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Brookline Mass 015
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Trust Set up in Will of Prof. Cross 14 Years Ago

The long deferred payment of \$100,000 which was left to Harvard University more than 14 years ago in a trust set up in the will of Charles R. Cross, professor emeritus in physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, seemed virtually assured yesterday, when it was disclosed that only a minor bequest of a \$750 annuity was retarding settlement of the estate.

The existence of the \$100,000 bequest came to light yesterday, when the will of Miss Sarah W. Pike, 90, of 100 Upland road, Brookline, sister-in-law of Cross and principal beneficiary of the trust, was filed in Norfolk probate court, Dedham. Miss Pike, who died in Brookline Jan. 15, was co-legatee with Miss Helen M. Cross of Albion, N. Y., a niece of Cross.

The Cross will directed that on the death of both Miss Pike and Miss Cross, the entire principal, except for a few minor public bequests, was to revert to Harvard for the university observatory.

Beneficiaries besides Harvard are: Harvard Club of Boston, \$3000; Harvard Traveler's Club of Boston, \$1000; Alpine Club of Canada, \$1000 and Appalachian Mountain Club, \$1000.

Attorneys yesterday based their expectation of a speedy settlement on a special clause in the will which will allow the purchase of a \$750 annuity for Miss Cross.

In addition to releasing the amount held in trust during her lifetime, Miss Pike made the following public bequests from her own estate: Episcopal City Mission of Boston, \$1500; Central Congregational Church of Newburyport, \$1000, and Mt. Holyoke College of South Hadley, \$1000.

ROPES, GRAY, BOYDEN & PERKINS
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BOSTON

TELEPHONE, HANCOCK 9214
CABLE ADDRESS - "ROPGRALOR"

September 8, 1933.

Thomas D. Cabot, Esquire,
Room 940, Old South Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of
September 8, I enclose for your information as treasurer of the
Harvard Travelers' Club a copy of the will of Charles R. Cross
and a copy of the most recent account of the trustees.

Very truly yours,

William C. Plunkett

Enclosures 1861

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I should appreciate if if you will return the copy
of the account when you have finished with it.

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I, Charles R. Cross of Brookline in the County of Commonwealth of Massachusetts make this as my last will and testament and hereby revoke all former wills made by me at any time.

After payment of my just debts and the charges of my last sickness and funeral and of the settlement of my estate I disposes as follows of all my property first disposing of certain articles some of which are of historical value.

First, I give to my friend, Professor Harry M. Goodwin of said Brookline, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, my framed copy of Haig's Etching, Interior of Burgos Cathedral, but in case he should not be living at the time of my decease, I give the same to his wife, Mary Linder Goodwin.

Second, I give to Elizabeth Perry Richardson wife of Henry H. Richardson of said Brookline my tall mahogany secretary with doors above and large drawers below, but in case said Elizabeth Perry Richardson should not be living at the time of my decease, I give said secretary to her daughter Juliet.

Third, To the Museum of Fine Arts, a corporation established in Boston in the County of Suffolk, I give the silver tankard made by K. Leverett deposited by me with said Museum as a loan bearing the initials of successive owners of it in my family beginning with William Johnson and Martha Pierce; and also the silver mug made by William Cowell also now deposited by me with said Museum.

Fourth, To the Historical Society of Old Newbury, I give the following articles: the sword carried by my great-grandfather, Col. Ralph Cross in the War of the Revolution, with the blade inscribed "Vive le Roy", the brace of flint lock pistols, pair of epaulets, and silver watch which also belonged to said Ralph; also the sword with silver mountings, dog's head on the hilt, which belonged to my grandfather, Maj. William Cross and later to my father Maj. George Cross, M.V.M.; also the sword which formerly belonged to my cousin, Capt. Charles E. Cross, U.S. Engineers', which he carried at the time of his death in the Civil War; also the mahogany wash-stand with rolling front, drawer and rising mirror which was used by George Washington when in Newburyport; also the Coat of Arms of Sir Robert Cross painted by G. Searle in 1773.

Fifth, To said Elizabeth Perry Richardson subject to the use of them by my sister-in-law Sarah W. Pike during her lifetime I give the marble clock and bronze vase now in the dining room of my house at 100 Upland Road in Brookline.

Sixth, To the Trustees of Oak Hill Cemetery of Newburyport in the County of Essex I give the sum of two hundred fifty (250) dollars to constitute a fund for the perpetual care of lot No. 566 in said Cemetery wherein are buried my father and mother.

Seventh, I give and bequeath to my sister-in-law Sarah W. Pike of said Brookline all my household and personal effects and supplies whatsoever not herein otherwise disposed of including furniture, silverware and plate, paintings, engravings, prints, musical instruments, bedding, wearing apparel, books, and papers, natural history speci-

mens, guns, swords, printed documents, and all other such effects and supplies to retain such as she may choose for her sole enjoyment during her lifetime with full power to dispose of or distribute the remainder as may seem best to her. Without imposing any obligation upon her, I trust her judgment to make such disposition of certain individual objects as will be in accordance with my wishes as made known to her either in written memoranda or orally; but in case said Sarah W. Pike should not survive me I give all the household and personal effects and supplies hereinbefore bequeathed to her in this clause to said Elizabeth Perry Richardson and Henry H. Richardson or the survivor of them with the same right to retain for their, her or his sole use and enjoyment during their respective lifetime and with the power of disposition or distribution of the remainder as are hereinbefore given to said Sarah W. Pike and also should said Sarah W. Pike survive me and then die or become incapacitated in any way or otherwise unable to dispose of or distribute any of said property, in that event, I give to said Elizabeth Perry Richardson and Henry H. Richardson or the survivor of them all such of the above mentioned personal property as shall not have been distributed or otherwise disposed of by said Sarah W. Pike, for their own use or disposal or distribution as hereinbefore provided.

And I expressly provide that neither said Sarah W. Pike nor said Elizabeth Perry Richardson and Henry H. Richardson or the survivor of them shall be under any legal responsibility to any person or to any court in respect of the disposition of the articles given in this clause as I am willing to rely entirely on their good faith.

Eighth, All the rest and residue of the property and

estate of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease or of which I may have any power of disposition or appointment I give, devise and bequeath to said Sarah W. Pike, Henry H. Richardson and Elizabeth Perry Richardson and the survivors and survivor of them in trust to hold, invest and manage the same changing the investments thereof from time to time at their discretion and from the net rents, interest, and income thereof to pay to my niece Helen M. Cross of Albion in the State of New York in instalments quarter-yearly or oftener if convenient the sum of seven hundred fifty (750) dollars annually during her natural life and to pay over to said Sarah W. Pike during her natural life the rest of said net rents, interest and income quarter-yearly or oftener if convenient or in case of the decease of said Helen M. Cross either before or after the time of my decease then the whole of said net rents, interest and income to said Sarah W. Pike during her natural lifetime.

Ninth, In case neither said Helen M. Cross nor said Sarah W. Pike shall survive me then upon my decease or in case either or both of them having survived me upon the decease of the survivor of them in the former event I dispose as follows of all the rest and residue of my estate and in the event that either or both of said beneficiaries shall have survived me I dispose of the rest and residue of said trust fund as follows:

Tenth, I give to the Appalachian Mountain Club a corporation established in said Commonwealth for its Permanent Fund the sum of One thousand (1000) dollars.

Eleventh, And in memory of my deceased son Charles Robert Cross Jr., I make the five following bequests:

(a) To the Alpine Club of Canada, the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars the income thereof to be used for the

the purposes of the said Club especially of the Edminton section.

(b) To the Harvard Travellers Club for the Permanent Fund of said Club the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars, my son having been a fellow of said Club.

(c) To the Harvard Club of Boston of which my son was a Member the sum of three thousand (3000) dollars, the income of the same to be used for the purchase of books and Periodicals or if not needed for that purpose from time to time for the purchase of pictures or other objects of art for the Club House of said Club.

(d) To the President and Fellows of Harvard College the sum of five thousand (5000) dollars as a fund to bear the name of said Charles Robert Cross, Jr., the income of which shall be applied to the purchase for the Harvard College Library of works on travel and exploration or related subjects.

(e) I give also to said President and Fellows of Harvard College the sum of ten thousand (10000) dollars to constitute a Fund which shall bear the name of said Charles Robert Cross, Jr., who graduated from said College in the year 1903, and from the Harvard Law School in 1906, the income of which Fund shall be applied from time to time to such purposes for the benefit of said Law School as may be considered most desirable.

Twelfth, I give to the Anna Jacques Hospital established in said Newburyport the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars in memory of my elder son, Ralph Cross who died in infancy, the income from said fund to be used for such purposes from time to time as may be selected by the person or persons having charge of said Hospital. It is my wish, however, but without

imposing any positive limitation that the income may be used especially for the benefit of children in need of medical or surgical care.

Thirteenth, All the rest and residue of said property and estate or of the trust fund, I give, devise and bequeath to the President and Fellows of Harvard College to constitute a fund for the benefit of the Harvard College Observatory the income of such Fund to be applied in furtherance of research in astronomy and astrophysics, in such manner, by such persons and in such places as may from time to time be decided by the Director of the Observatory.

Fourteenth, I direct my executors hereinafter named or my trustees according as the bequests herein given are to be paid by said executors or by said trustees to pay out of the residue of my estate all legacy or succession taxes payable in respect of any of the bequests herein contained so that the respective legatees shall receive their specific article or articles, or the sum of money that is given in each case, without diminution.

Fifteenth, If at any time the Trustees hereunder shall think it advisable for the interest of said Sarah W. Pike, as beneficiary hereunder, or for the interest of my estate, to purchase an annuity of seven hundred and fifty (750) dollars for said Helen M. Cross, I authorize the Trustees of Trustee for the time being hereunder to expend such sum as may be necessary to procure such annuity, but with the written consent, however, of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, which is the residuary legatee hereunder. And at the written request or with the written consent of said President and Fellows of Harvard College, my executors or my trustees may

anticipate the payment of any or all of the bequests contained in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth clauses of this will.

Sixteenth, I appoint said Sarah W. Pike, Henry H. Richardson and Elizabeth Perry Richardson, or the survivors or survivor of them, executors or executor of this will and request that they and each of them be exempt from giving any surety on their respective bonds as such and also that they and each of them as trustees hereunder may be exempt from giving any surety or sureties on their respective bonds as such.

Seventeenth, I authorize and empower my said executors, or whichever one or more of them shall for the time being fill that office, in case any of them by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, shall not qualify as such, or having become such shall cease to be such, at any time during the period within which as executor or administrator is liable to an action by a creditor, but not thereafter, to sell and convey any or all or my real estate, for such considerations and subject to and upon such restrictions, limitations or stipulations and with such agreements as to them her or him shall seem advisable, and no purchaser or grantee from said executors or executor shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or consideration, the net proceeds of every such sale to be held and disposed of for the settlement of my estate as if the same had been personal estate and in accordance with the terms of this will, but I direct, however, that said executors or executor shall not so sell and convey my Homestead estate No. 100 Upland Road, in said Brookline without the written consent of said Sarah W. Pike thereto.

Eighteenth, I authorize and empower the trustees or

trustee for the time being hereunder to sell and convey or transfer any and all parts of my real estate or personal estate or any real or personal estate which may from time to time form part of the trust fund at public or private sale at such time or times, to such person or persons, for such considerations, on such terms and as to such real estate or any part thereof, subject to and upon any such restrictions, stipulations and agreements, and with such reservations as may seem to the trustees or trustee expedient and further in the discretion of the trustees or trustee to enter into agreements and to grant and acquire easements in respect of any such real estate without need to apply to any court for leave so to do and no purchaser or grantee or transferee from the trustees or trustee for the time being hereunder shall in any possible event be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or consideration, but the net proceeds of all sales of the trust estate shall be reinvested in other real or personal estate at the discretion of the trustees or trustee to be held on the same trusts as the property so sold; and I also give to the trustees or trustee for the time being hereunder in case of the purchase for investment of bonds at a price above par authority in their, her or his discretion to treat the whole of the interest received on such bonds as income and direct that the trustees or trustee shall not be obliged to withhold a portion of the interest received therefrom as a sinking fund to make up the gradual wasting or loss of principal and I further give power to the trustees or trustee to decide how much of the proceeds of the trust property in their her or his hands shall be considered as income and how much as principal and the decision of the trustees or trustee in that respect

shall be final and conclusive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereto set my hand and seal and in the presence of three witnesses declare this to be my last will and testament this ninth day of August in the year 1919, the same being written on one side of eight (8) sheets of paper, and I have signed my name on the margin of each sheet except the last.

Charles R. Cross (seal)

On this ninth day of August in the year 1919 Charles R. Cross of Brookline in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed and sealed the foregoing instrument in our presence declaring it to be his last will and testament, and as witness thereof we three do now at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe our names.

James R. Carret

Elbridge K. Newhall

Esther N. Hoyt

25 COTTAGE STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

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My dear Mr. Lynn

I thank you for your letter
of May 12th - I cannot imagine
a better use for Professor Goss's
bequest to the Harvard Travellers
Club than by restoring his son's
trophies of travel and by any
appropriate inscription or memorial
which may please your Council.
It bea most kind of you to

let us Run y^r proposed
use of the gift.

With - Remembrance to you
and Mary

Yours very sincerely
Edw^d Perry Richardson

13 May.

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82 Devonshire Street
Boston, Massachusetts.
May 8, 1936

Mr. George A. Lyon
P. O. Box 2287
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear George:

I am sending you a copy of Mrs. Richardson's letter.
I think that the original had better be kept in our files.

I understand that you will write a letter of appreciation for the gift.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J K Howard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John K. Howard, Secretary

JKH:R

ca 1937

Dear

In recent years there has been a great deal of awakened interest in the Harvard Travellers Club. The attendance at the seven or eight meetings during the year has grown rapidly until last year there was an average attendance of 64.

We have been very fortunate in having many outstanding important men in their different fields as guests and speakers. The members find it interesting to meet them personally and hear them at our meetings. The exchange of information and ideas at the meetings undoubtedly serves to further the object of the club which, as you know, is "The promotion of intelligent travel and exploration". On the other hand the officers and council have felt that the organization was perhaps furnishing more entertainment for its members than actually and directly promoting travel. They have felt that probably the best method of taking a step forward to fulfil the objects of the club was the creation of a fund the income of which, though small, could be used to make small contributions to proposed expeditions, particularly favoring the members of the club in connection with such contributions. As a precedent and analogy is the practice of the Royal Geographical Society in helping in similar ways British Expeditions for various purposes all over the world. The appreciation of the help thus given is perhaps out of proportion to the amounts donated and consequently the good will and loyalty towards the organization is efficiently fostered by such a procedure. In turn this serves to obtain more readily good speakers for the members who themselves are not at the time planning to or may never accompany an expedition. It also serves to spread the good name of the organization and make it better known throughout the world of travel.

The receipt of the Cross legacy of \$1,000 last May for the permanent fund of the Club was the occasion for the starting of a drive to increase the permanent fund for the above purpose. Up to that time the fund consisted of about \$1,900, the result of life membership fees. The treasurer mentioned the desire to increase this fund in his annual report and asked members to convert their membership into life membership. A very good response has resulted, 17 members to date having taken out life memberships, with the result that today the permanent fund is about \$4,600. Your officers had in mind a permanent fund of about \$10,000 from which we might count on a yearly income of \$300 or \$400 to be used in helping out expeditions. It is expected that a special committee

of the council will be appointed to pass on the donations but some other appropriate organization might be worked out if found more fitting.

Will you help out this worthy cause by converting your membership to a life membership? If so, would you please send your check for \$100 with a notation what it is for to John K. Howard, Secretary and Treasurer, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts?

(If the letter is to go to a regular member and not a non-resident member, something of the following can be added):

Undoubtedly you will wish to retain your membership in the Harvard Travellers Club for the rest of your life. What better investment can you make that will yield you 5%? Once you have taken out life membership you receive no more bills for annual dues of \$5.

Sincerely yours,