

SAMPLE CODICIL (REVISION OF WILL)

[*date*]

I, [*name*], a resident of the County of [*county*], State of [*state*], declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated [*date original signed*]. I add or change said last will in the following manner:

[List all specific changes or additions to the original will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be affecting. This is where you could include a bequest to support The English-Speaking Union of the United States. See our suggested bequest language that can assist you.]

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my will dated [*date original signed*], in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this codicil this [*day, e.g. 1st*] day of [*month*], [*year*], at [*full address where signed*], in the presence of [*full name of first witness to codicil*], [*full name of second witness to codicil*], and [*full name of third witness to codicil*], attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

Maker

ATTEST

On the date last above written, [*name*], known by us to be the person whose signature appears at the end of this codicil, declared to us, [*full name of first witness to codicil*], [*full name of second witness to codicil*], and [*full name of third witness to codicil*], the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting of [*number of pages to codicil*] page(s) was the codicil to the will dated [*date original signed*]; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.

Witness

Address: _____

Witness

Address: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Over a long period of time, ESU programs or departments may change to such an extent that we cannot use your bequest under your original restriction. In addition, local branches may cease operations. Adding the following provision allows us to honor your original intent as closely as possible:

If The English-Speaking Union of the United States, in its sole judgment, determines that the original intent is no longer feasible, The English-Speaking Union of the United States may use my gift and the income there from for such related purposes as, in its sole judgment, will most nearly fulfill the original intent.