

Last Will and Testament of Rosalie A. Collins

All property of whatever nature, of which I may die possessed I leave absolutely and without reserve to my nieces Lucy S. Furman and Rosalie A. Furman to be shared equally between them; and I wish Lucy S. Furman to serve as executor of the will, without being required to give bond or to furnish an inventory of my estate.

(signed) Rosalie A. Collins
Laura Lee Corbin Monical(? Honical?)
Narcissa Cornelia Meadows Witnesses

New Harmony, Ind., Dec. 13, 1898

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My darling Children:-

This will will seem superfluous enough if I live much longer, as my little capital will then be exhausted. But whatever I leave is to be yours absolutely. Of course you can give such mementoes as you think advisable to Lulla [Lolla?] and others.

Have my body buried or cremated, as you prefer, incurring as little expense as propriety will allow. My letters and journal I wish to be burned.

Try to forgive all my blunders in the remembrance that all I have tried to do for you has been prompted, not by duty, but by the deepest affection of which my selfish nature is capable. Uncle Maurice is the only one in the family who has ever approached even remotely the place you have held in my heart. You have been the pride and blessings of my life, though I have not known very well how to express my feelings for you.

Love one another and remember always that you are infinitely dear to those of us who have gone before you into the hopeful mystery of death.

With tender kisses and grateful love.

Your aunt  
Dossie.

New Harmony, Ind.  
Dec. 14, 1898

*[Transcribed by Gary S. Collins in May 2003.  
Rosalie A. Collins lived until after 1907]*