

A COMMENTARY

Martha Ellen Veal Evans signed this will when she was 74 years of age. She had been a widow for 39 years. She lived another 21 years to the age of 95.

Of her several children, she chose John Fleming Evans, my grandfather, to be her executor.

With the exception of a bequest for the benefit of my father, Warner Evans, \$500 to further his art education, all of her bequests were to other women in the family. There was a specified sum to her daughter-in-law, Hallie, wife of William L. Evans. She named a specific item for her daughter, Maggie R. Black and another for her grand-daughter, Alma Leroy Evans. Otherwise, she specified all of her personal items to be divided equally among her grand-daughters.

On the day the will was signed:

Hallie Evans was 39 years old

Margaret R. Black was ?

Lizzie P. Evans (Elizabeth Peyton Davis Evans) was 42. The will provided for her to receive all of the remainder of the estate. She lived another 26 years to the age of 68.

Alma Leroy Evans (McLean) was 20. She lived another 65 years to the age of 85.

Warner Evans was 14. He lived only another 19 years to the age of 33. Although he showed artistic talent as a boy, he did not pursue an artistic career. His business life was as a partner with his father in real estate.

John Fleming Evans was 48. He lived another 36 years to the age of 85.

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