestion (i) that for the handling of tax affairs in connection with my Estate the services of Nelson L. Meredith be retained (and I direct that the fees to which he may be entitled for such services and the fees to which he may be entitled as Executor shall each be computed without regard to his services in the other capacity and without regard to the legacy which I have given him under this Will) and (ii) that for the handling of legal affairs in connection with my Estate the services of said attorneys be retained.

ΙX

I authorize my Executor, in his absolute discretion and without application to any court or authority for leave or confirmation:

(a)

To pay any pecuniary legacy in whole or in part by delivering to the legatee stocks, bonds, notes or other obligations or investments of my Estate which in the opinion of my Executor shall be equal in valud to the whole or such part of the principal of such legacy, and the valuation fixed by my Executor for such purpose shall be binding and conclusive upon all persons interested in my Estate.

- (b) To sell any property forming part of my Estate to any beneficiary under this Will., In such case neither the fact that the purchaser is a beneficiary or in an Executor shall in any way affect the validity of such sale or create any presumption that the consideration received is inadequate, and every such sale shall have the same force and effect as though made-to a stranger.
- and all assets of my Estate (real or personal and excepting only assets specifically bequeathed), for cash or credit or for other property, all on such terms as my Executor deems sufficient, and without regard to the valuation that may have been placed on such assets for appraisal purposes; to retain any investments forming part of my Estate; to invest or reinvest the assets of my Estate; to borrow money and to mortgage or pledge assets of my Estate as security for money borrowed; and to compromise claims in favor of or against my Estate.

Any person named in this. Will may disclaim the whole or any part of any property given hereunder; any property so disclaimed shall pass as though such person had predeceased me.

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In fixing on the plan of distribution of my Estate provided for by this Will, I have been especially mindful of financial provisions that have already been made by me and by others for my children, FRANCES DODGE VAN LENNEP, RICHARD SAMUEL WILSON, and BARBARA WILSON ECCLES, and I have concluded that each of said children is already well provided for.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MATILDA R. WILSON, have signed this Will, this $\frac{2^n}{d}$ d a y o $\frac{f}{2}$ $\frac{2^n}{2^n}$ $\frac{1967}{2^n}$.

The foregoing instrument was on the date thereof and in, our presence signed by MATILDA R. WILSON, and declared to be her Last Will and Testament by her,, hnd thereafter, each of us, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, witnessed the same.

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ARTICLE I

This Article directs that the claims filedagainst Mrs. Wilson's estate, the expense-s' of administering her estate, and the Federal Estate Tax and all other State Inheritance Taxes, on all assets are all to be, paid from the assets passing to the Matilda-R. Wilson Fund under Article VI of the Will.

ARTICLE II

Article II bequeathes Mrs. Wilson's jewelry, personal effects furnishings, etc. to relatives, a godchild, and Oakland University. The bequests to Oakland University, are conditioned upon the written agreement of Oakland University with the Executor. to keep the major items of property given it in Meadow Brook, Hall so long as. it remains a cultural center. The individual beneficiaries must survive Mrs. Wilson in order to receive their bequests. Where Mrs. Wilson has given the right of selection to any of the beneficiaries, this selection must be made in writing within nine months of Mrs. Wilson's death. The various items pass specifically to the following beneficiaries:

Mabel S. Wilson - Sister-in-law

One piece of,-jewelry to be selected by Frances Dodge VanLennep.

Bernadine Ballagh Main Godchild

One piece of jewelry-to be selected by Frances Dodge VanLennep.

John VanLennep Grandson

Guns and -gun 'cabinet of.-the late John. F. Dodge..:

Frances Dodge VanLennep - Daughter
Jewelry given Mrs. Wilson by first husband, John F. Dodge.

Jewelry given Mrs. Wilson by daughter, Frances.

Portrait of John Dodge and Frances by Hayes.

Portrait of Daniel Dodge and Frances by Louis Betts.

All personal photographs wherever located.

Souvenirs in the cabinet on the second floor and in the morning room in Meadow Brook Hall.

The silverware in Meadow Brook Hall as Frances may select, excluding the Sheffield tea service and pair of candelaoras, which two items pass to Oakland University.

Such of the china, glassware, linens and other furnishings in Meadow Brook Hall as Frances may select, excluding items given to Cakland University, the paintings, portraits, and Meadow Brook Hall Library.

Wearing apparel and personal accessories and effects, excluding jewelry.

Such of the glassware, china, silver, object d'arts furniture, linens and household furniture wherever located, excluding all Meadow Brook Hall items and excluding all jewelry, tapestries, paintings and portraits and all other items' specifically disposed of.

I.

Oakland University.

One pair of Dorothy]-Doughty Birds (in cabinet at home known as Sunset,'
Terrace) as selected by' Frances Dodge VanLennep.

Two display cabinets made by Schmied | Kotzan at Sunset Terrace..

Sheffield tea service and a pair of candelabras on the sideboard of the dining room at Meadow Brook Hall.

China, glassware and table linens all in the Butler Pantry in Meadow Brook Hall; all furniture drapes, rugs, and all tapestries in Meadow Brook Hall.

Any remaining items in Meadow Brook Hall not specifically mentioned, as the Executor considers appropriate for use in Meadow Brook Hall by Oakland University.

All furnishings at the Farm House and at the Club House.

ARTICLE III

This makes the following cash legacies to relatives and friends the specific indicidual must survive Mrs. Wilson in order to receive his legacy:

Barbara Wilson Eccles, \$10,000, and cancellation of any indebtedness to Mrs. Wilson.

Richard Samuel Wilson, \$10,000, and cancellation of any indebtedness to Mrs. Wilson.

Manufacturers National Bank as Trustee of the Trust for the Children of Barbara Wilson Eccles dated February 10,.1967, \$200,000, to lapse if no children of Barbara Wilson Eccles survive Mrs. Wilson.

Manufactureres National Bank as Trustee the Trust for the Children of Richard Samuel Wilson dated February 10, 1967, \$200,000, to lapse if no children of Richard Samuel Wilson survive Mrs. Wilson..

Bernadine Ballagh Main, \$5,000.

Nelson L. Meredith, \$10,000.

Amelia Rausch Cline, \$7,500, and cancellation of any indebtedness to Mrs. Wilson.

ARTICLE IV

This makes the following cash legacies to persons in Mrs. Wilson's employ. The individual must survive Mrs. Wilson and be in her employ to receive his legacy:

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Other persons who are not included above and who have been in the employ of Mrs. Wilson are to receive \$200 per year up to a maximum amount of \$2,000. Employment by the Anchor Realty Company is to be considered employment by Mrs. Wilson.

ARTICLE V

This makes the following cash legacies to the specific organizations:

Foundation of t&Presbyterian Church In the United States of America	\$50,000
The Board of Trustees of Beliot College, Beloit, Wisconsin	75,000
First Presbyterian Church, Detroit	50,000
The Salvation Army, a Michigan corporation, Detroit	75,000
Auxiliary to The Salvation Army, a Michigan corporation, Detroit, one-half to be credited to its General Endow- ment Fund and one-half to be credited to its Tribute Fun Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, a	d 10,000,
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University Presbyterian Church, -Rochester,, Michigan	10,000
Village Women's Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	5,000
Michgian State University, for credit to the John Hannah Professorship Fund (but less any amount paid by me I+,.,said Fund after the 'date hereof)	300,000

ARTICLE VI

The residue of Mrs. Wilson's estate passes to the Matilda R. Wilson Fur&subject to the payment of three annuities for life; each individual must have been in Mrs. Wilson's employ at the time-of her death in order to receive his annuity:

Martin Goodwill George. Meade Herman' Siewert \$100 per month 100 per month **150 per** month

ARTICLE VII .

This provides that the bequests made in Article V to various organizations shall be reduced if the assets passing to the Matilda R. Wilson Fund under Article are iess than twice the value of the annuities payable pursuant to Article VI. These annuities are to be valued for this purpose as required for Remainings.

ARTICLE VIII

Nelson L. Meredith is named as Executor of Mrs. Wilson's Will, and if he fails to qulaify or ceases to act, then Manufacturers National Bank shall act as Executor.

It is suggested that Nelson I. Meredith handle the tax affairs in connection with Mrs. Wilson's estate and that Bodman, Longle, Bogle, Armstrong and Dahling handle the legal matters of the estate. Mr. Meredith is specifically authorized to receive a separate. - fee as Executor. and tax counsel in addition to his legacy under., the Will.

ARTICLE IX

This sets forth various Executor's powers.

ARTICLE X

This indicates that Mrs. Wilson is mindful of the financial provisions made by her and others for her children, Frances Dodge VanLennep, Richard Samuel Wilson, and Barbara Wilson Eccles, and, therefore, she concludes that each of said children is already well provided for.