

Book of Wills (A)

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State of Georgia
Rockdale County

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Baker of said State knowing that
I may die at any time deem it right and proper
both as respects myself and my family that I should
make a distribution of the property with which a kind
providence has blessed me I do therefore make this
my last will and testament hereby revoking and
annulling all others by me heretofore made

First I desire that my body be buried in a
decent and Christian like manner suitable to
my Condition and Circumstances in life in the
burying grounds at Salem Church committing
my Soul to the God who gave it

Secondly, I desire and direct that my just
debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named
and appointed

Thirdly I desire and direct that at my
death my Executors shall take full Charge
of my estate Control and Manage the same as
though I was living during her widowhood for
the benefit of my wife and her young children
viz. Frances, E. Baker Georgia Ann Baker
and Margaret M. Baker - Said Children
to receive a suitable education and support
out of the proceeds rents and profits derived
from said Estate untill they become Twenty
one years of age or marry - the remainder
should there be any to be disposed of as follows

Fourthly - I desire that my Estate when
distributed shall be equally divided between
my beloved wife Martha Baker - the heirs

Of my son Joseph M. Baker the heirs of
 My son Jordan Baker the heirs of My son
 Pele L. Baker except fifty dollars with interest
 from May Eighteen hundred and Sixty until
 paid which must be paid by My representatives
 to Mary Watkins the oldest Child of said Pele
 L. Baker or to her heirs - the next equal share
 of My estate to Thomas I Wade the only Child
 of My oldest daughter Elizabeth Wade - and the
 next to My Daughter Alice Sarah - and the next
 to Francis E Baker and the next to Georgia
 Baker and the next to Margaret M. Baker -
 having heretofore given to My sons Joel C.
 Joshua & Thomas I Baker as much as I intend
 for them to have it is My will that they nor
 their heirs never receive another Cent of My Estate
 I hold a Note upon My son Joel for one hundred
 dollars it is My will that said Note be destroyed
 or given up to said Joel C Baker

Fifthly - It is my will and desire that at the
 death of My wife or her Marriage that her portion
 of My Estate being one Equal Share revert to her
 three Children to wit Francis E Georgian & Margaret
 M Baker

Sixthly - I hereby Constitute and appoint
 My wife Martha Baker Executrix of this
 My last will and Testament

This 18th day of April 1871

Signed sealed ~~and~~ and declared
 by Thomas Baker as his last will and
^{in presence} Testament of us who at his request in presence
 of each other have subscribed our names
 as witnesses thereto

Amelia Anderson
 Pele L. Baker

Thomas Baker *(initials)*

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Rockdale Court of ordinary
at Chambers March 30th 1875

Personally Came into The Court of ordinary of
Said County Newton Anderson one of the sub-
scribing witnesses to this will who being duly sworn
depose and saith that he saw Thomas Baker
sign and publish the within and foregoing as his
last will and testament while of sound disposing
mind and memory - That deponent signed the
same as a witness in presence of Testator and at
his special request and instance and that he
saw Pepp L. Baker and Lizzie P. Stanford do
the same and that the same was executed fully
and voluntarily by testator on the 14th day
of April 1871

Sworn to and Subscribed by Newton Anderson
before me March 30th 1875

A Seaman
Ordinary

I do solemnly swear that writing
Contains the last will and testament of the
within named Thomas Baker Deed. So far
as I know or believe and that I will execute
the same well and truly in accordance with
the laws of this State So help me God

Sworn and Subscribed

before me this the
5th day of April 1875

Martha Baker

A. Seaman
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