

SHORT WILL

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, QUINCY, ILL.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

*Thomas J. Gates*

of Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, in the County of Adams and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

First. I order and direct that my Execut *or* hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath all worldly goods of which I may die possessed,

to

*Lizzie Cook  
Benton Mo*

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint *Wm. J. Conwell's Sup. or his Successor in office* to be Execut *or* of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* in the year of our Lord One-Thousand-Nine-Hundred *Eight*

*Thomas J. Gates* [SEAL]

This instrument was, on the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of the *Sept* thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator *Thomas J. Gates* to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

*W. J. Conwell*  
*A. H. Hight*