

WILL

Martha E. Evans

BE IT KNOWN that I, Martha E. Evans, of the City of Sherman, Grayson County, Texas, being now in good physical health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, execute and proclaim this my last will and testament; that is to say, that I hereby direct that all of my property, both real and personal, at my death shall be divided and distributed to my legatees, as hereinafter set out.

1st. I desire that all my bedding, books, pictures, embroidery, ornamental work, jewelry and bric-a-brac shall be equitably divided and distributed among all my grand-daughters, except that I especially bequeath to my daughter, Maggie R. Black my gold watch; and to my grand-daughter, Alma Leroy Evans I especially bequeath my gold thimble.

2nd. I desire that all property of which I may die seized and possessed, that is to say, real estate wherever the same may be located in Grayson county, Texas, or elsewhere, and all personal property, that is to say, cash that I may have on hand or deposit with any bank or in the possession of any other person or persons, all notes, bonds, accounts, or other choses in action, of any and every character that may be due or payable to me, or that may become due and payable to me or my estate shall descend to and become the absolute property of my daughter-in-law, Lizzie P. Evans, wife of my son, J. F. Evans, provided that the said Lizzie P. Evans shall, out of my said estate first pay off and fully liquidate any and all legal and just demands of indebtedness against me or my said estate, including the sum of FOUR HUNDRED & FIFTY DOLLARS, (\$450.00) which she shall pay to Mrs. Hallie Evans, wife of my son, W. L. Evans, and the further sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) which she shall set aside and hold in trust for the use and benefit of my grand-son, Warner Evans, son of the said J. F. and Lizzie P. Evans.

3rd. I bequeath to my daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hallie Evans, wife of the said W. L. Evans, the said sum of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$450.00), as above mentioned for the use and benefit of herself and daughters, of herself and the said W. L. Evans.

4th. I bequeath to my grand-son, Warner Evans the said sum of \$500 as above mentioned for the purpose of it being used in giving to the said Warner Evans an education in art, and I desire that if any of the said sum of \$500 shall remain on hand after the said Warner Evans has completed his said art education that the said remaining amount become the absolute property of the said Warner Evans.

5th. I hereby appoint as my executor under and by virtue of this instrument my son, John F. Evans, without bond, and direct that he shall proceed to the execution of this instrument according to the terms and conditions thereof as speedily as in his judgment the best interests of all the parties concerned will admit.

6th. I desire that the court have nothing to do with the distribution or settlement of my estate further than the probation of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand at Sherman, in the County of Grayson, and State of Texas, this the 28th day of May, 1897.

/S/ Marth E. Evans

This instrument is executed in the presence of /S/ ? ? & /S/ J. P. Cox witnesses; the said Martha E. Evans signing the same in the presence of said witnesses, and said witnesses signing as such in the presence of

the said Martha E. Evans, and each other, on the date, and date above written.

/S/ H. M. Perkins
Solicitor.