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WILL OF LEVI BIRCH

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I, Levi Birch, residing in the city of East Chicago, in the county of Lake, and state of Indiana, do hereby make, publish, and declare this my last Will, herein disposing of all the property of every kind, real and personal, tangible and intangible, in possession and in expectancy, which I own or may be entitled to possess at my decease or have a right to dispose of by Will, hereby revoking any and all other Wills heretofore made by me at any time.

I hereby nominate and appoint Rev. James C. Wade Jr., my pastor, pastor of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church, to be the Executor of this my last Will, who shall be exempt from giving any surety or sureties upon any official bond given by him for the faithful performance of his duties. In the event the said Rev. James C. Wade Jr. for any reason should not serve as such Executor, or if, having entered upon such duties, the office of Executor should thereafter become vacant through death, incapacity, resignation, removal, or from any other cause, then and in that case, I nominate and appoint Rev. Oliver Cossey, my friend, in his place as Executor of this Will, who thereupon shall have all the rights, powers, privileges, immunities, and duties formerly possessed by said Rev. James C. Wade Jr., with the same force and effect as if such successor had been originally named Executor hereunder.

I direct my Executor (s) to pay all my just debts and my funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be, and the costs of Administration.

I give and bequeath to my brother, Robert Birch, and my sister, Essie Birch, equally all household furniture, and all monies in cash or in savings or in checking accounts at the time of my decease.

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I give and bequeath to my sister, Essie Birch, my automobile, Cadillac, model 1977 and to my brother, Robert Birch, my automobile, Buick Special, model 1938.

I give and bequeath to my brother, Robert Birch, all jewelry accumulated by me, including one (1) gold pocket watch and one (1) wrist watch.

I direct that all inheritance, legacy, and succession taxes shall be paid out of my general estate, so that all devises and bequests of every kind shall be exempt from the payment of such taxes.

If any beneficiary under this Will shall at any time attempt or aid in any attempt to oppose the admission of this Will to probate or to have the same set aside or declared invalid in whole or in part, the share of such beneficiary hereunder shall immediately thereupon be reduced to the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto suscribed my name in the city of East Chicago, county of Lake, and state of Indiana, this eleventh day of April in the year One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety.

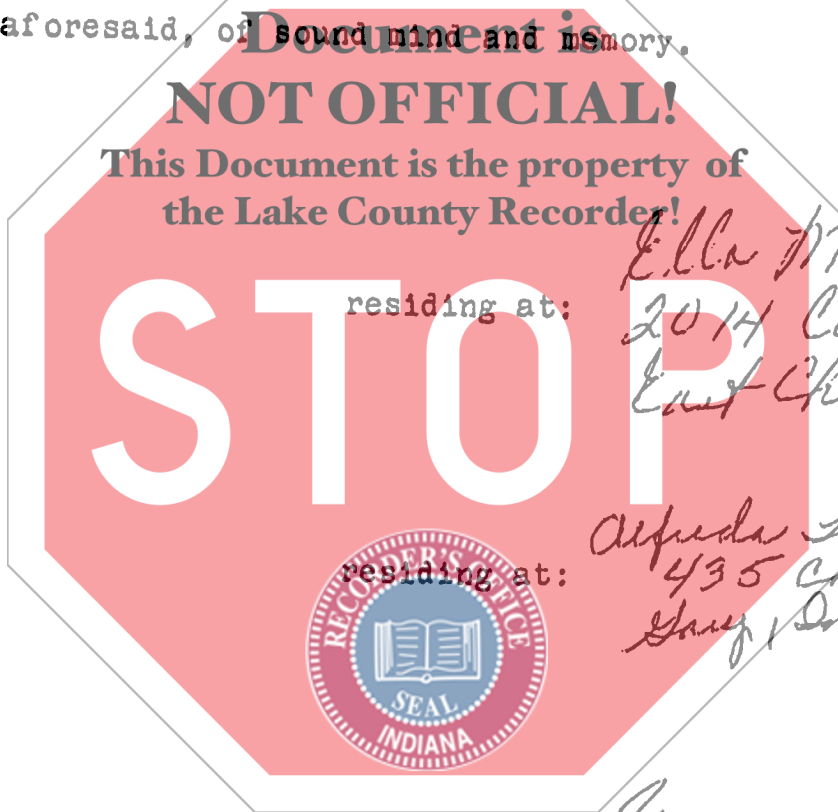
"I have read the foregoing Will, which has been drawn in accordance with my wishes, and I have signed my name on the margin of each sheet thereof".

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The above instrument, consisting of two (2) sheets of paper written upon one side only, was, at the date thereof, declared in the presence of all of us by said Testator therein mentioned, to be his last Will; and he at the same time signed the same in the presence of all of us; and we thereupon, at his request and in the presence of each other, signed our names thereto as attesting witnessess believing that the said Levi Birch to be, at the time of subscribing our names as witnesses as aforesaid, of sound mind and memory.



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