

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

Case Number 2430

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STATE OF TEXAS, )  
COUNTY OF DALLAS, ) SS.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Nolan Browne, being  
of sound and disposing memory do hereby declare and publish this  
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills heretofore  
at any time made by me.

ITEM 1.

I will and bequeath all my estate, both real and personal and all  
my property of whatsoever character and kind which I have or may  
have at the time of my death to my wife, Ella May Browne.

ITEM 2.

I will that my said wife, Ella May Browne be appointed executrix  
of this my last will and testament, and I direct that no bond  
whatever be required of her from the Probate Court, as such executrix.

ITEM 3.

I further will that no proceedings be had in the Probate Court,  
except the probating of this will and the filing of an inventory  
and appraisement and list of claims.

Witness my hand this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

Signed in the presence of subscribing witnesses

Nolan Browne

Witnesses who sign in the presence of  
the maker and of each other.

Sam Hargrove  
Lucie Edna Nolan

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A. S. JACKSON  
CLERK OF COURT  
By *AM Rawlins*

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

I, Ed S. Lauderdale, judge of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, same being a court of record and the probate court of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that Frank R. Shanks is the lawful and acting clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, and that the foregoing certificate of the correctness of all of the copies of the following named instruments and the certificates of the correctness of the copy of each of the said instruments that is attached to each instrument are each and all in due form, said instruments being as follows: application to probate the will of Nolan Browne, deceased; the judgment probating said will and appointing Ella May Browne independent executrix; the will of Nolan Browne, deceased, together with the evidence of the witnesses proving the same; the oath of the said Ella May Browne qualifying as said independent executrix; and the letters of executrixship issued to the said Ella May Browne.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this, the \_\_\_\_ day of May, 1903.

Judge of the County Court of  
Dallas County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

I, Frank R. Banks, clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that Ed S. Lauderdale is the lawful and acting judge of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, and the foregoing certificate was made and signed by the said Ed S. Lauderdale as the judge of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this, the \_\_\_\_ day of May,

1903.

Frank R. Shanks, Clerk of the  
County Court of Dallas County,  
Texas,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy.

## EXECUTOR'S BOND

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

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

WITNESS our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

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I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate is the  
 last will of Nolan Browne deceased, so far as I know or  
 believe; and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will.

x Ella May Browne

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January 1903

Curtis HancockNotary Public Dallas County, Texas  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND LETTERS.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of

Nolan Browne, Deceased:

Ella May Browne has filed, in the County Court  
 of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said  
Nolan Browne, 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. 1903 at which time and place all persons interested  
 in said Estate shall appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of

Dallas, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Nov A.D. 1903A. S. JACKSON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.  
By A. S. Jackson Deputy.

Judge - Probating  
said will and  
appointing exec.

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No.

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S OATH  
*(A)*  
ESTATE OF

Molan Browne  
Deceased

Filed January 1st, 1903  
J. R. Shanks, Clerk,  
S. J. Scott, Clerk,  
By A. Mawhinney Deputy.

Approved this day of  
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County Judge, Dallas County.

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A. D. Attridge & Co., Stationers, Printers and Binders, Dallas.

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No. 3333,

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
Molan Browne  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters.

Issued this 29 day of Nov 1903  
S. JACKSON, County Clerk.  
By A. Mawhinney Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.  
Came to hand the 1 day of Dec 1903, and executed the 1 day of Dec 1903 by posting up three copies of this Will 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.

John Johnson  
Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas.  
B. F. Willett Deputy  
Jesse Williamson, Printer, Dallas.

Paying 3 Notaries \$3.00

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## PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 County of Dallas }  
 Estate of Nolan Browne Deceased.

Proof of Last Will and Testament of Nolan Browne Deceased.

Sam Hargraves

This day personally appeared in open Court Nolan Browne

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 Nolan Browne deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about 20 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 29th day of November A. D. 1902

and bearing date on the 13th day of June A. D. 1902, was made by the deceased

on said last named date at Dallas Texas in presence of myself

Sam Hargraves and Jessie Nolan

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 Jessie Nolan 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 35 years of age; the said Nolan

Browne departed this life on the 1st day of November A. D. 1902

about four 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.

Sam Hargraves

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

6 day of Jan 1913 A. D. 1913, in open Court.

F R Shadrack Clerk

County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By J Cullom Deputy.

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No. 3333

PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dallas Term, 1902  
January Term, 1899

ESTATE OF

Molen Brown  
Deceased

Filed the Jan 6 day of

A. D. 1902

and recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 189\_\_\_\_, in the

Probate Minutes of

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

J. R. Shanks  
County Clerk

By B. C. Bellon Deputy.

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The State of Texas,  
County of Dallas.

FRANK R. SHANKS,  
~~J. S. JACKSON~~, County Clerk in and for said County, hereby certify that, on the

day of January A. D. 1903, by the County Court of said County, having exclusive jurisdiction over Probate matters,

was appointed Ella May Browne Independent Executrix of the Estate of  
Nolan Browne, deceased, without bond.

~~and the same was made, conditioned as required by law in the sum of~~

~~DOLLARS~~

as provided in the will of said  
Nolan Browne, deceased;

~~the day of~~ A. D. 1903 the day of

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WITNESS MY HAND and official Seal, at Office in the

City of Dallas, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of

May A. D. 1903.

FRANK R. SHANKS,  
~~J. S. JACKSON~~

County Clerk, Dallas County.

By A. B. Rawlins Deputy.

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No. 3333,

ESTATE OF  
*Nolan Browne*  
Decd.

LETTERS TO

*Ella May Browne*  
Executor

Issued May 5th 1903

FRANK B. SHANKS,  
A. J. JACKSON, Clerk.

By *W. Rawlings* Deputy.

# INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF  
Nolan Brown deceased

(1) Fine Room House No. 842 Linneale street, being lot  
54 feet by 142 1/2 feet being part of lot 15 in Block  
736 in City of Dallas, Dallas County Texas of the  
Value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00.

(2) Four Room House No. 846 Ross Av. lot being 50 x  
160 ft. and being Lot 7 in Block 642 in City  
of Dallas Dallas County Texas of the  
Value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.00.

(3) a Fine Room House on south side of San  
Jacinto Street 69 feet south of Haskell Av and  
being Lot 31 in Block 642 in City of Dallas  
Dallas County Texas of the  
Value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00

(4) Fine Room House on South side of San Jacinto  
street being lot ~~1~~ 50 x 150 ft and being Lot  
30 in Block 642 in the City of  
Dallas, Dallas County Texas of the  
Value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00.

(5) Lots 28 and 29 in Block 642, each being  
50 x 150 feet in the City and County of Dallas, State  
of Texas of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.

(6) Household and Kitchen Furniture, one horse and  
phantom of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.

All of the above described property being the com-  
munity property of Nolan Brown, deceased, and his  
Wife Ella May Brown, deceased owning a one half interest in same

No 3323

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Ella May Browne  
Inventory and Appraisement.

Filed 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1903  
Frank G. Shanks  
County Clerk  
By Alvin Daniels Deputy

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Examined and Approved this  
day of July 1903  
John W. Caldwell  
County Judge  
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Ella May Browne  
Inventory and Appraisement

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, Ella May Browne, 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

6<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1903  
A. J. Kilkpatrick, Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas  
Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared

A. J. Kilkpatrick & J. T. Mayes

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.

A. J. Kilkpatrick  
J. T. Mayes

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

7<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1903

J. M. Haupers &  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas  
Deputy

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DALLAS

I, Frank R. Shanks, clerk of the County Court, of Dallas County, Texas, same being a court of record, and the probate court for Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed copies of the application to probate the will of Nelan Browne, deceased; the judgment probating said will and appointing Ella May Browne independent executrix; the copy of the will of Nelan Browne, deceased, together with the evidence of the witnesses proving same; copy of the oath of the said Ella May Browne qualifying as said independent executrix; and the copy of the letters of executrixship issued to her the said Ella May Browne are all true and correct copies of the originals of said instruments respectively, as same appear on file in my office in connection with the estate of Nelan Browne, deceased.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1908.

Frank R. Shanks, Clerk of the  
County Court of Dallas County,  
Texas,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy.

STATE OF TEXAS, ) In the County Court of Dallas County,  
                  )  
COUNTY OF DALLAS. ) Texas.

To the Hon. Judge of said Court:-

Your applicant Ella May Browne a resident of Dallas County, Texas, respectfully represents that Nelan Browne died in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, on November 1st, 1902; that deceased at the date of his death was a resident of Dallas County, Texas; that at the time of his death deceased owned a community interest with your applicant in an estate of the probable value of \$7500, deceased's interest amounting to a probable value of \$3750; that deceased left a written will, dated 13th June, 1902, which said will is witnessed by Sam Hargreaves and Jessie Edna Nelan in which will your applicant Ella May Browne is named as executrix and that her residence is Dallas, Dallas County, Texas; That she is not disqualified by law from accepting letters of executorship; that she annexes said will hereto and prays that the same be admitted to probate, and that she be granted letters of executorship and of this she will ever pray.

*Curtis Hancock*  
Attorney for Ella May Browne, applicant.

No 3333.

In re Estate of  
Nolan Brown  
deceased  
application to admit  
Will to Probate

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A. S. COOK  
*Att'l. C. Cook*

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