

New York City, October 11, 1886.

Messrs. Randall L. Gibson, Chas. E. Fenner, James McConnel, T. G. Richardson, Edward D. White, Edgar H. Farrar, P. N. Strong, Benjamin M. Palmer, Samuel H. Kennedy, Walter R. Stauffer, Cartwright Eustis, Henry Ginder, John T. Hardie, Robert M. Walmsley, William F. Halsey, John N. Galleher, Joseph C. Morris, Samuel D. McEnery, Warren Easton, and J. V. Guillotte, the Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund.

Gentlemen: In pursuance of a long cherished design to establish an appropriate memorial of my beloved daughter, H. Sophie Newcomb, deceased, I have determined, at the instance of my friend, Col. William Preston Johnston, to intrust to your Board the execution of my design.

Feeling a deep personal sympathy with the people of New Orleans and a strong desire to advance the cause of female education in Louisiana, and believing also that I shall find in the board selected by the benevolent Paul Tulane the wisest and safest custodian of the fund I propose to give, I hereby donate to your Board the sum of \$100,000, to be used in establishing the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, in the Tulane University of Louisiana, for the higher education of *white* girls and young women.

I request that you will see that the tendency of the institution shall be in harmony with the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, and to that end that you will have a chapel or assembly room in which Christian worship may be observed daily for the benefit of the students. But I desire that worship and instruction shall not be of a sectarian or denominational character. I further request that the education given shall look to the practical side of life as well as to literary excellence. But I do not mean in this my act of donation to impose upon you restrictions which will allow the intervention of any person or persons to control, regulate, or interfere with your disposition of this fund, which is committed fully and solely to your care and discretion, with entire confidence in your fidelity and wisdom.

Invoking the favor of Divine Providence for your guidance in the administration of the fund, and for your personal welfare,

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOSEPHINE LOUISE NEWCOMB.

The Will of Josephine Louise Newcomb

New Orleans, May 12, 1898

Aware as I am, of the uncertainty of life, I, Josephine Louise Newcomb, widow of Warren Newcomb, do make this my last will and testament:

FIRST: I have resided of late years in different places but I have made the City of New Orleans my permanent home, because I here witness and enjoy the growth of the "H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College," a department of the Tulane University of Louisiana, which I have founded, and has been named in honor of the memory of my beloved daughter.

I have implicit confidence that the "Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund" will continue to use and apply the benefactions and property I have bestowed and may give, for the present and future development of this department of the University known as the "H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College" which engrosses my thoughts and purposes, and is endeared to me by such hallowed associations.

SECOND: I have no forced heirs; I have no debts; and I hereby revoke all wills of a date anterior to this.

I hereby make the following special legacies and bequests:

To the Greenwood Cemetery, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 298 of the laws of the State of New York passed in 1838, the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for the care of lots numbered 17,036 and 17, 037, and it is my desire that at my death my remains may be placed with the loved ones there at rest.

To Alice Bowman of New Orleans, Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars.

To William Robertson of Charleston, South Carolina, One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars.

THIRD: With the exception of the special legacies and bequests hereinabove stated and made, I hereby give and bequeath to the "Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund" of New Orleans, the whole of the property, real, personal, and mixed of which I am now possessed or which I may leave at the time of my death, and to that end and purpose I do hereby name and constitute the said "Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund" to be my universal legatee.

I appoint my cousin and friend, Joseph A. Hincks, and my friend, B. V. B. Dixon, to be Executors, giving them seizin and detainer of my estate and requiring no bond from them.

Thus wholly have I written, dated and signed this my last will and testament at New Orleans, Louisiana, this 12th day of May, 1898.

(Signed) JOSEPHINE LOUISE NEWCOMB
Ne Varietur,
Apl. 8, 1901

(Signed) T. C. ELLIS,
Judge