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Gordon, Sadie – Last Will & Testament, 1940

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GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.

I, MRS. SADIE GOLSTEIN GORDON of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament.

Item first: I hereby revoke any and all wills heretofore made by me.

Item second: I give to my husband Jacob Benjamin Gordon, if my marriage to him shall not have been dissolved before my death, the sum of five dollars ($5.00).

Item third: I give, bequeath and devise all the rest and residue of my property and estate, real, personal and of every kind and wherever situated, to my beloved sons Samuel Lewis Gordon and Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., equally, share and share alike, absolutely in fee simple. If either of my said sons is dead at the time of my death leaving children or descendants of deceased children such children and descendants shall take by representation per stirpes the share of their deceased ancestor; and if either of my said sons is dead at the time of my death leaving no children or descendants the share of such son so dying shall go absolutely in fee simple to my other son or, if he be dead, to his children and descendants of deceased children, who shall take by representation per stirpes what their deceased ancestor would have taken had he been living. If both my said sons be dead at the time of my death leaving no children or descendants, I give, bequeath and devise all of said rest and residue of my property and estate equally, share and share alike, absolutely in fee simple to the City of Atlanta for the use of the Grady Hospital and the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation of Atlanta, these bequests and devises to be as memorials to myself, my deceased father Samuel Goldstein, my deceased mother Rosa Goldstein and my deceased brother Abe Goldstein, said sums to be used by the governing authority of Grady Hospital and by the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation for such purposes as they see fit.

Item fourth: If my said son Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., shall not have attained the age of twenty one years at the time of my death I appoint my said son Samuel Lewis Gordon trustee for the said Jack
Benjamin Gordon, Jr., and direct that he shall hold, manage and control the share of the said Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., until such time as the said Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., becomes twenty one years of age. Said trustee shall not be required to give any bond or make any returns annual or final, to any court or authority. He shall have power to sell or exchange any part or all of the trust property, real and personal, either at public sale or by private contract at such time and place, in such manner, for such price and on such terms, for cash or on credit or for part cash or part on credit, as he may see fit and to reinvest any trust funds that may come into his hands in any property, real or personal, that he may see fit without regard to whether such property is or is not of the character in which trustees are authorized by law to invest trust funds; to expend any part or all of the trust estate for the maintenance, education, support and pleasure of said Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., to furnish any money to the said Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., during his minority, to be expended by said minor, that the trustee may deem wise; all of which he may do without the order of any court. If the said Samuel Lewis Gordon is dead at the time of my death or dies thereafter or fails or refuses to accept the trust or resigns or is removed from office, I appoint Trust Company of Georgia or such other Bank or Trust Company with which it may have become consolidated or merged, trustee in his place and confer on it all of the powers and exemptions herein conferred on my said son as trustee.

Item fifth: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said two sons Samuel Lewis Gordon and Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., executors of this my last will and testament and direct that they shall not be required to give any bond or security, make any inventory or cause any appraisement to be made of my estate or make any returns, either annual or final, to any court or authority. They shall have power, to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any part or all of my property, real and personal, either at public sale or by private contract, at such time and place, in such manner, for such price and on such terms, for cash or on credit or for part cash and part on credit, as they may see fit; to lease any real estate for any number of years that they may see fit even though the terms of such leases extend
beyond the time when they cease to be executors; to settle, compromise or compose any claims either in favor of or against my estate for such sums less than the full amount of such claims as they may see fit; and to borrow money for any purpose and secure the same in such manner as they see fit; all of which they may do without the order of any court.

If my said son Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., has not become twenty one years of age at the time of my death my said son Samuel Lewis Gordon shall be sole executor of this will until the said Jack Benjamin Gordon, Jr., becomes twenty one years of age, at which time he shall be allowed to qualify and upon so doing shall become and be one of the executors of this will, pending which time the said Samuel Lewis Gordon shall possess all of the powers and exemptions herein conferred on the two executors. If either of my said sons is dead at the time of my death or dies thereafter either before or after qualifying or fails or refuses to qualify or resigns or is removed from office the other one of the two shall be sole executor and shall possess all of the powers and exemptions herein conferred on the two. If both of my said sons are dead at the time of my death or die thereafter before my estate has been fully wound up, or if for any other reason the office of executor becomes vacant, I appoint Trust Company of Georgia or such other bank or trust Company with which it may have become consolidated or merged executor of this will and confer on it all the powers and exemptions hereinbefore conferred on my said sons as executors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of 1940.

The foregoing three pages of typewritten matter were signed, sealed, declared and published by MRS. SADIE GOLDSTEIN GORDON as her last will and testament in the presence of us, the subscribers, who sign our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix, at her special instance and request, and in the presence of each other this day of 1940.

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