

Will of John Wesley Norton

In the name of God, amen - -

I, John Wesley Norton, of Polk County, & State of Florida, Physically being in ill health, but of sound & disposing mind & memory, do make & publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and as to my worldly Estate, & all the Real personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized & possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, & dispose thereof in the manner following, to-wit: - I wish - My Will is that all my just debts & all funeral expenses shall, by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my Estate, as soon after my decease, as shall by him be found convenient.

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I give, devise & bequeath to my little son John William Norton, who is my only Child, all of my Estate, both Real & personal, wherever found or situated it may be, and it is my further Will & desire, that if he the said John William Norton, shall die before he is twenty one years old, and shall leave no heirs, that my Brother William Harrison Norton, shall then have all the property belonging to my Estate, both Real & personal, to have & to hold unto him, & to his heirs after him. - And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trust worthy Brother William Harrison Norton, above named, to be Guardian of the person and property of my son John William Norton, above named, during his minority; I do hereby constitute & appoint my Brother William Harrison Norton, above named to be Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

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Witness my hand and seal, this the sixt day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine - John Wesley Norton, (L.S.)

Signed, sealed & delivered & published by John Wesley Norton, as his Last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, the subscribing witnesses, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator, at his special instance & request, & in the presence of each other, this 6th day of June 1879. } Benj. F. Blount, } Reading J. Blount, } Wm. Harrison Norton

Will of John Wesley Norton, Continued, Probate.

State of Florida, } Before me personally appeared Benj. F. Blount,
 County of Polk, } & Reading J. Blount, who being duly sworn
 each for him self deposed & says, that they saw John Wesley
 Norton, sign the foregoing as his last Will & Testament
 & that each of them signed their name to the same as
 witnesses, at the request & in the presence of the above
 named John Wesley Norton, and in the presence of
 each other, sworn to & subscribed
 before me this 2nd day of Dec^r 1879.
 W. B. Varro, Clerk Circuit Court
 Polk County, Florida,

Benj. F. Blount,
 Reading J. Blount,

Georgia } Court of Ordinary April Term 1882.
 Lee County, } It being made to appear to the Court, that William W.
 Norton, the person named as Executor in the Will of John
 W. Norton, late of said County, deceased, qualified as
 such Executor before J. W. Batts former ordinary of
 said County, that the Record of this fact was
 made, on 2nd Dec^r 1854-1891
 appearing to the Court that the Will of said John W. Norton,
 has been properly proved, it is therefore ordered that letters
 Testamentary do issue to the said William W. Norton
 upon his filing in this office the oath required by law, &
 that said Will & this oath be placed upon the Records of
 this Court. This April 17th 1882. —

Geo. C. Edwards, Ordinary.

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that the writing hereto
 Lee County, } attached contains the true last Will & Testament of
 the within named John W. Norton deceased, so far
 as I know or believe, and that I will well & truly
 execute the same in accordance with the laws of
 this State, so help me God,
 Signed to & Subscribed before me
 this April 17th 1882. —
 George C. Edwards, Ordinary,

W. H. Norton,

Filed & Recorded April 17th 1882,
 James Morgan, D. Clerk
 Court