

Dallas County, Texas Probate Cases 1846 – Early 1900's

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In the name of God Amen

I James Madison Baker state of Denton County and of Dallas County and State of Texas having the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life being long in health and perfect in mind and sense do establish and declare this to be my last will and testament
Item first I desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named
Item second I set apart two hundred and fifty dollars to be appropriated to the education of my three children
(viz) James O'Connell Baker Lewis Larkin Baker and Peninah Matilda Baker
Item third all my effects that may remain of my estate after all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Reatha Baker all money lands stock house hold and kitchen furniture goods and chattels to have and to hold in fee simple and in right to herself to move to give, to sell, or dispose of at her own pleasure without let or hinderance and also without office fees or court charges any further than the necessary records.
Item fourth I nominate and appoint my true and faithful wife Reatha Baker guardian for my three children.
Item fifth I nominate and appoint my true and trusty friend Dr. J. West and my faithful father in law Olisha Wyke my executors to execute this my last will and testament ~~in~~ in testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and scrawl for seal this fifth day of Aprile in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty four
attest

James M. Baker ^{his} Seal
mark

attest
Albert N. Baker

The State of Iowa
Wallas County Court Noah Good one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Last Will and
Testament of James M. Baker deceased, and
made oath in due form of Law that he saw
the said James M. Baker the testator therein
named sign seal and deliver and declare the
same (by making his mark) to be his last
Will and Testament: signed with his signature
and sealed with his own hand, and acknowledged
the same fully for the purpose and ends therein
specified and contained

Noah Good

Given to & subscribed in
Open Court this 31st day
of May A.D. 1804




J. H. Parks Not. Pub.
C. C. R. Co. J.

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I, Elisha } know all men by these
 County of Dallas } presents that Elisha Fyke
 as principal and

as securities are
 fully and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of
 Dallas County in the sum of Twenty five
 Hundred Dollars for the payment of which bill and
 bonds to be made in kind, our selves, our heirs,
 Executors, and administrators jointly, severally and
 jointly by their presents, signs and sealed words
 hereunto for real this 29th of May A.D. 1854

The Conditions of the above obligation are such
 that whereas the above bound Elisha Fyke
 has been appointed by the Chief Justice
 of Dallas County Executor of the last will
 and Testament of James M Baker deceased
 Now if the said Elisha Fyke shall well,
 truly and faithfully discharge all the duties of
 an Executor of said will as required by Law, then
 this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise
 to be and remain in full force and effect

Elisha Fyke 
Noah Good 
J. A. Smith 

I do solemnly swear, that the writing which has
 been offered for Probate is the last will and testament
 of James M Baker deceased, so far as I know
 or believe, and that I will well and truly perform
 all the duties of Executor of the Estate of
James M Baker deceased
 known to and subscribed
 before me this 29 of May
 A.D. 1854

Elisha Fyke

J. W. Rank Not Clk

The State of Texas County Court
County of Dallas May Term 1854
J. W. Latimer Chief Justice

Your petitioner Eliza Tilt who resides
in the County of Dallas, State of Texas would
Respectfully represent that heretofore to wit
on the day of April last (1854) James
Mc. Rader who also resides in said County of
Dallas departed this life in said County and
left the paper that is herewith filed purporting
to be his last will and testament in which
he bequeathed to his wife & children property
to about the amount of ten or hundred dollars
and appointed your petitioner & Robt J. West
executors of his said will -

Now therefore Your petitioner prays that said
will be probated as the Law directs and that
your petition be admitted to his executorship
thereof and that such other & further action
be had in the premises as the Circumstances
require & as to you Hon shall deem meet
& he will ever pray &c.

Eliza Tilt
Pet

An Inventory of the property of James M. Baker, Deceased. Taken June the 1st of 1854

- ... One Horse
- ... one four horse Wagon
- ... Three yoke of Steers
- ... Three cows and calves
- ... one old Carriage and harness
- ... one set of old harness for ^{four horses}
- ... Irons of one old two horse wagon
- ... one chopping ax
- ... one broad ax
- ... one sawing knife
- ... Three Augers
- ... one Fro
- ... one Sand wedge
- ... ~~one~~ one skiving rasp
- ... one Mill saw file
- ... one note of \$ 60.00
- ... one note of \$ 50.00
- ... one note of \$ 25.00
- ... one note of \$ 7.00
- ... one note of \$ 4.50
- ... Three Breeches and clothing
- ... one Blanket
- ... one shirt
- ... one clock
- ... one stew kettle
- ... one oven and lid
- ... one tea kettle
- ... one skillet
- ... 4 chairs
- ... one set of cups & saucers
- ... one set of plates
- ... one set of knives and spoons

- ... one fire shovel
- ... 1 set of tea spoons
- ... 1 set of table spoons
- ... 1 pair of spit shooles
- ... 2 rifle guns
- ... 2 old saddles
- ... 1 Bible
- ... 2 Jars
- ... 1 crock
- ... 1 Jug
- ... 2 water buckets
- ... 1 lot in the Town of Alton
- ... 1 Sleigh box
- ... 1 Meal tub & tin pan
- ... 1 Log skain

State of Texas
 County of Tarrant
 Personally appeared before the undersigned Chief Justice in and for the County of Tarrant Elisha Fyke Esq. after the Oath of his M. Baker deceased, and made oath that the foregoing list contains a true and complete inventory of the property of said Baker as far as he can come to his knowledge and recollection
 Elisha Fyke
 sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd June 1854
 J. W. Adams
 Chief Justice

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Christoph McKenzie
J. P. [unclear]

Approved 26th June
1854. - J. M. Latimer

C. D. G. S.

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