

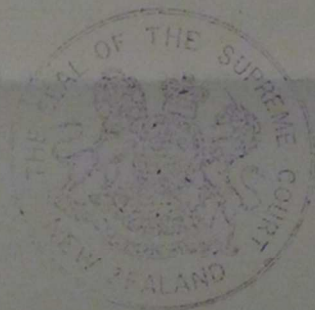
This is the last will and testament of me Martha King of the
Town of New Plymouth Spinster I devise all the real estate in
New Zealand to which I shall be entitled at the time of my
death unto Aimee Beringer ^{wife of Oscar Beringer of} of 12 Hine Street Manchester Square
London or in the event of her death in my lifetime to her
husband the said Oscar Beringer free of duty I bequeath to
Kate Halse of the Town of New Plymouth Music teacher my -
dining-room Cheffionier I bequeath all my bed-room furniture
(not hereinafter disposed of) to Jessie Brown wife of John
Brown of Mangorei Farmer I bequeath all my prints and pictures
to Helen Romaine Broham wife of Thomas Broham of Christchurch
Inspector of Police I bequeath to Mary Eva wife of Stephen
Eva of New Plymouth Laborer the following articles (provided
that the said Mary Eva is at the time of my death acting as
my attendant and help and has been so continuously from the
date hereof until my death but not otherwise) namely. - - -
Parlour, Round table carpet 4 mats 3 Chairs Sofa 2 arm-chairs
Fender 2 Ash-pans and irons 2 Fire-guards What-not curtains
Blinds Clock Small bellows Small work-table Bedroom Stretcher-
bedstead Hair mattress and Kohai bed Table with drawers commode
Wash-stand and basin Matting Kitchen Table 2 Chairs dresser
Sautcepans and all other kitchen furniture and utensils - -
1 roll Wire-matting 2 Boilers zinc wash-tub washing board and
all other washing utensils I direct that all the foregoing
bequests shall be free of duty As to all the rest of my - -
personal estate I bequeath the same to the Board of Trustees
for Public Recreation appointed under the provisions of "The
Taranaki Botanic Garden Act 1876" In the event of the death of
both the said Aimee Beringer and Oscar Beringer in my life-
time then I devise all my real estate also to the said Board

of Trustees for Public Recreation I appoint Clement William
Govett of New Plymouth. Solicitor executor of this my will
and direct that he shall be the Solicitor to my estate and
as such notwithstanding his appointment as executor be allowed
and other
all professional charges whatsoever for his time and trouble
which if employed as Solicitor to the estate not being himself
the executor he would be entitled to make

In witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand the - - - -
Sixteenth day of November One thousand eight hundred and
ninety six - Martha King- Signed by the said Testatrix
Martha King as and for her last will and testament in the pre-
sence of us present at the same time who at her request in
her sight and presence and in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names as attesting witnesses

H. A. Lennon, Clerk. New Plymouth.

Francis H. Frethey , Clerk, New Plymouth



The Secretary of the Recreation Grounds Board acknowledges the receipt of £50, through Mr C. W. Govett, the executor of the late Miss Martha King. The deceased left the whole of her personal estate to the Recreation Grounds Board, whom she appointed residuary legatees, but owing to calls made by the Bank of New Zealand they do not receive as much as she intended. It is hoped that the Board will receive at least another £30 or 40 as soon as the estate is completely realised. The deceased was an enthusiastic gardener, and as she had no relations in the world, the legacy was as appropriate as acceptable.

13 8 1897 Martha King leaves money in will. (TH)

Mr H. Ford, hon. sec. of the Recreation Grounds, acknowledges a second donation of £50, per Mr C. W. Govett, from the estate of the late Miss M. King.

7 9 1897 Martha King second payment. (TH)

The Secretary of the Recreation Ground Board begs to acknowledge donation of £6 17s 5d from Mr C. W. Govett, being final payment from the estate of the late Miss King.

22 9 1897 Last Martha King payment. (TH)