

In the name of God Amen. I John W. E. Martin of Nansemond County, Virginia being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament as follows; hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

First I will that at my death my body shall be given a decent Christian burial.

Second, It is my will that all my just debts, funeral expenses and charges of Administration be paid.

Third, After the above has been done, I will devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah F. Martin all of my property, real, personal and mixed, including Cash on hand and money in bank, so long as she lives, to use as she may think best for her support but not with power to sell any of the real estate; but as to the money that I may have on hand in cash or in bank she can use and dispose of the same for her own use to the best advantage.

After the death of my said wife I give devise and bequeath to my nephew John W. Baker the sum of (\$200.00) two hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate when he becomes (21) twenty one years old, and then the remainder of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between my children or their heirs, and they are also to have so much of the money or personal property as shall remain on hand at the death of my wife.

My children to hold said property in fee simple forever; I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah F. Martin to be the Executrix of this my last will and testament, and respectfully request the Court in which she may qualify, not to exact any security of her.

In Witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of January, 1918.

John W. E. Martin (SEAL)

Witnesses

S. L. Saunders,

W. C. Moore,

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond on Friday the 26th day of April, 1918.

The last will and testament of John W. E. Martin late of this County deceased, was this day produced before the Clerk of this Court and proved according to law by the oaths of S. L. Saunders and W. C. Moore, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

And on motion of Sarah F. Martin who is named in the said last will and testament as executrix of the estate of the said John W. E. Martin, deceased who made oath according to law entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of (\$3000.00) conditioned and payable according to law; (but without security the said last will and testament directing that no security be required of her), certificate is granted her the said Sarah F. Martin, as executrix for obtaining a prebate of said will and testament in due form.

And it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

will of
John W.
Martin