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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Frank Marten Deceased:
Katherine Marten has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State
of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said Frank Marten
deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which Application will

be heard and acted upon by said Court, at the next term thereof, to be held at the Court House
in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, State aforesaid, and commencing on the First Monday in
January A. D. 1908, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate
shall appear and contest said Application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS JACK M. GASTON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City
of Dallas, this 21 day of Nov A. D. 1907

JACK M. GASTON,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By R. H. Lee Deputy.

EXECUTOR'S BONDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

ESTATE OF Frank Marten

Know All Men by These Presents, That we,

as Principal, and

as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dallas, and his successors in

office, in the sum of _____

Dollars;

conditioned that the above bound

who has

been appointed

shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and seals, this _____

day of _____

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[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate is the last will of

Frank Marten deceased, so far as I know or believe;
and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will. Katherine Marten

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____

day of January 1908

By _____

R. H. Lee Deputy.

Jack M. Gaston
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

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Original
No. 4243

In the County Court

ESTATE OF
Frank Marten
Deceased

Notice of Application for Probate of
Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 21 day of *Nov* A. D. 1907

JACK M. GASTON,
County Clerk

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy

(8-317)

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND The 21 day of *Nov* A. D. 1907, and ex-
posed the 21 day of *Nov* A. D. 1907, by posting up three copies
of this Writ at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House door
of said County, and no two of which were in the same town or city.

A. L. Ledbetter
Sheriff Dallas County

By *W. H. [Signature]* Deputy

Posting notice 300

No. 4243

COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S BOND

ESTATE OF
Frank Marten
Dec

Filed *Jan 9* 1908
Jack M. Gaston
J. M. SCOTT, Clerk.

By *Robt. Lee* Deputy.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 1908

County Judge, Dallas County

Be it known that I Frank
Marten of the County of Dallas State
of Texas being of sound mind and
memory. Conscious of the uncertainty
of life, do make and declare this
my last Will and Testament hereby
revoaking any other Will that may
have been heretofore by me made.

First I desire and direct that
all of my just debts be paid includ-
ing my burial expenses.

I Will and bequeath unto my
children viz. Frank, Eugenia, George,
Michael, Edward, Louis and Francis,
-wife of Michael Corcoran- each the sum
of Five (\$5⁰⁰) Dollars and to the
children of my son Otto Marten deceased
viz. Margarette, Clarence, Joseph
and Winston I will and bequeath
the sum of Five (\$5⁰⁰) Dollars jointly.

The remainder of my Estate real
personal and mixed of every character
whatever or wheresoever I Will and
bequeath unto my wife Katharina.

I hereby name constitute and appoint
my said wife Katharina sole Executrix
of this my last Will without bond,
and direct that no other proceedings
be had in the probate Court or any
court having jurisdiction in
relation to my Estate than the
probating of this my Will and the
filing of an inventory of my Estate.

Witness my hand at Dallas Texas
this the 15th day of September AD 1906

Frank Marten

Witnessed at the request of Frank
Marten the testator, in his presence
and in the presence of each other.

C. H. Cooper

Mrs. Sadye Johnston

No. 1

The Estate of
Frank Marten, Deceased.

~~..Katherine Marten, Executrix..~~

Application to probate will
and for letters Testamentary.

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INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF

Frank Marten, Deceased.

1st an undivided ~~one~~ half interest in and to
100 x 150 ft. on S.E. corner of Broadway and Parker
Street, being Lot 6 block 872 of the city of Dallas, #2500

2nd an undivided ~~one~~ half interest in & to
Shaw car factory located on rear of above lot
now under name of Marten House, said
factory, including machinery, furniture, fixtures, hardware
and equipment and all property of every kind
connected with said factory, valued. \$800

3rd undivided ~~one~~ half interest in and to
household skeleton furniture located
in house on Broadway & Parker Sts, value \$400.00

4th 1 Lot in the town of Lucile, Oklahoma
valued at \$100.00

There are no debts or claims against
this estate

No. 4243

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Frank Marten

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

9 day of January 1908

Jack McGaston

County Clerk,

Deputy.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 13 day of June 1908

Thom Stark

County Judge.

Jesse Williamson, Notary Public.

Recorded

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, Catharine Marten, Executrix
of the above named Estate do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Inventory of all the property,
real and personal, belonging to said Estate that has come to my knowledge. Said property being community
property of myself and husband Frank Marten deceased.
Catharine Marten

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

9 day of

January A. D. 1908

J. Stark

Clerk County Court,

Notary Public Dallas County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

C. H. Cooper & A. Munster

Appraisers of the above named Estate, heretofore appointed by the Court, and each being duly sworn, says that the above
and foregoing is a just and true Appraisalment of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.

C. H. Cooper
A. Munster

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

9 day of

January A. D. 1908

J. Stark

Clerk County Court,

Notary Public Dallas County, Texas

No 4243. 1
Estate of Frank Marten 1
Deceased. 1

In the County Court Dallas, Co unty
Texas Jan. Term 1908.

On this the sixth day of Jan. 1908 came on to be heard the application of ~~Nathana~~ ^{Nathana} Marten for the probate of the last will and testament of Frank Marten deceased, now produced in court, and the evidence a statement of which is filed in this case, being read and fully considered by the court; and it appearing to the court, that citation thereof has been duly made as required by law, to which no objection has been made, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that said instrument in writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and record as the last will of Frank Marten, deceased, and the testimony shall be recorded in the minutes of this court; and it further appearing that ~~Nathana~~ ^{Nathana} Marten is named and appointed, in said will, executrix thereof and that she is not disqualified ~~therefor~~; it is therefore ordered by the court that letters testamentary thereof be granted to the said ~~Nathana~~ ^{Nathana} Marten, she having first taken the required oath, and it further appearing that the terms of said provide that no bond shall be required of said executrix, it therefore ordered that said letters testamentary be issued without bond, to the said ~~Nathana~~ ^{Nathana} Marten as independent executrix.

And it further appearing to the court that ~~A. Munster~~ ^{A. H. Hooper} and ~~Geo. Somers~~ ^{Geo. Somers} are citizens of Dallas County, Texas and disinterested persons in said estate, it is therefore ordered that they or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed to appraise the estate, both real and personal of said Frank Marten, deceased.

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NAME OF SELLER: JAMES W. HARRIS JR.
 ADDRESS: 1001 N. W. 10th St.
 CITY: MIAMI, FL 33136

DATE OF
 PURCHASE: 12/15/77
 PURCHASE PRICE: \$10,000.00

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 12/15/77 BY SP-5 JWH/STW
 EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND
 DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION
 CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS:
 - JAMES W. HARRIS JR. IS THE SELLER OF THE
 ABOVE DOCUMENTS.
 - THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS WERE PURCHASED BY
 THE FBI ON 12/15/77.
 - THE PURCHASE PRICE WAS \$10,000.00.
 - THE DOCUMENTS WERE PURCHASED FOR THE
 PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING THE
 ACTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.
 - THE DOCUMENTS WERE PURCHASED FOR THE
 PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE
 INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES
 APPEAR IN THE DOCUMENTS.
 - THE DOCUMENTS WERE PURCHASED FOR THE
 PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE
 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
 INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES
 APPEAR IN THE DOCUMENTS
 AND THE ACTS OF JAMES
 EARL RAY.

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PROOF OF WILL

No. 4243

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of

Dallas

Frank Marten

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of

Frank Marten

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court

C. H. Cooper

who, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said Will, says: I was well acquainted with

Frank Marten

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about

Twenty years

before his death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as his last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the

17th day of November A.D. 1907

and bearing date on the

15th day of November A.D. 1906

was made by the deceased

on said last named date at

Dallas, Texas

in presence of myself

Mrs. Sadye Johnson and

the other subscribing witness; all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and he declared the said

Will so made by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, together with

Mrs. Sadye Johnson

at the request of the said testator,

in his presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said instrument was

about 76 years

years of age; the said

Frank

Marten

departed this life on the

17th day of November A.D. 1907

about

two months

after making said Will, in the County of

Dallas

in the State of Texas, where and at which time his residence and

principal estate was situated.

C. H. Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

6th day of Jan.

A.D. 1908, in open court.

James M. Gaston

Clerk

County Court

Dallas

County, Texas.

By

R. H. Lee

Deputy

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No. _____

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

Term, 190 _____

ESTATE OF _____

Decceased _____

FILED

The 6 day of January A.D. 1908

AND RECORDED

The _____ day of _____ A.D. 190 _____

in the Probate Minutes of _____

County, in Volume _____ Page _____

James M. Gaston County Clerk

By R. H. Lee Deputy

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PROOF OF WILL

No. 4243

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of

Dallas

Frank Martin

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of

Frank Martin

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court

Mrs. Sadye Johnston

who, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to

prove said Will, says: I was well acquainted with

Frank Martin

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about

Four years

before his death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate

as his last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the 18th day of November A.D. 1907

and bearing date on the 15th day of September A.D. 1907, was made by the deceased

on said last named date at

Dallas Texas

in presence of myself

the other subscribing witness; all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the

making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and declared the said

Will to be his last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,

together with B. H. Cooper at the request of the said testator,

in his presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said

instrument was about 74 years of age; the said Frank

Martin departed this life on the 7th day of November A.D. 1907

about one year and two months after making said Will, in the County of

Dallas in the State of Texas, where and at which time his residence and

principal estate was situated.

x Mrs. Sadye Johnston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January A.D. 1907, in open court.

Jas. M. Gaston

Clerk

County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By

R. H. Lee

Deputy

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PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

Term, 190 _____

ESTATE OF

Deceased

FILED

The 6 day of January A.D. 1908

AND RECORDED

The _____ day of _____ A.D. 190 _____

in the Probate Minutes of

County, in Volume _____

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Jacob M. Gaston
County Clerk

By R. H. [Signature]

Deputy

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State of Texas,
County of Dallas.

1 In the County Court,
1 Dallas County, Texas.

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Estate of Frank Marten, Deceased January Term A.D. 1906.

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To the Honorable Hiram F. Lively, Judge of said Court.

Now comes your petitioner Katherine Marten and respectfully shows to the court that she resides in Dallas County, Texas; That Frank Marten, husband of your petitioner of your petitioner is dead; That he died on the ~~11th~~ or about the 7th, day of November 1907 at his home in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, Texas; That said Deceased at the time of his death was a resident of Dallas County, Texas and was at the time of his death seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars and that said deceased left a written will, duly executed and herewith filed, in which your petitioner was appointed independent executrix without bond.

Your petitioner says that she is the surviving wife of Frank Marten, Deceased and is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary in this cause.

Wherefor your petitioner prays the court that citation be issued to all parties in said estate as required by law, that said will be admitted to probate, that letters testamentary be issued to your petitioner as independent executrix without bond, That such other and further orders may be made as to the court may seem proper

S. H. K. K. K.
Attorneys for Katherine Marten.