

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

Case Number 2841

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Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Bechtel of the County of Dallas, State of Texas being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made,

First; I direct that the expense of my last sickness, and all my debts be first paid out of my estate, The residue of my said estate, I devise bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Bechtel, Cowitt; all the estate, right, title and interest in possession reversion or remainder, which at the time of my death I shall have of, in or to any and all lands, tenements and hereditaments, and the rents charged upon or issuing out of them, and any and all personal property, and any and all other property, whether be it Community or separate property, and wherever situate; to have and to hold the same, it being all the property and estate that I have at the time of my death, to her the said Elizabeth Bechtel, for and during her natural life, for her use and behoof, And after the death of my said wife Elizabeth Bechtel and the payment of her debts and the expense of her last sickness, I direct that all the residue of my said estate be divided equally between my children and heirs,

Second; I Nominate and appoint my said wife Elizabeth Bechtel to be executrix of this will and direct that no security shall be required of her as such executrix, And I further direct that no other action shall be had in the County Court in the administration of my estate than to prove and probate this will as required by the Statutes of the State of Texas,

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand

this the <sup>December</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 1902, in the presence  
W. J. Beaver, L. M. J. Flook and J. J. Sevin  
Daniel Bechtol

The above instrument of writing was subscribed by  
Daniel Bechtol, the testator, in our presence, and  
me at his request, and in his presence and in the presence  
of each other, sign our names as attesting witnesses,

W. J. Beaver  
L. M. J. Flook  
J. J. Sevin

FILED

*RH Lee*

RECORDED

*4-85*

*mil Record*

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Daniel Bechtel* Deceased:

*Elizabeth Bechtel* has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said *Daniel Bechtel*

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. 190*5* at which time and place all persons interested in said estate shall appear and contest said Application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS, FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *16* day of *Dec* A. D. 190*5*

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By

*W. H. Lee*

Deputy

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No. 3895

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

Daniel Bechtel

Deceased

Notice of Application for Pro-  
bate of Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 16 day of Dec A. D. 1905

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk

By R. V. Lee Deputy

Recorded 8-29

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND The

the 16<sup>th</sup> day of

Nov

day of

Nov

A. D. 1905, and executed

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. P. Walker  
Sheriff, Dallas County

Posting 3 copies of  
By James D. Lee Deputy

GARLAND, TEXAS.

100

The State of Texas }  
County of Dallas. } In the Estate of Daniel Bechtel Deceased,  
Is the Hon. County Court in and for said County;

Your petitioner, Elizabeth Bechtel, shows to the Court that she resides in Garland in said County; that on the 8th day of December A.D. 1906, Daniel Bechtel, who, at and before his death, had his domicile in the County of Dallas aforesaid, died in said County of Dallas.

That at the time of his death the said Daniel Bechtel was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of \$4000.00 and left a written will, duly executed and herewith filed, in which your petitioner was appointed sole executrix,

Wherefore your petitioner prays that citation be issued to all parties interested in said estate as required by law, that said estate be administered as aforesaid, and that such further orders be made as to the Court may seem proper.

Elizabeth Bechtel  
By J. J. Devine her Attorney



FILED

DEC 10 1906

THOMAS M. LEE  
Clerk

Recorded  
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No. 3895-

## PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of *Dallas**Daniel Bechtel*

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of *Daniel Bechtel*

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court *I. M. J. Flook*

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 *Daniel Bechtel*deceased, during *his* lifetime; I know the above decedent for about *forty years*before *his* death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probateas *his* last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A.D. 1906and bearing date on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A.D. 1902, was made by the deceasedon said last named date at *Garland in Dallas County, Texas* in presence of myself*W. J. Beamer*

and

*J. J. Sevin*

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 saidWill so made by *him* to be *his* Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,together with *W. J. Beamer and J. J. Sevin* 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 saidinstrument was *about Seventy eight* years of age; the said *Daniel Bechtel*departed this life on the *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A.D. 1905about *three years* 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.*I. M. J. Flook*Sworn to and subscribed before me this *17* day of *Jan* A.D. 1906, in open court.*F. R. Shanks*

Clerk

County Court *Dallas* County, Texas.By *J. J. Cason*

Deputy

No. *3895*

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Dallas*

*Jan* Term, 190*6*

ESTATE OF

*Daniel Bechtol*  
Deceased

FILED

The *17* day of *Jan* A.D. 190*6*

AND RECORDED

The \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. 190\_\_

in the Probate Minutes of

County, in Volume \_\_\_ Page \_\_\_

*F R Shanks*  
County Clerk

By *D J Culcom* Deputy

RECORDED *8-86*

*M. R. Record*

# INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

Daniel Bechtol deceased

## Real Estate.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11 in Block N<sup>o</sup> 10 as designated and described on the map of the pland of the Town of Centre, made by Thomas King Engineer and on record in the Deed Records of Dallas County Texas, and situated in the Town of Garland in Dallas County, Texas, of the value of \$750.00

## Personal Property.

House hold and kitchen furniture of the value of \$150.00  
Notes of the Value of \$3500.00  
Total value of Real and Personal Estate \$4400.00

No. 3895

COUNTY COURT

ESTATE OF

*David Bechtel - Dec.*

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

7 day of Feb'y 1906

*F. R. Kausch*  
County Clerk,

By *R. M. [Signature]* Deputy

RECORDED & APPROVED  
*Sam [Signature]*

This day of Feb'y 1906

*Wm. S. Finch*  
County Judge

Jesse Williamson, P.M., No. Dallas.

*Send cost bill at once to T. J. Swain who will pay cost*

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

*1. Elizabeth Bechtel 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.

*Elizabeth <sup>my</sup> Bechtel <sub>mark</sub>*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *20th* day of *January* A. D. 1906

*J. J. Swain* Notary Public  
*Dallas County, Texas*

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

*B. F. Coates and J. C. Brown*

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 Appraisement of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.

*B. F. Coates*  
*J. C. Brown*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *20th* day of *January* A. D. 1906

*J. J. Swain* Notary Public  
*Dallas County, Texas*