



George Jacob Gerber
WILL.

Filed and admitted to probate this
Wednesday of *May*
A. D. 1881, and duly recorded in
Book *N.* of Wills, on page *556*

W. W. Wagner
CLERK.

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Last Will & Testament.

Know all men by these presents, that, I George Jacob Gerber of the City of St. Louis in the state of Missouri, being in good health and of sound mind and disposing memory, and desirous to settle my worldly affairs and dispose of property, I may be seized and possessed of, do make and publish this, my Last Will, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint my wife (Franziska) sole executrix of this my last Will, directing my said executrix, Francisca Gerber to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the legacies hereinafter given, out of my Estate, and also direct and order my oldest son, George Louis Gerber to aid and assist my said executrix in performance of her duties as such.

After the payment of my said debts and funeral expenses I give to my children

- 1, George Louis Gerber, now aged 20 years
- 2, Otto Hugo Gerber " 16 "
- 3, Philip Adolph Gerber " 14 "
- 4, Frederic William Gerber " 8 "
- 5, Rudolph Mathias Gerber " 5 "

One dollar each to be paid to them as soon after my decease, but in one year, as

As to the Balance of My Estate,
and all the property, real, personal, or mixed
of which I shall die seized and possessed
of, I devise bequeath and dispose thereof
in the manner following to wit:


I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Franciska all my personal property
and the income of my real estate property
respectively the store and dwelling houses
thereon as long as she shall remain unmar-
ried and my widow, to hold the same
and improve it to the best possible bene-
fit and use of herself and my minor chil-
dren. Should my wife Franciska not re-
main unmarried and my widow, but be-
come the legal wife of another after my de-
cease, she at that moment shall cease to be
the executrix of this, my last will, but
said duty and the responsibility of the
same shall devolve upon the oldest of my
children, then of age, and it is further here-
by directed, that, should my wife commit such
folly, that an immediate investigation
and inventory be taken of the remainder
of the estate and the same divided to
equal parts, share and share alike, to
my above named children.

It is my desire, and hereby order, the

real estate remaining after my decease, to be improved, thereby realizing a higher revenue from the same, and no sale detrimental to the estate shall take place, until the time, when the youngest child will have become of legal age, at what time the remaining estate shall be sold for division.

All the residue and remainder of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed I leave devise and bequeath, unto my beloved wife Francisca Gerber under the provision above given.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of June A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty.

George J. Gerber 

The above instrument was now here subscribed by George Jacob Gerber in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, and we, at his request have at the same time signed our names as witnesses thereto.

Otto Jansen 
William Haltschmidt 

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th day of May
A. D. 1881, before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the
Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, personally came Otto Jauer
and William Waldschmidt
who being each by me duly sworn on their oaths say :

"We saw Georg Jacob Gerber the testator
subscribe his name to the annexed instrument, in writing, bearing date the
day of June, 1880, and heard him declare the same to be his last Will
and Testament; we subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in the presence
and at the request of the said testator and at the time of the execution of said instrument
as aforesaid, and of our subscribing the same as such witnesses, he the said
testator was of sound and disposing mind, to the best of our knowledge and belief,
Said testator died on or about the 7th day of May 1881."

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 24th day of

May A. D. 1881

W. E. Wagner
Clerk

Otto Jauer
W. Waldschmidt

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

I, WM. E. WAGNER, Clerk of the Probate Court of
the City of St. Louis, having examined the
annexed instrument in writing, together with the testi-
mony of Otto Jauer and William Waldschmidt
subscribing witnesses thereto, do consider the same as
duly proved to be the last Will and Testament of
Georg Jacob Gerber deceased.

In Witness Whereof, I herunto set my hand
and affix the Seal of said Court at
office, this 24th day of May 1881

W. E. Wagner CLERK.