

Updating Your Will with a Codicil



INSTRUCTIONS

If you are simply adding a gift in favor of the “**Platte County Historical Society**” to an existing Will—this can be done by using a ‘Codicil’. A ‘Codicil’ need not change the terms of your current Will, it can simply add a new instruction. If you wish to make other changes at the time, it may be best to have the Will rewritten to include all your changes in a new document.

Below is a sample ‘Codicil’ that you can use as an attachment to your official document. Please refer to these few, simple rules to observe when you add a ‘Codicil’ to your Will.

Thank you for supporting the “**Platte County Historical Society**” and preserving your local Heritage in this special way.

- Don’t try to change or add anything to your current Will by crossing out or writing in new instructions as any changes will not be valid.
- You will need to sign and date the document and have it witnessed by three people just like your Will.
- Keep the Codicil with, but not attached to, your current Will, in a safe place.
- Send, or give, a copy of the Will and Codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your Executor or other trusted friend, with a note indicating where original is held.

CODICIL

1. I, _____ being of sound mind and body and free will, and having full testamentary intent and capacity, do hereby voluntarily make, publish and execute this document as a codicil to my Last Will and Testament which was made on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

2. I hereby amend and modify the provisions of my Last Will and Testament identified above as follows:

“I give and bequeath the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____), or _____% of my estate, to the “**Platte County Historical Society**” of P.O. Box 31, Columbus, Nebraska, 68601.”

3. Except as expressly modified by this codicil, all remaining terms and provisions of my Last Will and Testament identified above shall remain in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have signed this document as a codicil to my Last Will and Testament identified above on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Makers Signature

The foregoing codicil of _____, dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____, was signed and published in our presence as a codicil to his/her Last Will and Testament. We declare that the maker was of sound mind and body and free will at that time, and we have hereto signed our names as witnesses in the presence of the maker and of each other.

Witness Signature

Address

Witness Signature

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Witness Signature

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary

My commission expires: