

Last Will and Testament of John J. Paulk.

I John J. Paulk, of said State and County, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1 -

I wish my Executors, as soon as possible after my death, to pay my Debts, the same to be paid out of such assets as are most available for such purpose with out much impairing the solidity of the Estate, and in order to leave it in the best shape to be kept to gather.

Item 2.

To my beloved Wife, Ellen Paulk, and to our Children as follows, Thelma, Thomas, Floyd, Ferris, Byron, Elison Eleaburn, Julian, Frank, Maude, Aline, and Francis Paulk, I give all my real property and personal property of every kind whatever, share and share alike.

Item 3

Should any of my said Children die before I die, leaving His or the Body, than such Heirs or Heirs of such Child or Children, shall receive the portion of such Child or Children

Item 4

Should and Child or Children be hereafter born to me and my said Wife, Ellen Paulk, than such Child or Children, shall take equally with those set out in Item 2 of this Will.

Item 5

It is my Will and desire, and I therefore make it a provision of this Will, that my Estate be kept together in its entirety, subject only to the payments of my Debts and legal obligations, untill the eldest Child above named, shall reach the Age of Twenty Five (25) Years, at which time said Child above named shall be entitled to receive His or Her portion of my Estate. than the remainder of said Estate, shall be kept together untill the next One reaches the Age of Twenty Five (25) Years, and so on untill all are finally settled with, Each upon reaching the Age of Twenty Five (25) years.

Item 6 -

While the Estate is so being kept together, I expect my Executors to use the Income of the said Estate for the upkeep of the same, and its Improvement, and for Educating my Children, and maintaining and

Supporting them and my Wife, Ellen Paulk, the same to be done in such manner, as is proper and fitting for a Family of such Circumstances.

Item 7-

While I desire that my said Children be Educated out of the Income of my Estate the same not to be charged to them as advancements, this shall mean only a Common and a High School Education, but should any one or more of them desire a Collegiate Education, and should my Executors, upon reasonable principles, find that such Child or Children have a fitness and aptitude for such Education, and that it would be best for such Child or Children to receive such Education, then my said Executors are Authorized by ~~this~~ Will to provide for such higher Education out of my Estate, and charge the same to such Child or Children as an Advancement to be deducted at the time of final Settlement.

Item 8-

I hereby appoint my Wife, Ellen Paulk, Executrix, and my Friend Julian Paulk, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and direct that they shall give Bond as such in a Sum not less than \$20,000. Should my said Wife Ellen Paulk, ~~remarry~~, that would revoke her share and part in the Administration of my Estate, and Julian Paulk should then and afterwards act as sole Executor. Her remarrying; however, shall not effect her legacy, as she shall in any event receive an Equal portion of my Estate with our Children.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand this 7th Day of April 1917.

J. J. Paulk

Signed and Published by John J. Paulk, as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of the undersigned, who subscribe our names hereto as Witnesses, at the instance and request of said Testator, and in his Presence, and in the Presence of each other.
This - Day - of - 1917.

E. H. Norton
L. H. Rixmann
L. J. Kray