

# EXHIBIT C

**JEREMY W. HOWE**  

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**ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW**

**JEREMY W. HOWE**  
**JOSEPH M. PROIETTA\***

\* ALSO ADMITTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

April 23, 2003

Authors Guild  
31 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10016

***Re: Last Will And Testament of Michael Drury***

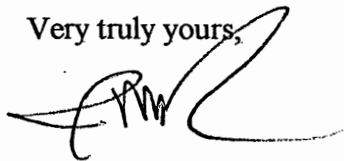
Dear Authors Guild:

As the Executor appointed by the Probate Court of the City of Newport, State of Rhode Island, I am notifying you that you are named as a beneficiary in the Last Will and Testament of Ms. Michael Drury.

Enclosed Please find a copy of Ms. Drury's Will naming the Authors Guild beneficiary of all her copyrights past and present.

I will keep you informed of our progress throughout the probate process, however, should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Joseph M. Proietta

JMP/kpm  
enclosure(s)

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**L**AST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF  
MICHAEL DRURY

I, Michael Drury, of the City of Newport, County of Newport, State of Rhode Island, being of full age, sound mind, and disposing memory, and knowing the nature and extent of my property and the objects of my bounty, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will, and I hereby revoke all Wills and Codicils heretofore made by me.

**FIRST:** I direct that all my debts, funeral bills, expenses of my last illness, expenses of administration of my estate, inheritance, transfer, succession, and legacy taxes payable by my estate or payable on the bequest or devises made herein, be paid out of my estate as an expense of administration and without apportionment. I direct my said Executor that there shall be no funeral, memorial service or other rites of any kind and that the body is to be cremated as quickly as the law allows by the Hill Funeral Home in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, in accord with the arrangements I have made with them.

**SECOND:** All copyrights held by me, past and present, shall go to the Authors Guild located at 31 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, NY 10016 and they shall retain the whole profits, if any. The foregoing provision to said charitable organization is for its general uses and purposes and is not restricted in any way.

**THIRD:** I give and bequeath to ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, of the City and County of Newport, State of Rhode Island, all my clothing, jewelry, and accessories. If ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH is unable to accept the bequest, it shall be turned over to Holy Cross Church in Middletown, Rhode Island. The foregoing provision to said charitable organization is for its general uses and purposes and is not restricted in any way.

**FOURTH:** I wish the Redwood Library of Bellevue Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island, first refusal on any of the books I own, and of any copies I hold of books I have written. The foregoing provision to said charitable organization is for its general uses and purposes and is not restricted in any way.

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**FIFTH:** I give and bequeath all of my household furniture and furnishings, silverware, personal effects and other tangible personal property (which term does not include cash, bank accounts, and securities) wherever the same may be located which I may own at my death to Lawrence Graham, now or formerly of 121 Van Zandt Avenue in Newport, Rhode Island. If Lawrence Graham shall not survive me, then said property referred to in this article shall become a part of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.

**SIXTH:** Any savings and checking accounts or other securities or certificates of deposit in my name jointly with any other person, are to be considered accounts of convenience and my intention is that the entire funds in said account should be added to my estate.

**SEVENTH:** All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal and wherever located, which I may own or be entitled to at the time of my death, but not including any property over which I shall have power of appointment, which power I do not exercise, I give, devise and bequeath to JoAnn Bills, absolutely and in fee simple.

**EIGHTH:** Without the necessity of obtaining leave of any Court, my Executor shall have full power:

- a. To sell, (at public or private sale), mortgage, transfer, and convey in such a manner and on terms (including credit) as deemed advisable, any and all property in my estate;
- b. To settle, adjust, compromise, or pay claims asserted in favor of or against my estate, and to agree to any rescission or modification or any contract or agreement made by me;
- c. To make distribution in kind, at a valuation to be final and conclusive to the distributee or distributees; and
- d. To apply any property payable or distributable to an infant either directly or through payments to a guardian or parent of such infant or person with whom such infant resides, and the receipt of any such guardian, parent or person shall be a full discharge for all property so applied.

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WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF NEWPORT

In Newport, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003, before me personally appeared the undersigned, who, being duly sworn, depose and state that: they witnessed the execution of the Will of Michael Drury in the Testatrix's presence and by the Testatrix's express direction; that the signature to the Will is in the handwriting of the Testatrix; that said Testatrix so subscribed said Will and declared the same to be her Last Will in their presence; that they thereafter subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other; that at the time of execution of said Will, the Testatrix appeared to be of sound mind and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and, that the signatures of the witnesses on said Will are genuine.

Aimee Ducharme  
[Signature]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on the day and date first above written.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

JOSEPH M. PROBITA  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 01-14-2006

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, consisting of four typewritten pages, including this page, was signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above-named Michael Drury as and for her Last Will and Testament, in our presence, and we were all present at the same time, and we in her presence, at her request, and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Annee Ducharme residing at 279 Jepsen Ln Portmouth RI

Greg Cuffey residing at 15 Jean Terr Middletown RI

\_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_

NINTH: I nominate Joseph M. Proietta, Esq. to be Executor of my Last Will. If he predeceases me or is unable or unwilling to accept such appointment, or having undertaken his duties is unable or unwilling to serve, then I nominate Jeremy W. Howe, Esq. to be Successor Executor of my Last Will. My Executor shall not be required to give any bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such capacity in any jurisdiction whatsoever, or, if any bond is required, then only in the lowest permissible amount and without surety if permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

  
Michael Drury

I, MIGNON G. EBERHART, of the Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills and codicils heretofore made by me.

ARTICLE I. I direct that all of my just debts, except debts secured by any mortgage on real estate, my funeral expenses and the costs of administration of my estate be paid as soon as practicable after my death. In their sole discretion my Executors may pay from my domiciliary estate all or any portion of the costs of ancillary administration and similar proceedings in other jurisdictions.

ARTICLE II. I direct that there shall be paid out of my general estate as an expense of administration, taxes (together with any interest or penalty thereon) imposed by the government of the United States or any state or territory thereof, or by any foreign government or political subdivision thereof, in respect of all property required to be included in my gross estate for estate or like tax purposes by any of such governments, whether the property passes under this my will or otherwise, without contribution by any recipient of any such property.

ARTICLE III. I give and bequeath to RICHARD HOLMS and VERA HOLMS presently of 8 Franklin Avenue, Westport, Connecticut 06880, or to the survivor of them, the

CURTIS, BRINCKERHUFF & BARRETT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

*Handwritten initials*



sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), absolutely and forever.

ARTICLE IV. I give and bequeath to each of the following named persons who survive me the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars as a token of friendship:

- (a) EVELYN TOMCHEK presently of Nicholas Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut;
- (b) JUDY PARKER, presently of 4 East Lyon Farm, Greenwich, Connecticut;
- (c) DORIS QUALLEY, presently of 102 Pine Ridge, Brewster, Massachusetts; and
- (d) CAROLINE DONOVAN, presently of Hillside Avenue, Goldens Bridge (Lewisboro), New York.

ARTICLE V. I give and bequeath to GWYNNE PFEIFER presently of 237 Hickok Road, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840, all of my jewelry and my yellow Kerman living room rug. In the event GWYNNE PFEIFER shall predecease me, I give and bequeath said property to her daughter, KERRY PFEIFER, to her absolutely and forever. I authorize my Executors or Trustees to hold such property for the said KERRY PFEIFER until she shall attain the age of eighteen (18) years and I direct my Executors or Trustees to pay all expenses of storing and protecting the same and to the extent required, such charges shall be paid out of the trust in Article IX hereof.

It is my request that GWYNNE PFEIFER take care of my dog, BEAU GESTE.

ARTICLE VI. I give and bequeath to WILLIAM VOGELSANG presently of 5933 Maybill Drive, Madison,

Wisconsin 53711, my writing desk. I specifically request that WILLIAM VOGELSANG search all of my personal files and destroy any personal accounts or letters which would not be considered literary property. I also give to the said WILLIAM VOGELSANG any objects d'art not otherwise bequeathed and which he may select within three (3) months after my death and any books of mine which he may choose, the same to be his absolutely and forever.

ARTICLE VII. I desire that BRANDT & BRANDT presently of 1501 Broadway, New York, New York continue to handle all matters regarding my literary property. It is my request that they collect all royalties or other income from such property and deliver the same to the AUTHOR'S GUILD OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF AUTHORS.

I direct that BRANDT & BRANDT shall continue as literary agent for any new or existing contracts throughout the duration of my estate.

ARTICLE VIII. I give and bequeath all of my right, title and interest including, but not limited to, literary rights in an incomplete literary work entitled "Cherchez la Femme" to CAROLINE DONOVAN, presently of Goldens Bridge, New York.

ARTICLE IX. All of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, I give and bequeath as follows:

A. I direct my Executors to separate from my said residue the value of any and all literary property owned by me at the time of my death. The Executors shall thereupon divide such residue into three equal shares, one such share I give and bequeath to GWYNNE PFEIFER outright

and in fee or, if she shall have predeceased me, to her daughter, KERRY PFEIFER; and

Two such shares and all of my right, title and interest in and to any literary property owned by me at the time of my death and not otherwise specifically bequeathed, I bequeath and devise to my nephew, WILLIAM VOGELSANG or, if he shall predecease me, to his issue, per stirpes.

B. All of my right, title and interest in and to any literary property owned by me at the time of my death I bequeath to the AUTHOR'S GUILD OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF AUTHOR'S of New York City, a charitable corporation.

ARTICLE X. I nominate, constitute and appoint CONNECTICUT NATIONAL BANK, a national banking institution organized and existing under the National Banking Act and having offices in Stamford, Connecticut, and JANE F. DONOVAN as Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. If either JANE F. DONOVAN or CONNECTICUT NATIONAL BANK shall fail to qualify as Co-Executor or having qualified shall cease to act or decline to serve, then in such event I nominate, constitute and appoint the survivor of them in their place and stead with all of the rights, powers, privileges and exemptions granted to my above-named Executors.

ARTICLE XI. I authorize and empower my Executors (including any substitute successor representative) in addition to other powers granted by law, to exercise all those powers set forth in the "Fiduciary Powers Act" of the State of Connecticut as the same provides as of the date of the execution of this my Will.

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I direct that no bond or other security shall be required to be furnished by my said Executors or any substitute or successor fiduciary in the faithful performance of their respective duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Greenwich, Connecticut this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1991.

Mignon G. Eberhart  
MIGNON G. EBERHART

SIGNED, SEALED, published and declared by MIGNON G. EBERHART, the above named Testatrix, as and for her Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at Greenwich, Connecticut this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1991.

Thomas D. [Signature]      Stamford, Conn.  
Jacquetta [Signature]      Greenwich, Conn.

CURTIS, BRINCKERHOFF & BARRETT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )  
 ) ss GREENWICH                    FEBRUARY 22, 1991  
 COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD )

Then and there personally appeared the within named THEODORE D. WINOXUR and JANE F. DONOVAN who, being duly sworn, depose and say that they witnessed the execution of the within Last Will and Testament of the within named Testatrix; that said MIGNON G. EBERHART subscribed said will and declared the same to be her Last Will and Testament in their presence; that they thereafter subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other and at the request of said Testatrix; that the said Testatrix at the time of the execution of said will appeared to them to be of full age and of sound mind and memory; and that they make this affidavit at the request of said Testatrix, MIGNON G. EBERHART.

Theodore D. Winokur  
Jane F. Donovan

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
 this 22nd day of February, 1991.

Jane F. Luzzo  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

CURTIS BRINCKERHOFF & BARRETT, STAMFORD, CONN.



W E REGINALD GIDLEY of Hale Court Lincoln's Inn London WC2  
 and SAX ROHMER NOBLE of 37 West Green Heighington Darlington  
 County Durham as Personal Representatives of Rose Elizabeth  
 Ward otherwise Elizabeth Rose Sax Rohmer otherwise Elizabeth  
 Sax Rohmer, (hereinafter called "the Testator") late of No. 1  
 The Rowans Prince Edwards Road Lewes East Sussex who died on  
 the 14th day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventy  
 nine at No. 1 The Rowans aforesaid and whose Will dated the  
 17th day of May One thousand nine hundred and seventy seven  
 together with a Codicil thereto dated the 13th day of December  
 One thousand nine hundred and seventy seven were proved by us  
 in the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High  
 Court of Justice in London on the 14th day of September One  
 thousand nine hundred and seventy nine HEREBY ASSENT to the  
 whole of the copyrights and interests in copyrights including  
 performing rights book rights all or any remaining film and  
 television rights and all cognate rights together with the  
 whole of the royalties profits or moneys in the nature of  
 royalties arising therefrom in The Society of Authors of 84  
 Drayton Gardens London SW10 and The Authors League of America  
 Inc. of 234 West 44th Street New York NY 10036 U.S.A. in equal  
 shares absolutely in accordance with the terms of the said  
 Will of the Testator \_\_\_\_\_

I N W I T N E S S whereof the parties hereto have  
 hereunto set their hands and seals this *Second* day of  
*March* One thousand nine hundred and eighty one

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by )  
 the said REGINALD GIDLEY in the )  
 presence of :- )

*Reginald Gidley*

*[Signature]*  
 Hale Court, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2  
 Trust Manager.



N. JOHN THOMAS  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
LEGAL BUILDING  
447 THIRD AVENUE NORTH • SUITE 405  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33701

OF COUNSEL  
HAROLD C. FERREE

April 29, 1992

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TO: BENEFICIARIES NAMED IN THE WILL OF  
E. VICTOR SYRCHER

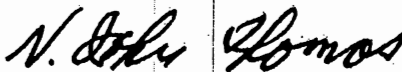
Re: Estate of E. Victor Syrcher

It is with regret that I write to advise of the death of Mr. Syrcher on April 10. Mr. Syrcher's Will included a provision for you, which is described briefly at the bottom of this letter.

Under our procedure, I am enclosing also a copy of the Notice of Administration, which contains information that may be helpful.

If you have any questions, kindly advise.

Sincerely yours,

  
N. John Thomas

NJT:js  
Enc.

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Literary rights in decedent's books and set pieces, published and unpublished, and all proceeds therefrom.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number 92-1541-ES 4  
E. VICTOR SYRCHER,  
Deceased. Division \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the estate of E. VICTOR SYRCHER, deceased, File Number 92-1541-ES 4, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 34616.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

**ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 1, 1992.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
N. JOHN THOMAS and  
HAROLD C. FERREE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
447 Third Ave. No., Suite 405  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)  
Telephone: (813) 822-3114  
Florida Bar No.: 080874

Personal Representatives:  
N. JOHN THOMAS and  
HAROLD C. FERREE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
447 Third Ave. No., Suite 405  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)



# The Authors Guild, Inc.

Corporate Member of The Authors League of America, Inc.

THREE THIRTY WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET • NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036 • (212) 563-5904 • FAX: (212) 564-8363

October 14, 1992

The Register of Copyrights  
United States Copyright Office  
Library of Congress  
Washington, DC 20559

Dear Sir:

We would like to register a transfer of copyrights by will to the Authors Guild, Inc., copyrights held by E. Victor Syrcher (pseudonym Victor Searcher).

Enclosed is:

- (1) An affidavit executed by the attorneys for the estate
- (2) A copy of Mr. Syrcher's will
- (3) A list of copyrights being transferred
- (4) A check in the amount of \$14 to cover the copyright office fee

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Helen Stephenson  
Executive Director

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First Union National Bank  
of Florida  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

NO. 0124

September 28, 1992

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS - - - - - \$14.00

Fourteen and no/100 - - - - - DOLLARS

ESTATE OF E. V. SYRCHER  
BY N. JOHN THOMAS  
AND HAROLD C. FERREE, PER. REPS.

*N. John Thomas*  
*Harold C. Ferree*

EXECUTOR/  
ADMINISTRATOR  
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FOR \_\_\_\_\_

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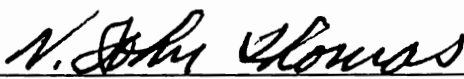
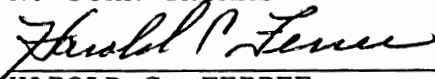
GUARDIAN SAFETY

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF COPYRIGHTS  
(pseud. Victor Syrcer)

The undersigned, as Co-Personal Representatives under the Will of E. Victor Syrcer, give notice of the transfer by Will, Article SIXTH, to The Authors Guild, Inc. Attached to this Notice is a copy of the decedent's Will, which we hereby certify to be a true and correct copy thereof. As appears from a reading of the said Article SIXTH, the decedent's copyrights, a list of which is attached to this Notice, are bequeathed to said The Authors Guild, Inc.

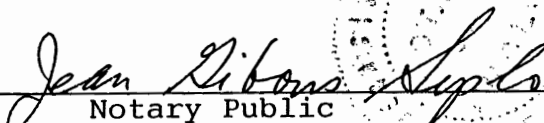
Confirming the provisions of said Article SIXTH, the undersigned hereby transfer and assign any interest of the estate to The Authors Guild, Inc.

DATED, September 21, 1992.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
N. JOHN THOMAS  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
HAROLD C. FERREE

STATE OF FLORIDA    )  
                          ) SS.  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of September, 1992, by N. JOHN THOMAS, as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of E. Victor Syrcer, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 10/30/93

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
                          ) SS.  
COUNTY OF ASHE         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1992, by HAROLD C. FERREE, as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of E. Victor Sycher, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

Tava N. Dixon  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/28/93



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

E. VICTOR SYRCHER

I, E. VICTOR SYRCHER, a resident of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling any and all former Wills and Codicils by me heretofore made.

FIRST: I order and direct my Personal Representative to pay all my legal obligations and funeral expenses as soon after my death as is practicable, and I direct that my Personal Representative pay out of my residuary estate all taxes assessed against my estate by reason of my death in respect to all property required to be included in my gross estate for tax purposes, whether said property passes under this Will or otherwise.

SECOND: I hereby direct that my attorney, HAROLD C. FERREE, be in charge of the disposition of my remains. In the event of my demise in the Buffalo, New York, area, then I direct that LAURENCE R. GOODYEAR, or, in his absence, a member of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14203, shall be in charge.

THIRD: I devise to UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, of St. Petersburg, 719 Arlington Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, any and all tangible personal property owned by me at the time of my death, exclusive of literary and photographic items otherwise provided for herein.

FOURTH: I devise all photographic and illustrative material in my possession to the BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, DEPT. OF ICONOGRAPHY, 25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo, New York 14216.

FIFTH: I devise my limited collection of rare books and all my book manuscripts, published and unpublished, newspaper and magazine pieces, research notes, and correspondence pertaining, to the RARE BOOK ROOM of the BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Lafayette Square,



Buffalo, New York 14203. It is my request, precatory, that said Library transfer from its operating fund an amount equal to the appraised value of said rare books to such administrative fund, to be used for the purpose of maintaining and restoring manuscripts housed in the Rare Book Room of said Library.

SIXTH: I devise the literary rights of my books and set pieces, published and unpublished, and all proceeds therefrom, to the AUTHORS' GUILD, INC., 234 West 44th Street, New York 10036, said Guild to have access, for legitimate purposes, to my collection described in Paragraph FIFTH.

SEVENTH: I devise the music rights, copyrighted and non-copyrighted, of the songs and music inherited by me from my first wife, Madeleine B. Sycher, to the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS, 1 Lincoln Plaza, New York, New York 10023, and all proceeds therefrom.

EIGHTH: To the individuals and institution listed below, I devise the following:

- A. To my nephew, BRADLEY J. SYRCHER, of East Aurora, - New York, if he shall survive me, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).
- B. To each child by blood of my nephew, Bradley J. Sycher, me surviving, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).
- C. To UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, of St. Petersburg, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).
- D. To JOAN BARCLAY, who has served as Church Secretary to Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg, if she shall survive me, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).
- E. To WILLIAM A. BELL, 5290 48th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, if he shall survive me, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).



If any of the individual beneficiaries named in this Article shall not survive me, or if the institution named in this Article shall not be in existence at the time of my death, the devise to such individuals or institution shall lapse and same shall become a part of my residuary estate hereinafter disposed of.

NINTH: I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest, residue and remainder of the property which I may possess at the time of my decease or to which I may be at that time in any way entitled, of whatsoever character and wheresoever situated, in the following manner:

A. To my nephew, BRADLEY J. SYRCHER, if he shall survive me, one-third (1/3); if he shall fail to survive me, then and in that event, said one-third (1/3) to his children by blood living at the time of my death in equal shares;

B. To the BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY HISTORIAL SOCIETY, for the use and benefit of its Department of Iconography, one-third (1/3); and


C. To the BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, for the use and benefit of the Rare Book Room, one-third (1/3).

TENTH: I hereby nominate and appoint N. JOHN THOMAS and HAROLD C. FERREE to be Co-Personal Representatives of this my Will, and request that, insofar as is consistent with the laws of the State of Florida, no bond be required of them as such Co-Personal Representatives. In the event that one of the named Co-Personal Representatives shall fail to survive me, fail to qualify, die during the period of estate administration, or at any time cease to act, the other named Co-Personal Representative shall serve alone, with all the powers and rights given and granted to my Co-Personal Representatives herein, also, without bond. I give to my Co-Personal Representatives, or to the surviving Co-Personal Representative, full power and authority to sell or convey any real or personal property of which I may die seized or possessed. I further give authority to compromise, settle or adjust any claim by or against my estate. In the event that both N. John Thomas



and Harold C. Ferree shall predecease me, or be unable to serve or continue to serve as Personal Representative of my estate, then I nominate and appoint FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, or its successor, as alternate Personal Representative of this, my Last Will and Testament, hereby giving to it such powers as are hereinbefore granted to my Co-Personal Representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, <sup>19</sup>I have set my hand and seal to this, my Last Will and Testament, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 1990.

  
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E. VICTOR SYCHER (SEAL)

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Instrument was, on the date of the date thereof, signed, sealed, published and declared by the said E. VICTOR SYCHER, the Testator, as and for his Last Will and Testament, and in the presence of each other have, at his request, hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses of the execution thereof, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1990, and we hereby certify that, at the time of the execution hereof, we believe said Testator to be of sound and disposing mind and memory.

V. (The) Thomas residing at 109.50 Nine St.  
Seminole, Florida  
Margaret Franz residing at 2035 29th Ave N  
St Pete Bea, Florida



COPYRIGHTS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF:

Ernest Victor Syrcher; pseud., Victor Searcher

America's First Airforce: Lincoln's Balloon Corps.		TXu 82-812 1981
The Certainties of the Black Holes in the Sky		TXu 12-152 1978
Lincoln's Journey to Greatness	RE 392-867 1988	A443382 1960
Lincoln's Last Journey		Bb 27983 1965
"I Live in an Insane Asylum" (Chicago Tribune Magazine - 3/13/55)		B5 30383 1955
"The Arkansas Druggist Defeats a Famous General" (The Arkansas Historical Quarterly - Aut. 54)		B5 29358 1954
"Television Panel Discussion on Mental Health"		C 7964
"Hot Springs -- A Favorite Midwest Spa!" (Chicago Tribune Magazine - 4/11/54)		B5 27414 1954

Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE ESTATE OF:

Administration No. 177-84

BARBARA HUNT WATTERS

Deceased

RECEIPT OF LEGATEE, DISTRIBUTE, OR WARD

I, the undersigned, Helen A. Stephenson, having been authorized to sign this Receipt on behalf of the Authors Guild, Inc.

hereby acknowledge to have received from Beulah Rives Cheney and Brian Sullivan, Personal Representatives of the estate of the estate of Barbara Hunt Watters No. 177-84, the portion of the estate due me, consisting of (See attached Assignment)

X Assignments of copyrights pursuant to Article Five of the Will.

as shown by the Final account filed in said cause on, 19.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal

This 7th day of March, A.D. 1986

AUTHORS GUILD, INC  
BY: Helen A. Stephenson (Seal)  
for Peter Heggie (Seal)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PROBATE DIVISION

In re: Estate of :  
BARBARA HUNT WATTERS, :  
deceased : Administration No. 177-84 :  
:

ASSIGNMENT

We, Beulah R. Cheney and Brian Sullivan, personal representatives of the Estate of Barbara Hunt Watters deceased:

In the consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over to the Authors' Guild, Inc. 234 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036, pursuant to Article FIFTH of the last Will and Testament of Barbara Hunt Watters, deceased, all right, title and interest in the copyrights to the following books:

1. The Villa and the Horde;
2. A Little Night Music;
3. Cotton Web;
4. Sea Change;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and seal to the Assignment on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1986.

*Beulah R. Cheney*

Beulah R. Cheney

*Brian Sullivan*

Brian Sullivan

Personal Representatives of the Estate of Barbara Hunt Watters deceased

PH

March 14, 1984

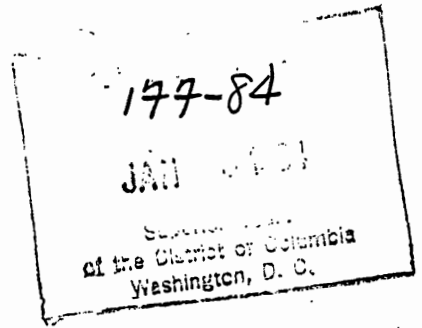
TO: Gail  
FROM: Peter

Enclosed is a copy of Par. Fifth from the Will of Barbara Hunt Watters.

Would you get a search from the Copyright Office on the four literary properties. Helen has done this for League bequests; the Copyright Office makes certain requirements; so ask her about any problems she has encountered.

As you will see, two of the works were first published in England, so there are ad interim concerns; and if those requirements were met in 1957 and 1958, there will have to be renewals in 1985 and 1986 -- by which time the executors may be discharged.

Feb. 1, 1984



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
OF  
BARBARA H. WATTERS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CITY OF WASHINGTON

I, Barbara H. Watters, a resident citizen of the District of Columbia, the City of Washington, over the age of twenty-one years and of sound mind, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby expressly revoke any and all Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

FIRST

I direct that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as can be done conveniently.

I do further direct that my body be cremated.

SECOND

I nominate, constitute and appoint Brian P. Sullivan of Washington, D.C. and Beulah Rives Cheney of Clemson, South Carolina, as Co-Executors of my estate, provided however if Brian P. Sullivan or Beulah Cheney for any reason cannot serve as Co-Executor, the other is named as Executor; that is to say, that if for any reason Brian P. Sullivan is unable to serve as such Co-Executor, then Beulah Cheney is nominated and appointed Executor of

my estate and if for any reason Beulah Cheney cannot serve as Co-Executor, then, in that event, Brian P. Sullivan is nominated and appointed Executor of my estate.

I hereby exempt each of my Co-Executors under this my Last Will and Testament from the making or filing of any Bond or other security for the proper discharge of their duties as such Co-Executors.

I further direct that neither of my Co-Executors shall be required to make or file any inventory or any report whatsoever to the Court having jurisdiction of my estate for any of their acts as such Co-Executors.

THIRD

I do hereby authorize and empower my Co-Executors to borrow funds for the payment of taxes which maybe owed by my estate and I do further authorize and empower my said Co-Executors to execute and deliver mortgages or other evidence of indebtedness over any personal property or over any real estate which I may own at the time of my decease to secure the funds necessary for the payments of any taxes which my estate my owe.

I do further authorize and empower my Co-Executors to sell and convey any real estate or personal property which I may own for the payment of any taxes that may be owed by my estate at either public or private sale in their discretion and to execute and deliver all deeds or other proper instruments of writing to convey title to said real estate or personal property to the purchaser thereof.

FOURTH

Any and all copyrights I own at the time of my death and all benefits which may accrue therefrom covering any books or literary works on the subject of astrology I give, devise and bequeath unto the American Federation of Astrologers, a federally tax-exempt, non-profit corporation located in Tempe, Arizona.

FIFTH

Any copyrights which I own in the following books and literary works and all benefits which might accrue therefrom, I give, devise and bequeath to the Authors' Guild of America to use for their benefit as they see fit:

(1) The Villa and the Horde, published by MacDonald of London in 1957 and copyright by Barbara Hunt Watters.

(2) A Little Night Music, published by Rinehart & Company in 1947 and copyright by Barbara Hunt Watters and copyright renewed in 1975.

(3) Cotton Web, published by MacDonald of London in 1958 and copyright by Barbara Hunt Watters.

(4) Sea Change, published by Rinehart & Company in 1946 and copyright by Barbara Hunt Watters and copyright renewed in 1974. The copyrights in these four publications I give to the Authors' Guild of America.

I also bequeath the Authors' Guild the sum of \$ 5,000 to help them carry on their work in behalf of American writers.

SIXTH

I give, devise and bequeath unto Clemson University, all of my musical records and musical albums, and all my books on art, the history of art, painting and painting techniques, and the history of cultural development. This bequest is to be added to and become part of the Anthony Hunt Memorial Collection.

SEVENTH

I give, devise and bequeath unto Beulah Rives Cheney all of my flat silver and holloware including my four piece coffee service and Sheffield tray. I also bequeath to Beulah Cheney any pewter in my possession at the time of my death.

EIGHTH

I presently own a house in the District of Columbia, the City of Washington and I give, devise and bequeath unto Brian Sullivan the right to use my residence as his home during the time that my estate is being administered under this my Last Will and Testament and until my estate is settled. No charge for rent shall be levied against Brian Sullivan by my estate; but during the time of his residence there, Brian Sullivan shall be required to keep this property in good condition and repair. Necessary repairs to plumbing, heating or electrical equipment or to the roof should be charged to my estate. During the interval between my death and the sale of this property, the Administrators must keep it adequately insured against fire, theft, vandalism and other insurable hazards.



NINTH

To my friend James Furrh, Jr. of Richardson, Texas, I give and bequeath the two small ceramic statues of the whale and the Mammoth by the artist Daga.

TENTH

To my friend Frances Furrh of Richardson, Texas, I give and bequeath all pieces of malachite in my possession including my malachite and ivory letter opener.

ELEVENTH

To my friend Ardys Palmer of Gaithersburg, Maryland, I give and bequeath my Olivetti typewriter, with all its accessories and my transcriber.

TWELFTH

To Richard Grant, of Dallas, Texas, I give and bequeath all paintings and drawings by my brother Anthony Hunt in my possession at the time of my death.

THIRTEENTH

To my friend Judson Williams of the District of Columbia, I give and bequeath all my African statues carved in ebony and other African woods.

FOURTEETH

To my friend Brian Sullivan, Co-Administrator of my estate, I give and bequeath my DR-70 Astrological computer, my collection of books on and about astrology, and my collection of Japanese prints, both framed and unframed.

FIFTEENTH

To my niece, Lucia Rives Lockridge of Memphis, Tennessee, I give and bequeath my two ivory statues of the Chinese goddess Kwan-Yin, the Chinese ancestor painting of the lady-in-red, the Chinese wood carving of a woman with a basket, and all other East Indian, Chinese, Tibetan and Indonesian works, of art and crafts, including brass bowls, boxes, trays, plates, statues and ceramics. I also bequeath to my niece, Lucia Lockridge, my antique Imari plates, my opal ring and opal earrings.

SIXTEENTH

To the Textile Museum of the District of Columbia, I give and bequeath my Navajo ceremonial rug, my three Hopi Indian plaques, any embroideries and laces in my possession at the time of my death, including the antique tablecloths and mats from the Panama Canal Zone, pre-dating the construction of the Canal--should the Museum not wish to accept all or any part of this bequest whatever they reject shall revert to my estate to be disposed of as the administrators see fit.

SEVENTEENTH

To my grand-niece Mary Katherine Hestir, I give and bequeath my collection of earrings except for those mentioned elsewhere in this Will. I also bequeath to Mary Katherine Hestir, any unused fabrics of wool, silk, cotton or other fibers suitable for dressmaking--this includes my Indonesian batiks, Thai and Chinese silks, and Indian saris, I may still possess at the time of my death.

EIGHTEENTH

To the Corcoran Gallery of Art, I give and bequeath my two paintings by Ricardo Martinez of Mexico which are entitled Los Cargadores del Cal and Madre e Hijo en Roja. Also, if they are still in my possession at the time of my death, I give the Corcoran Gallery of Art the small oil painting by William Merrett Chase called Doorway in Spain and the Cosway Miniature of the Princess Mary.

NINETEENTH

If Melinda Fernandez of the District of Columbia is still in my employ at the time of my death, I give and bequeath the sum of \$ 1,000.- If she is not then in my employ, this sum reverts to my estate.

TWENTIETH

I give and bequeath to the Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia the sum of \$ 25,000.

TWENTY-FIRST

To the National Cathedral in the District of Columbia I give and bequeath the sum of \$ 25,000 provided the officials of the Cathedral consent to the following: that the ashes of my mother, my brother and myself be placed in the hollow of a wall or be buried in the boxwood garden according to the best judgment of the Cathedral Management and the administrators of this Will. Further, that these ashes be identified with a brass plaque or carved stone as follows: "Here lie the ashes of Margaret

Paddock Hunt 1885-1928; Anthony Hunt 1910-1977; Barbara Hunt Watters 1907- Peace, here and hereafter."

Should the Cathedral management fail to consent to this entombment, the bequest of \$ 25,000 shall revert to my estate and the administrators are to scatter the ashes of my mother, my brother and myself in a pleasant place where they will be carried to the sea; or scattered into the sea directly.

TWENTY-SECOND

To my three sisters-in-law, Ann Watters Rives, Louis Watters Paisley, and Lila Watters Porter, I give and bequeath the sum of \$ 5,000 to each of them, in memory of their brother James Watters.

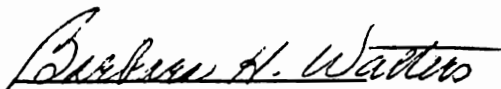
TWENTY-THIRD

All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of every kind and character and wheresoever situated I give, devise, and bequeath equally and share and share alike to Brian P. Sullivan and Beulah Rives Cheney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Will in duplicate originals on the the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1980, in the presence of Millard Klein

Ardys Palmer and

\_\_\_\_\_ whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses hereto.

  
Barbara H. Watters

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The foregoing instrument in duplicate originals was subscribed, signed, sealed, published and declared by Barbara H. Watters as and for her last will and testament in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we at the same time, at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses on the 26 day of

July, 1980.

Millard Klein  
2805 Rittenhouse St. N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20015

Ardis Palmer  
412 N. Summit Ave #002  
Catonsville - MD 20760

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Codicil - August 22-1982

I, Barbara Waters, direct that paragraph

eleventh of my last will and testament

be deleted and rendered void and in-

operative. I do not wish that George

Palmer inherit any of my property in  
any form.

Witnessed by-

Brian Sullivan 8/22/1982

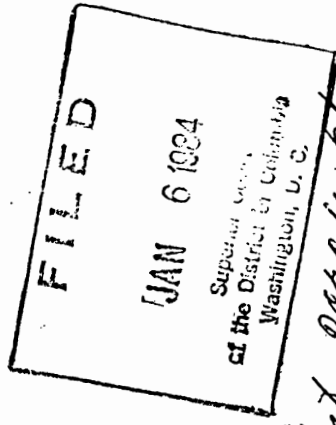
Joanna R. Weinfeld

8/22/1982

Date-

Aug 22-1982

Barbara H. Waters



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Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
PROBATE DIVISION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:

I, Peter J. McLaughlin, Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Clerk of the Probate Division, ~~do hereby~~ Certify. That the foregoing is a true copy of the original will and codicil of Barbara Hunt Watters, deceased, and ~~the proof thereof~~, filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Clerk of the Probate Division, aforesaid; and that the said will and codicil ~~after having been duly proven, as will appear by the proof thereto attached, --- were~~, by order of the said Court, in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, admitted to probate and record on the first day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

I Further Certify. That said will and codicil were duly executed and proved agreeably to the laws and usages of the District of Columbia, and that I have compared the foregoing copy of said will and codicil, ~~and the proof thereof~~, with the original record in said office, and find it to be a full, true, and correct transcript thereof.

Witness, my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court of the District of Columbia, this 1st day of February, A.D., 19 84.

*Joan R. Saunders*  
Deputy Register of Wills for the District of Columbia,  
Clerk of the Probate Division