

To the honorable the Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County of Worcester.

Respectfully represents Edward F. Melony of Minneapolis Minnesota and Caroline B. Melony of Southbridge in the County of Worcester, that Henry J. Melony was last dwell in Southbridge in said County of Worcester, died on the Seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven possessed of goods and estate remaining to be administered, leaving a widow, whose name is Caroline B. Melony and as his only heirs at law and next of kin, the persons whose names, residence, and relationship to the deceased are as follows, viz:

Edward Franklin Melony a son of Minneapolis Minn. The said deceased left a Will herewith presented, wherein Edward F. Melony and Caroline B. Melony were named Executors. Therefore your petitioners pray that said will may be proved and allowed and letters of administration with the will annexed issued to them.

Dated this twenty second day of August A. D. 1877.
E. F. Melony.
Caroline B. Melony.

The undersigned, being all the heirs at law and next of kin, and the only parties interested in the foregoing petition, request that the prayer thereof be granted without further notice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester, ss.

I, Edward F. Melony of Minneapolis, Minn. having applied to the Probate Court of said County for the probate of the will of Henry J. Melony late of Southbridge deceased, on oath declare that according to the best of my knowledge and belief, the estate and effects of said deceased do not exceed the value of thirty five hundred dollars, to wit:

Real estate not exceeding \$2000.
Personal estate not exceeding \$1500

E. F. Melony.
Worcester, ss. Subscribed and sworn to before me.
J. M. Colburn, Justice of the Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester, ss.

As a Probate Court holder at Worcester, in and for said County of Worcester, on the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven. On the petition of Edward F. Melony of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Caroline B. Melony of Southbridge in the County of Worcester praying that the instrument therein presented, purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry J. Melony late of Southbridge in said County of Worcester, deceased, may be proved and allowed, and letters testamentary issued to them the executors therein named:

and the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested, having been duly notified according to the order of Court, to appear and show cause, if any, they have, against the same: and no party objecting thereto, and it appearing that said instrument is the last will and testament of said deceased, and was legally executed, and that said testator was at the time of making the same, of full age and sound mind, and that said petitioners are competent persons to be appointed to said trust. It is therefore Decreed that said instrument be approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased, and letters testamentary be issued to said petitioners they first giving bond with sufficient sureties for the due performance of said trust.

Henry Chapman
Judge of Probate Court.

Know All Men By These Presents, That we, E. F. Melony of Minneapolis in the State of Minnesota of - in the - County of - as principals, and Caroline B. Melony of Southbridge Worcester principals and Charles H. Hanson and Wm. J. Keith of Southbridge aforesaid as sureties, and all within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Henry Chapman, Esquire, Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County of Worcester, in the full and just sum of seven thousand Dollars, to be paid to said Judge, and his successors in said office: to the true payment whereof we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents sealed with our seals. Dated the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven. The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bounden E. F. Melony and Caroline B. Melony executors of the last will and testament of Henry J. Melony late of Southbridge in said County of Worcester, deceased, testate, shall first, make and return to the Probate Court for said County of Worcester, within three months from their appointment, a true inventory of all the real estate, and all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of said testator which are by law to be administered, and which shall have come to their possession or knowledge; second, administer according to law and the will of said testator, all his goods, chattels, rights and credits, and the proceeds of all his real estate that may be sold for the payment of his debts or legacies, which shall come to the possession of said executors, or of any other person for them; and third, render upon oath, a just and true account of their administration within one year, and at any other times when required by said Court: then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered } E. F. Melony
in presence of } Caroline B. Melony
Harriet Harwood } Charles H. Hanson
Wm. J. Keith }
Dana J. Pratt }