

Baker Estate Distributed To Survivors

The \$836,000 estate of the late John Earl Baker of Mill Valley, known as the "Hoover of China," was distributed this week to his widow and his three children.

Under a decree of distribution approved by Marin Superior Court Judge Jordan L. Martinelli, Mrs. Willie Smith Baker gets the family home at 516 Throckmorton avenue and all household effects and personal belongings, plus a \$150,000 trust fund.

John Barton O'Brien, attorney for the executors of the estate, said that about \$450,000 of the estate went to gift and inheritance taxes. The balance went to the children, about \$100,000 each to a son and two daughters.

The children are John Earl Baker Jr. of Sebastopol, Mrs. Frances Baker Ross of Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. Barbara Baker Loudon of Center Square, Pa.

Dr. Baker died at his home in Mill Valley on July 27, 1957, at the age of 76. He was Far Eastern expert and onetime economic adviser to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

After World War I, while Herbert Hoover was helping Europe's hungry millions, Dr. Baker became known for his work in Chinese famine relief.