Jamaica, June 23, 1863.

Dear Uncle,

I herewith enclose two documents, authorizing you on behalf of the representatives of grandma whose interests are one half to carry out the provisions of her will. These papers are conclusive on their part, and protect you in whatever payments you may make to Aunt B. The interest of Aunt H. is under your control, and that of Cousin Will cannot at present be obtained, although I think that in a short time I can procure it through Fennie’s agency. I have procured from Uncle John Whitlock a release of all his interest in our Jamaica property, similar in all respects to the one I sent you through Theodore. I have also sent to Cousin Will a similar paper, but some time may elapse before I receive it. Theodore’s signature to one of the
papers I sent is not entirely binding as he is under age, but I thought it would be more satisfactory to yourself if he signed and acknowledged.

Fannie before leaving for Richmond gave me authority to act for her, and I also obtained from her a Deed of her interest in the real estate.

All are well, send much love. Hoping the enclosed will meet with your approbation, I remain as ever,

Your affectionate nephew

Henry W. Johnson
Whereas, on the eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, Eulalia Whitlock, of the city of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, departed this life, leaving an instrument in writing, purporting to be her last Will and Testament.

And whereas, said instrument was signed and published in the presence of two subscribing witnesses; And whereas, by the laws of the State of Connecticut, three subscribing witnesses are required; And whereas, in and by said instrument or Will the use of all the personal estate of the said Eulalia Whitlock was given to her sister Elizabeth Bertram.

Now therefore, know all men by these presents, that we, Henry W. Johnson, Virginia K. Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, Frances E. Johnson and Theodore D. Johnson, five of the grandchildren and heirs at law of the said Eulalia Whitlock, for and in consideration of carrying out the intention of the said Will, and also of the sum of One Dollar to each of us in hand paid by Henry K. Carter, one of the Executors in said Will named, do hereby authorize and empower the said Henry K. Carter to pay such sums of money or dividends as may now be due and owing to said Elizabeth Bertram, according to the provisions of said Will, and to carry out and perform all the said provisions of said Will, with the like effect and in the same manner as if the said Will had been properly executed.

Witness our hands and seals this twenty third day of June A.D. 1863.

In presence of

Henry W. Johnson

Henry W. Johnson
Attorney for

Frances E. Johnson
State of New York

On this twenty-third day of June A.D. 1863 before me came Virginia F. Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, and Theodore D. Johnson, known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein named, and Mary E. Johnson also acknowledged the same as Attorney for Francis B. Johnson.

John H. Sutphin, Notary Public.

I, Elisha B. Baldwin, Clerk of the County of Queens, and of the Courts of Records of said County, do hereby certify that

John H. Sutphin

whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public, in and for said County, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn and duly authorised to take the same. And further that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of such Notary, and verily believe that the signature to said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, the 23d. day of June — 1863.

Elisha Baldwin, Clerk.
Whereas, on the eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, Eulalia Whitlock, of the city of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, departed this life, leaving an instrument in writing purporting to be her last Will and Testament.

And whereas, said instrument was signed and published in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

And whereas, by the laws of the State of Connecticut, three subscribing witnesses are required.

And whereas, in and by said instrument or Will, the use of all the personal estate of the said Eulalia Whitlock was given to her sister, Elizabeth Bertram.

Now therefore, know all men by these presents, That I, John H. Whitlock, the only son and one of the heirs at law of the said Eulalia, for and in consideration of carrying out the intention of the said Will, and also of the sum of One Dollar, to me in hand paid by Henry H. Carter, one of the Executors in said Will named, do hereby authorize and empower the said Henry H. Carter to pay such sums of money or dividends as may now be due and owing to said Elizabeth Bertram, according to the provisions of said Will, and to carry out and
perform all the provisions of said Will, with the like effect and in the same manner as if the said Will had been properly executed.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty third day of June A.D. 1863.

In presence of

R. D. Alleger

[Signature]

State of New York,
County of Queens.  On this twenty third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, before me came Richard D. Alleger, the subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument, with whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he is a resident of Jamaica in said County of Queens, that he is acquainted with John H. Whitlock, and know him to be the person deputed by and who executed the foregoing instrument; that he saw him sign the same; that he acknowledged in his presence the execution thereof, and that thereafter

[Signature]

I, Elisha B. Baldwin, Clerk of the County of Queens, and of the Courts of Records of said County, do hereby certify that

John H. Whitlock

whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written; was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public, in and for said County, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn and duly authorized to take the same. And further that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of such Notary, and verily believe that the signature to said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Courts and County, the 23rd. ~ ~ day of June ~ ~ 1863.

[Signature]

E. B. Baldwin ~ ~ Clerk.