

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

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The State of Texas ^{County} County Court
 County, Dallas ^{County} March Term 1863

Mr. J. M. Dutton Chief Justice &c

Your petitioner J. M. Spillers would
 respectfully represent that William Croomes
 Deceased, departed this life, leaving a written
 Will in which your petitioner is appointed
 Executor in said will of said Deceased, -- Your
 petitioner would respectfully that he be appointed
 Executor of said said will & testament at the
 next term of your Hon. Court, & that said
 will be admitted to Probate -- And for such
 other & further relief as you may think
 proper and as in duty bound he will
 ever pray &c

J. M. Spillers

The State of Texas ~~As said in the name of God~~
 County of Dallas ~~is in the name of God~~
 I William Grooms Believing it is my
 duty to offer my services to the Southern Confederacy
 & for the maintenance of the rights of the same
 I have volunteered my services during the
 war & knowing life is uncertain but Death
 is certain to every human being & now being
 sound in both mind & body & wanting to
 leave my little effects so that if I should
 never return my wife & children may
 receive the benefit of the same I make
 & ordain this my last Will & Testament

Item first recommending my body
 to the grave & my soul to the God who
 created me I will & bequeath to my
 beloved Daughter Polly Ann one Bay filly
 about two years old known as old Pratts old
 filly & also one yearling Steeper known as
 hers

Item 2nd I also will and bequeath to my
 beloved Sundry James one Bay filly about
 one year old known as old Pratts one
 year old filly & also one heifer yearling
 known as her property

Item 3rd it is my desire that my son John
 & son George Washington as they
 arrive at the age that Nancy is now they
 shall have set apart to them as good & valuable
 A filly as the I aforesaid fillies & one heifer
 yearling A piece

Item the 4th I will & hereunto the
 remainder of my property to include my
 entire estate both real & personal together
 with all my House hold & Kitchen furniture
 & farming implements after selling off so
 much property as she may think best to spare
 to pay all my debts to my Dear & Beloved
 wife Elizabeth Jane Groomes

Item the fifth further I appoint J. H. [unclear]
 Executor to my will & clothe him with power
 & full authority to buy & sell make titles &
 take titles in my wifes name & transact
 business in my name & stead without any leave
 of the Court of Probate

Item 6th it is also my will that my
 Dear wife & little ones shall have the
 entire benefit of my life time earnings
 therefore I do not want the Probate Court
 to have any transaction what ever with my
 will or property but to record the same

This June 13th 1862
 Witness J. H. [unclear]
 Witness J. H. [unclear]
 Witness Wm. J. [unclear] William Groomes

The State of Texas, County of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, personal
 appeared J. H. [unclear] Court of W. H. [unclear] whose position
 is [unclear] of [unclear] as [unclear] to
 the above foregoing act with said testament
 of William Groomes deceased and being by me
 duly sworn says upon oath that he has at William
 Groomes' Acknowledge signing of said act and

Last Will
Testament of
Wm. Groves

Filed March 11th
1863
Geo. W. Laws Clerk

Ordered that this
will be admitted
to Probate this 29th day
of April 1863
J. M. Patton

Witness my hand
this 11th day of March
1863
Geo. W. Laws Clerk

Testament to be his own true and just property
to be admitted to Probate and that the
said Groves had that he was of sound mind
and sobering memory at the time of making
said testamentary instrument
Signed, attested and sealed before
me on the 11th day of March 1863
for Geo. W. Laws, Clerk of the County, Texas
J. M. Patton

Executors Notice

J. M. Spillers has filed in my office his petition
praying that the Last Will and Testament of William
Groves late of Dallas County Texas, deceased may
be proven up and admitted to record. This is
therefore to notify all persons interested to come
forward at the next term of the County Court
of Dallas County to be holden at the Court House
in the Town of Dallas on the Last Monday
30th day of March 1863, and contest the same
if they think proper, this 11th day of March
1863.
Geo. W. Laws Clerk
By Jas. P. Thomas Deputy

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The State of Texas
Dallas County

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed at the March Term 1863. of the probate Court of Dallas County to ~~appraise~~ appraise the Estate of William Grooms Dec'd we find and appraise the property as follows

50 Acs, 2 1/4 Mogs	18
Item 1 st five old Spanish mairs	125.00
Item 2 nd two yellow mairs	200
Item 3 rd half breed mairs	200
Item 4 one mair & 4 horses	375
Item 5 th one mair & 3 fillies	350
Item 6 th 15 head of Cattle	190
Item 7 th one Cart Note	50
Item 8 one house hold & kitchen furniture	50

We the undersigned Commissioners do hereby certify that the above & foregoing is true & a fair valuation of all the property of Wm Grooms Dec'd as shown to us by J. M. Spillers Administrator of the Estate of Wm Grooms Dec'd

J. M. Keen
Abram Little

The State of Texas We the undersigned appraisers County of Dallas appointed at the March Term of the County Court of Dallas County Texas to appraise the property belonging to the Estate of Wm Grooms Dec'd do solemnly swear that the above and foregoing is a true and correct Inventory and appraisement of the property belonging to said Estate that has come to our knowledge, or was shown us by the Executor

Abram Little
J. M. Keen

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this the 3rd day of Aug 1863
Jas P. Thomas Jfy. CLK

The State of Texas, I, John W. Spillers, Executor of
County of Dallas, the Estate of William Croome decd,
do solemnly swear that the within foregoing
contains a true & correct list of all the property
belonging to said estate that has come to my
hands or knowledge J.W. Spillers

Sworn to & subscribed before me
this the 27th June 1863

J. W. Spillers Spt. Clk
Geo. W. Lewis Clerk

Inventory & Appraisement
of the Property belonging to
William Croome

Filed for Rec. 27th June 1863
Jas. P. Ottumwa, Spt. Clk

Approved this 5th day
of June 1863

John W. Spillers
Spt. Clk

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Inventory & Appraisement
of the Property belonging to
William Croome
Geo. W. Lewis, Clerk