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The Last Will and Testament of John Wright Boott of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I, John Wright Boott, aforesaid declare the following to be my last will and testament.

I give devise and bequeath to my brother-in-law William Wells my stock of wines and my chaise. I give devise and bequeath to Ann, widow of my late brother Kirk, my prints and pictures and busts. I give devise and bequeath to Kirk, her son, my tomb at Mount Auburn, to be kept for the use of the family, and my share in the Boston Athaeneum bequeathed to me by my late father and my guns and sporting apparatus. I give devise and bequeath to Mr. Henry Sibley all my tools and machines and materials for mechanical purposes and books relating thereto.

I give devise and bequeath to John A. Lowell Esq all my plants and gardening apparatus and botanical books.

I further give devise and bequeath to John A. Lowell Esq, his heirs, executors or assigns forever all my interest in reversion in and of certain real and personal property held in trust under the provisions of the will of my late father and all the interest in reversions and certain real and personal property held in trust under the provisions of the will of my late father which was conveyed to me by William Lyman and Mary his wife and all the interest in reversion under the provisions of the will of my late father and all the interest in reversions in certain real and personal property held in trust under the provisions of the will of my late father which was conveyed to me by Robert Ralston and Ann his wife in trust first to pay and discharge a debt of twenty five thousand dollars which I owe to him and after that shall have been discharged.

Secondly to pay to each of the daughters of my brother-in-law William Wells their heirs and assigns viz. Mary B. Wells, Sarah B. Wells, Elizabeth B Wells and Frances B. Newell, wife of the Reverend William Newell, one thousand dollars.

Thirdly to pay to Ann widow of my late brother Kirk her heirs and assigns four thousand dollars and lastly to pay to Ann wife of Robert Ralston all the remainder of my estate real personal and mixed and I hereby declare her to be my residuary legatee.

I hereby appoint John A. Lowell Esq to be the sole Executor of my Will.

In witness whereof I John Wright Boott hereto set my hand the ninth day of September in the year of Eighteen Hundred and Forty Four.

John W. Boott.

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On the day and year above written, we the undersigned were present and saw the said John Wright Boott sign his name to the foregoing instrument and heard him to declare the same to be his last will and testament and requested to subscribe the same as witnesses; we further certify the said testator was of sound and disposing mind in token whereof we hereto set our hands and in his presence and in presence of each other.

Charles P. Curtis, B. K. Curtis, Gardiner G., Hubbard L.S., Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk
SS.

NB: From Wikipedia

"A "chaise", sometimes called chay or shay, is a light two- or four-wheeled travelling or pleasure *carriage*, with a folding hood or calash top for one or two people."