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(Filed 12th June, 1883.)

In the name of God. Amen! I, William A. Warner, of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, being of sound and disposing mind, do make this, my last will and testament.

1st. I commit my body to the ground, and my soul to the God that gave it.

2d. I order my funeral expenses to be paid; also, all my just debts.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my wife, Isabel Warner, all my estate real and personal, and mixed, during her life, and at her death, I devise and bequeath in trust, to my brother George Warner's children the estate, to be divided equally between them.

Witness my hand and seal, this fifth of February, 1879.

William A. Warner, (Seal)

Signed sealed, published and declared by William A. Warner, the above testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Test:

Witnesses: - John Barrett, Jr.
Daniel Ratcliffe,
John L. Strakan.

Answer of Joseph A. Sprigg, Trustee.

(Filed 20th June 1883.)

George Warner, et al. vs Joseph A. Sprigg, Trustee, et al.	In the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City:

October Term 1883.

The answer of Joseph A. Sprigg, trustee to the bill of complaint of George Warner and others, against him and others in this Court exhibited:

This respondent prays the benefit, by adoption, of all the admissions and denials contained in the answer of Isabel Warner to the said bill, in manner and form therein made.

Further answering, he says, that the said deed of trust was prepared by the said Ward, one of the complainants; and that afterwards the said Ward drew up a paper signed by George Warner, another of the parties complaining, by which the said George created a lien in favor of this respondent upon the said Franklin street property, which said lien was created in virtue of a power reserved in the said deed of trust; all of which will more fully appear by reference to a copy of the said paper herewith filed and marked "Respondent's Exhibit No 1." and by reference to the said deed of trust.

This respondent was advised and informed by the said Ward, who was then a lawyer by profession, that the object, among other things of the said deed, was to vest in the grantors a power of testamentary distribution over their respective estates, and their power to exercise legal control over the same during their lives, except as to changes of investment, et cetera, being about to be vested in this respondent, on express reservation as to the interest of the said George in the Franklin street property, was made to the extent of ten hundred dollars, ($1,000,) in order to induce this respondent to loan him that amount, the said Ward representing to the respondent that by virtue of the construction of George Warner's will, the proceedings in the case of Schwartz vs Warner, and the decree passed thereon, the legal estate as to the allotment of the said George, the son, was fully