

The Boyds of Deer Park--Questing For Ancestors

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the manure pile before coming, which was not appreciated by Mother.

I wonder and marvel at how the seven of us always had our needs met with little extras on birthdays etc. without the conveniences or money we had.

In July 1982, May and Eleanor, Brownie and Roy, Ve and Bud, Dwight and Betty, and Les and I went up to the Dalkena and Newport area and found all the places where we had lived. Also where Fern, Cecil and I were born. Also in August 1982, Brownie and Roy, Les and I went up again with Cecil and Helen. A number of pictures were taken and should be available.

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Will of Rhoda Manchester



The last will and testament of Rhoda Manchester, Tiverton in the county of Newport in State of Rhode Island. Infirm and of lawful age and of sound mind and memory, I make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner follow viz.

Respectfully and first of all I give and recommend my soule into the hands of God that gave it, and my body on earth to be buried in decent and Christian burial at the decision of my executor after mentioned.

Item. I will consider all my first debts and funeral charges paid in convenient time after my demise by my Executor.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Cornelius Cook Manchester my best feather bed, one bolster, two pillows, underbed, bedstead and also, lesser of my best sheets, lessor of my best cotton woolen blankets, two bolstercases, spare pillow cases of the best kind, one cotton and wool spread the wool blue and cotton white and my best bedspread s, one set of plaid bed curtains, my largest looking glass, 12 case knives and five tine forks, plated handles two silver jam and mustard jars with glass linings, one large scissors, knife and fork with plated handles, six large silver spoons, six teaspoons, one large trunk

marked Cornelius C. Manchester, one small trunk with side mosaics --nails and with brass nails, one finer brush--a pair of brass tongs and shovel one pair of silk stockings, together with all the evening apparel in my possession, one pair of large -----, and one set of small dishes, six diaper knapkins --- P. towels one large chest with two drawers, one large --- white platter, two small --- -five Windsor chairs-and an unmade ---and pair of silver sugar tongs, --my largest maple table, one looking glass containing existing apparatus with a lock and key, one shaving glass, brush of polished handles--- and one writing desk to be delivered to him by my executor

Item. I also give to my grandson Cornelius Cook Manchester one hundred dollars in money to be paid him by my executor when he should arrive to the age of twenty one years and in case that ----- Cornelius before he arrives at this age of twenty years, my will is that the money be divided among any surviving grandchildren.

Item. I give unto my granddaughter Sally Devol, wife of Joseph Devol of the State of Ohio my best suit of wearing apparel to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto my granddaughter Polly Devol, wife of Presberry Devol my second best suit of wearing apparel to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto my grand daughter Deborah Manchester one large black trunk blankets, one large Dnsiper Table cloth, unto my second largest table with chairs to be delivered to her by my executor.

Item. I give to my two grand daughters, Rhoda Gifford and Deborah Manchester equally share and share alike my second best feather beds and bolster, two pillows one underbed and beadstead, two woolen blanckets, two sheets, one bolster case and two pillow cases to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto my grandson Thaddeus Manchester fifty dollars to be paid by my executor immediately after my decease.

Item. I give unto my grandson Ellery Manchester fifty dollars to be paid by my executor immediately after my decease.

Item. I give unto Nancy Giffords daughter of Silvester Giffords Esquire of Little Compton --- Silver Thimble and case, gold finger ring to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto Nancy Manchester daughter of my son in law John Manchester my third best suit of

wearing apparel, one gold finger ring and one pair of gold earrings to be delivered to her by my executor.

Item. I give unto Lucy Manchester wife of my son in law John Manchester one large churn one small dish---and one spider to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto Almy Giffords daughter of Silvestor Giffords one pair of glass mugs and one pair of earrings to be delivered by my executor.

Item. I give unto Peace Gray wife of Cyrus Gray of the state of New York one middlingsized trunk and one case of fruit knives and forks with green handles, one pair of large book glasses and two woolen bed blankets to be delivered by my Executor.

Item. I give unto Gideon Manchester, Allen Manchester, John Manchester Jun., David Manchester sons of my son in law John Manchester and Andrew Giffords son of Silvestor Giffords five dollars each to be in the period immediately after my decease.

Item. I give unto Nancy Devol daughter of Joseph Devol one gold necklace and one (set) of gold earrings.

Item. All the rest and residue of my estate not before disposed of I give to be equally divided between my following grand children viz. Thaddeus Manchester, Ellery Manchester, Cornelius Cook Manchester, Sally Devol, wife of Joseph Devol, Polly Devol wife of Presberry Devol, Rhoda Giffords, wife of Silvester and Deborah Manchester.

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my beloved nephew James Manchester my sole executor of this, my last will and testament revoking and canceling all former wills by me made and making this and this only my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hands and soul at Tiverton this 13th day of August in this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Signed sealed and delivered

to be the last will and testament of Rhoda Manchester in her witness.

Alice Manchester

Lucy Manchester Rhoda Manchester(seal)

Pardon Smith

Letters testamentary --- and are in the words and figures following.

Current Events

A special child was born November 21,1995, my grandniece, Kristin Noel Kirschke, daughter of Lisa and Steven Kirschke, granddaughter of Alroy and Dorthy Boyd Christensen. She has been challenged with three surgeries in her young life: reconstructive surgery on lower intestine before one day old, skull surgery to correct the early closure of "soft spot" at about two months, and heart surgery on July 9 of which, at this writing, July 11, she is making an excellent recovery. In spite of all her trauma, she is a happy beautiful baby.

Arthur (Arty) and Andrea (Andy) Christensen Hansen are proud parents of Kayleigh Michelle Hansen born January 18, 1996 in Spokane, Washington. Grandparents are Alroy and Dorthy Boyd Christensen, great grandparents are William Dwight and Iona Elizabeth Tarbert (Betty) Boyd.

Nicholas Lynn Burton, son of Phillip and Pamela Burton, grandson of Lester Lynn and Constance Bolstad Burton, great grandson of Lester and Vivian Boyd Burton was born April 7, 1996 at New Baltimore, Michigan.

My sisters, brother and I conspired to surprise our mom with my visit for Mother's Day. I had a wonderful six day visit spending it with Mom, my sisters, Jo Boyd Huotari and Dorthy Boyd Christensen and brother, William "Bill" Boyd and their families. Jo, Mom and I were able to go to lunch with Vivian Burton before I flew back to California.

I understand from speaking with Jo Huotari, Betty Boyd and Vivian Burton that the Osborne's: Vera, Lloyd, and Bill were in Spokane during June and settled up the sale of Vera's house on Chestnut, packed up the things she wanted to take with her back to Oregon and had a sale for the rest. They sponsored a family get together on June 2, 1996, that many of you attended.