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The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of *James H. Mead*

Know all Men by these Presents, That we,
as Principal, and _____ 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 _____, who has
been appointed _____
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this _____ day of _____ 188__.

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *14* day of *March* 18*90*

Mattie G. Mead

D. A. Blairidge
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.

By *Notary Public Dallas* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

J. H. Mead deceased.

Mattie G. Mead has filed, in the County Court
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *J. H. Mead*
deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the *first*
Monday in *February* A. D. 18*90*, at the Court House, in the City of Dallas,
at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said
Application if they see proper.

WITNESS *W. M. C. Hill* County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office
in the City of Dallas, this *24* day of *December*
A. D. 188*9*.

W. M. C. Hill County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas.

By *J. Ross* Deputy.

County Court, Dallas County.

EXECUTOR'S BOND.

ESTATE OF

Filed Mar 14 1887

W. M. C. HILL, Clerk,

By J. Lewis Deputy.

Approved this _____ day of _____

1887

County Judge, Dallas Co.

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Original 191
No. 127
COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

J. H. Mead

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate
of Will and Letters.

Issued this 7 day of Dec

1887.

J. H. Mead, County Clerk.

By J. Lewis Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 24 day of Dec
1887, and executed the 24 day of Dec
1887, by posting up three copies of this Writ at
three public places in Dallas County, one of which
was the Court House Door of said County.

W. Lewis

Sheriff, Dallas County.

By _____ Deputy.

A. D. Aldridge & Co., Stationers, Printers, etc., Dallas, Tex.

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The State of Texas } In County Court
County of Dallas } February Term AD 1890

To Hon E. G. Bowen, County Judge of said County
now comes Mrs M. G Mead Executor of
the last will & testament of James H Mead
Deceased and presents an inventory of
the property belonging to said Estate

Real Estate			
Sub. Improvements	Sub. 4	Block 395 Dallas	2500.00
Sub. Improvements	Sub 24	Block B Mansfield, addn.	2500.00
Sub. Improvements	Sub 143	Palatine	2000.00
108x196 North part of Sub 1	Bl P	Palatine Texas (Jackson)	1000.00
108x210 South part of Sub 2	Bl P	Palatine Texas (Jackson)	1000.00
100 acres out of Joseph Jordans	Lot in		300.00
Anderson County Texa.			
31 2/3 acres of land	Small land in		30.00
Crocket County			
Lots in Llano Texas			
Lot 14 block 131	Lot 16 Blak 42		
Lot 7 "	48 Lots 2, 3, 7 & 8 Blk 46		
Lots 6, 7 & 8	Blk 49 Lots 2 & 15 Bl 52		750.00
Lot 6 Blk 15	Lot 15 - 12 1/2		
Lot 15 - Bl 27	Left in lots all land		
Household & Kitchen furniture			200.00
Above is all property coming to my	Execut		
share -			\$ 2481.00

I solemnly swear the above is a true list of all
property that has come into my hands & belonging
to the Estate of J H Mead deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this March 14th 1890
Mallie G Mead
D. A. Eldridge
Notary Public Dallas, Co.

The State of Texas }
County of Anderson } Personally appeared R. Robertson and E. H. Robertson who being duly sworn say upon oath that
from the best information and belief they have set opposite
the property listed the value thereof -

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of Feb 1890
R. Robertson
E. H. Robertson
Notary Public Anderson Co.

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No 139/

Estate of
James H. Mead Dec

Maria G. Mead
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Inventory & Appraisement

Filed mch. 18th 1890
B. B. Scott clk
By O. S. Jackson 204

Examined & approved
mch 18/90
E. S. [unclear]
[unclear]

Recorded

Recorded 220
Scott clk

Being in good health and sound mind, and desiring to arrange my affairs while living, in such a manner as to be but little trouble and expense after my death, I made this my last Will and Testament.

I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mallie G. Mead, nee Mallie G. Pickett all of my property, community or otherwise, real, personal, or mixed, that I may own at my death.

I direct the sale of the farm, all farming, ^{and} stock, as soon as it can be done to advantage.

I advise, but do not direct the sale of the large house in which we now live, and the purchase or building of a house more suitable for my said wife.

In addition to the property above mentioned, I also bequeath to my said wife, all of the money to be derived from the Policies of Insurance on my life, now amounting to \$6000.00. And I here advise her to consult with the legal advisor hereinafter named, about the sale of any and all property, and the investment of funds derived from any source.

I leave our darling children to the care and protection of their mother, my said wife, for her to rear and educate, and request that she endeavor to so fit them as

to make good and useful citizens, and may they each prove themselves always worthy of her care.

It is my will, and I direct that the Probate Court, nor any other Court of this State shall not have jurisdiction over this my will or any part of my estate, except for the purpose of Probating and recording my will, and receiving and filing an Inventory of my estate.

Having implicit confidence in the honesty, sound judgment, and legal and financial ability of my friend, the Hon.^{ble} J. Young Groch, of this City, I desire that he act as the legal advisor and attorney of my said wife, in Probating this will and winding up the affairs of the estate and assist her in investing her money, looking to the security of same.

I appoint my said wife, Mollie G. Mead as sole Executrix of this my last Will, and no Court shall ever require her at any time to give a bond for the execution of the trusts named herein.

Written with my own hand, in the City of Palestine, Anderson County Texas, this the 20th day of September

A. D. 1884

Witness

Callie F. Sawyer
John D. Grigsby.

J. N. Mead. (J. N.)

The State of Texas In County Court sitting
County of Dallas. as Probate Court.

Feb. Term AD 1890 -

In matter of Probating Will of J. H. Mead
deceased.

In Hon. Judge of said Court, -

Now comes Mollie G Mead a resident at
age of said Dallas County, respectfully
represents, that James H Mead, late of said
County, died at M^o Gnyon in the County of
McLennan State of Texas on the 10th day November
AD 1889 while temporarily absent from his residence
in said Dallas County, and that in his life time
to wit on the 20th day of September AD 1884 the
said James H Mead, deceased, executed in writing
and due form of law, his last will and testament
which said will accompanies this application
and thereby disposed of all his estate, both
real and personal, the probable value whereof
is ten thousand dollars, and therein named
and appointed your petitioner sole executrix
of said last will and testament, and your
petitioner further represents, that she is not
disqualified by reason of the law as ex-
ecutrix aforesaid; - that said James H Mead
left surviving him, Mollie G Mead his widow
and the petitioner herein - and following children
James H Mead born Nov. 11, 1878; Helen Mead
born Dec 25 1880; Claude J Mead born Oct
18, 1883; and Edna Mead born March 21, 1886.
That said will provides no further action on its Probate
Court than probating of the said last will and testa-
ment ^{and appointing a fiduciary executor} and further that no bond should be required
of the petitioner as executrix.

Your petitioner files her application, together with

the said last will and testament of decedent and
prays that citation issue as the law directs and
at the next regular term of the County Court
to be commenced for civil and probate business
in and for said Dallas County, said will be
admitted to probate and the letters testamentary
thereof be granted by your petition and ~~affidavit~~
~~petition~~

Mattie G. Meud
by Evans & Gork
atty

No. 1091

Estate of
J. H. Meud
Decent

Plaintiff of
Mattie G. Meud
Probate will & appoint
ment as executor

Filed December 19th 1889
At Dallas Tex.
By J. H. Gaskins Atty

Record 4-89

The State of Texas.
County of Dallas.

- () In County Court, sitting in Probate
- () Matters, February Term, A.D. 1880.
- ()
- () In estate of James H. Mead, deceased.
- () Mollie G. Mead, executrix.

Now is open court at a regular term thereof, after the application made and citation thereof issued and served as required by law as appears to the satisfaction of the court, came in due time Mollie G. Mead, executrix of the last will and testament of James H. Mead, late of said county of Dallas, deceased, and produced therein for probate the said last will and testament, said will purporting to be wholly in the handwriting of said decedent and two parties to-wit:-----
J. R. Palmer----- and *G. Granch*-----, citizens of Dallas County, State of Texas, well known to the court and the officer taking this affidavit, both of whom are above the age of fourteen years, who being duly sworn say that they are well acquainted with the hand writing and the signature of James H. Mead now deceased, having ~~not~~ seen him write and make his signature, and that the instrument presented to them as the last will and testament of James H. Mead, bearing date *20* day of *September*-----18*84*, and signed by him, and has as subscribing witnesses *J. R. Grigsby* and *C. F. Sawyer*, is written entirely and wholly by James H. Mead, and the signature thereto is made by him, as they recognize it to be the same made by him.

And further *they*----- say that at the date thereof they knew him personally, and at that date he was of sound mind and of disposing memory, and was so up to the date of his death, and over the age of twenty-one years and
they----- further says that the subscribing witnesses ----- Grigsby and C. F. Sawyer are living and resident citizens at this time of Anderson County, state of Texas.

*sworn to and subscribed before me in open court J. R. Palmer
this 4th day March 1880. J. S. Scott clk Dallas, Texas D. G. Granch*