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Last will + testament

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Thomas E. Payton

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Laronne L. Payton

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

THOMAS E. PAYTON

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, THOMAS E. PAYTON, of legal age, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under menace, fraud, duress or the undue influence of any person or persons, but realizing the uncertainties of life, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills and Codicils thereto made by me at any time.

ARTICLE I

I declare that Lavonne L. Payton is my wife, and we have three children. They are Mary Kaye Owen, Heather K. Catron, and Lydia B. Payton.

ARTICLE II

I direct that all my just debts and the expense of my last illness and funeral be paid by my executor/executrix hereinafter named, as soon after my death as is convenient, provided, however, that this direction shall not authorize the payment of any debt of obligation prior to its maturity in due course.

ARTICLE III

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property, of whatsoever nature, to my wife, Lavonne L. Payton, if she shall survive me by a period of sixty (60) days, and in the event that my wife does not survive me by the period of sixty (60) days I hereby

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give, devise and bequeath all of my property, of whatsoever nature to my children to share and share alike. If any of my said children shall be deceased at the time of the distribution of my estate, I hereby give her share in equal shares to her children, and if she shall not have children then, in that event, I give such share in equal shares to my then surviving daughters.

#### ARTICLE IV

In the event that my wife and myself are deceased prior to the twenty-fourth (24) birthday of my daughter, Lydia, I direct that all of my estate, except the personal property that may be divided as provided below, be held in trust by my daughter, Mary Kaye Owen, for the use and benefit of my daughter, Lydia, in attaining such level of education as she shall desire to pursue. This is to say that if Lydia continues in the full-time pursuit of her education or related travel, she shall be furnished with such funds as are reasonably necessary to maintain her in the school of her choice, and in a style of living to which we have made her accustomed. The determination of the amounts and times of distribution of the money shall be solely at the determination of the trustee, and I am confident that the trustee and the beneficiary will arrive at a reasonable determination of such matters.

#### ARTICLE V

In the event that my wife shall not survive me, I direct

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that all of our household furnishings, tools and tangible personal property be distributed by the personal representative of my estate with due consideration to the wishes of each of my daughters in receiving an equal and fair portion of said properties. I do prefer that my son<sup>s</sup>-in-law, ~~Mark Catron~~ <sup>DAN OWEN AND/OR SCOTT GAFFETHS JEP.</sup>, be given a selection of tools, but that in being given this preference, he should also be responsible for the removal of undistributable items such as unusable parts and unmarketable equipment.

ARTICLE VI

I hereby appoint Mary Kaye Owen as the Personal Representative of my estate and I direct that she be allowed to serve without bond, and without intervention of any court, except as required by law.

In the event that my daughter, Mary Kaye Owen, is unable to serve as either the trustee or the Personal Representative of my estate I hereby direct that Heather K. Catron be appointed as such trustee and for Personal Representative.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to the four pages constituting this, my Last Will and Testament, this 6th day of March, 1990.

*Th. E. Payton* 6/30/14      *Th. E. Payton*  
THOMAS E. PAYTON



*Melissa A. Anderson* 6/30/2014  
Melissa A. Anderson Exp.  
WA State Notary 8-19-2016

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*Th. E. Payton*  
personally appeared  
before me. 6/30/2014  
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AFFIDAVIT OF SUBSCRIBING AND ATTESTING WITNESSES

STATE OF WASHINGTON       )  
  )     ss  
County of Skamania        )

The undersigned subscribing and attesting witnesses, each being duly sworn to oath, out of court, depose and state:

DECLARATION: On this date last below stated, THOMAS E. PAYTON, Testator, declared the attached instrument to be his Last Will and Testament.

SIGNATURE, ATTESTATION AND SUBSCRIPTION: Immediately following Testator's declaration, Testator signed and published such instrument as his Last Will, in the presence of each of the undersigned, and then each of the undersigned as witnesses, at Testator's request, subscribed our names thereto in the presence of Testator and of each other.

COMPETENCY; At the time of Testator's declaration, signing and publication of the attached Last Will and Testament, Testator appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and not to be acting under duress or undue influence of any person. Each of the other subscribing and attesting witnesses appeared to be competent and each of the undersigned states, for him/herself, that he/she is now competent.

TESTATOR'S REQUEST: After the above declaration, signature, attestation and subscription, Testator requests that each of the undersigned make this affidavit in proof of Testator's attached Last Will and Testament.

WITNESS: [Signature: D. Inley C. Benson]  
Residing at: M.P. 2162, N Fork Rd. Washington, WA.

WITNESS: [Signature: John Thomas Poff]  
Residing at: 1100 Bonanza Hills WA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of March, 1990.

x [Signature: Vickie Clelland]  
witness 6/30/14  
x [Signature: Carla Groat]  
witness 6/30/14

[Signature: Kathleen Carson]  
NOTARY PUBLIC for Washington  
Residing at Carson  
My commission expires 10-3-93

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Carla Groat  
Vickie Clelland [Signature]  
TEP  
personally appeared before me.  
[Signature: Melissa A. Anderson]  
Melissa A. Anderson  
Exp. 8-19-2016