

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

Case Number 566

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*Executors Notice*

*John Routh has filed in my office the Last Will and Testament of Geo W Routh dec'd late of Dallas County Texas, together with his petition praying that the same be Probated and admitted to record and that he be Appointed Executor of said Will, and Guardian of the Persons and Estates of the minor heirs of said Geo W Routh dec'd, To-wit: Harriet C. Mary C. Sarah A. Eliza H. Lafayette, and Redjamin Routh - This is therefore to notify all persons interested to come forward at the next term of the County Court to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas on the last Monday 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1866, and contest the same if they think proper,*

*Attest*  
*H. K. Masten clk Co Ct Dallas*  
*By Jas P. Thomas Spty*

*Dallas March 16<sup>th</sup> 1866*

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

You are hereby notified, to be and appear before the County Court of Dallas county, in the State of Texas, at the next term thereof, to be held for probate and other like purposes, at Dallas, in said county, at the Court House thereof, on the last Monday in *January* instant, (the same being the 31<sup>st</sup> day thereof,) then and there to show cause, if any you have, why ~~the same~~ *The last Will and Testament of John Routh*

late of said county, deceased, should not be <sup>admitted</sup> ~~granted~~ to *probate* *M. C. Routh having* ~~who has~~ this day filed with me *his* application in terms of law, praying that the same may then and there be done. This *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* A. D. 187*0*.

*J. S. Jones*  
 Clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Herald Print, Dallas, Texas.

State of Texas  
Dallas County, Texas Probate Court

John R. Smith, Executor  
of the Estate of John R. Smith, Deceased, and Administrator  
of Dallas County, Texas

Now Comes John R. Smith, Executor  
of the Estate of John R. Smith, Deceased, and Administrator  
to the Court a plat of the partition of the  
381 acres of timbered land of said estate, among  
the heirs as directed by said Will -  
He further states that it was unnecessary to  
partition the prairie land, as the same was  
designated to each heir by the Testator. The  
381 acres of timbered land - was left to the heirs as  
a whole, to be divided by the Executor, & given  
to the Children as they became of age - He says  
that two of said heirs are now of age, wherefore  
in pursuance of said instructions, he has said  
land partitioned into eight parts equal in  
value, and designated by meters & bounds, and  
the same drawings for each line, writing the  
name of each heir upon the same drawings for  
them, all of which will fully appear by reference  
to said plat herewith filed - He prays the Court  
to ratify & approve the said partition.

John R. Smith, Executor  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_  
My Comm. & Seal of Office



No. PC. 19271

TOM ELLIS L. E. Mardoch  
County Clerk  
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPIES  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

DATE 3-9-76

Certified Copies of (1) Will and Order/ Vol F, Page 155-156

Cause no. 38, Dis. no. 566

Cause No. 38, Dis. #566 Estate of George W. Routh, Decd.

Ordered By Richard Martin Atty.  
4925 McKinney Ave.  
Dallas, Texas 75205

Remarks Chk. # 245

FEE \$ 5.00

BY Donna Boyd

Deputy

	Copy Prepared	Delivered to Customer	Mailed
Date	3-9-76	3-10-76	
Initial	DB	DB	

Remittance Should be Made Payable to TOM E. ELLIS, County Clerk  
and Mailed to TOM E. ELLIS, County Clerk, Records Building,  
Dallas, Texas 75202.

*Handwritten notes on a document, including:*

*John Brown*  
*March 16th 1866*  
*Received from Mr. Mardoch*  
*for a number of papers*  
*John Brown approved*  
*copies of the Will and*  
*Order of said estate.*  
*Alb. Deane*  
*Chapman*  
*March 16th 1866*

Do not use this space for

FEB-27-69 01543 \* 00385\* --CC A

2.00

**TOM E. ELLIS**

County Clerk

Dallas County, Texas

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPIES**

Date **2-26-69**

Please prepare **1** Certified copies of **Will**

Styled: **Est Geo. W. Routh**

**Mr. Don W. Scoggins**

Ordered by:

Return to:

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

**505 Coleman Dr.,**

**Longview, Texas**

**75601**

Remarks:

By: **Ruth Taylor**, Deputy

Location of Instrument AND DETERMINATION OF FEE:

Type of Instrument **Will** Fee \$ **2.00**

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Cause No. **738**

Film No. \_\_\_\_\_

	Sent to	Returned to	Del'd to Cust.	Mailed
	Dept.	C/C Section		
Date	<b>2-26-69 RT</b>			<b>2-26-69</b>
Initial				

**Nº 59431**

505 Coleman Dr.  
Longview, Texas 75601  
Feb. 24, 1969

Tom E. Ellis  
County Clerk  
Probate Dept.  
Records Building  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for \$2.00 for a plain copy of  
the will of Geo. W. Routh.

Yours truly,

*Don W. Scoggins*  
Don W. Scoggins



505 Coleman Dr.  
Longview, Texas 75601  
Feb. 8, 1969

County Clerk  
Dallas County  
Probate Dept.  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Sir:

Do you have on file a will for a George W. Routh who died  
in Dallas County in 1865? If so please advise me of  
the charge for a copy. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

*Don W. Scoggins*  
Don W. Scoggins

*Recd  
2-20*

Appraisement of property belonging to the  
 Estate of J. W. Kaults dec'd. all of which is Community property  
 Homestead 639 acres valued at \$6.00 per acre \$3834.00  
 100 acres of land cornering with Homestead \$ [redacted]  
 381 " " Timber & brush on Rowlett Creek 1905.00  
 1<sup>st</sup> Horse valued at \$40.00 40.00  
 4 Mares " " \$60.00 240.00  
 4 Three and four year old colts \$35.00 140.00  
 1 Two year old " " \$15.00 15.00  
 5 Suckling colts " \$20.00 100.00  
 1 Mare " \$75.00 75.00  
 1 Yoke of work oxen " \$50.00 50.00  
 5 Beef steers " \$10.00 50.00  
 40 Head Cattle " \$4.00 160.00  
 8<sup>lb</sup> of Hog " \$3.50 28.00  
 7 " " " \$2.50 17.50  
 15 " " " 1.00 15.00  
 325 Bushels Corn 75<sup>cts</sup> per Bus 243.75  
 5 Stacks Oats 75<sup>cts</sup> per B. 375.00  
 Sixteen hundred (1600) pounds Seed Cotton @ 40 640.00  
 Four hundred - Seventy five (475) lint " 18 85.50  
 1 Reaper " 50 50.00  
 Ploughs - etc 50 50.00  
 1 Wagon 75 75.00  
 1 Box Carpenters Tools 8 8.00  
 House-hold and Kitchen Furniture 150 150.00  
 1 Watch 75 75.00  
 1 Shotgun 15 15.00  
 Cash on Hand 54.25 54.25  
 The State of Texas }  
 County of Dallas } We and

by the Hon. County Court of said County, to inventory and  
 appraise the property belonging to the Estate of J. W. Kaults

deceased hereby certify that the above is  
 correct valuation & list of all the property of said  
 Estate as shown to us by James Thomas Adm. of  
 said Estate

G. W. Whitfield  
 J. M. Wilson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1870  
 J. J. Jones att

The following is a true list of claims due the Estate  
 of G. W. Routh which is community property

Account	P. W. Slaughter	\$60.50
"	Thomas Buffkins	10.50
"	Rad Thomas Judson	5.00
"	John Slaughter	375-
Note	John Isbel	945-
"	Wyley Woolford	712 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
		7632 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

The State of Texas }  
 County of Dallas } I James Thomas Administrator of the Estate  
 of George W Routh deceased hereby certify that the above  
 contains a full correct & complete list of all the claims  
 due said Estate so far as the same has come to my hands  
 or knowledge.

James Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1870

J. J. Jones att

Vol 58 X38.  
James Thomas Adam.  
of the Estate of W South  
To 3 Inventory &  
List of Claims

Filed February 9<sup>th</sup> 1870  
J. J. Jones  
cl

Approved Feb 11<sup>th</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup> 1870

J. M. Howlin  
S. C. Phelps

Comrs.

9-432 ✓

John Smith Executor of the Estate of Geo. W. Smith

To 539 acres of Land (Homestead) as per inventory	3834.00
" 100 acres of Land adjoining with Homestead as per inventory	150.00
" 381 " " " Timber & brush on Rowlett Creek	1905.00
" 10 head horses as per showing of 1867.	500.00
" 1 yoke milk cows	10.00
" 40 head stock, cattle @ \$5.00	200.00
" 2 Stock hogs as per last showing (1867)	4.00
" 1 Wagon	100.00
" 2/3 of a Reaper	50.00
" Farming Utensils	75.00
" 1 Clock	10.00
" 1 shot Gun	20.00
" 1 Watch	5.00
" Household & Kitchen furniture	230.00
" Carpenters Tools	14.00
" Debt each paid by Executor from product of estate since last showing	194.50
To amt <sup>expended by</sup> <del>paid by</del> executor for meals, in carrying out & providing for estate - to balance	39.20
	<u>7362.70</u>

North side in Annual Report Current and past

By 639 acres of Land (Homestead) as per Act,	3834.00
" 100 " " " growing milk hives " "	150.00
" 281 " " " Timber land on Rowlett Creek, etc.	11405.00
" 50 acres of <del>Timber</del> land on Rowlett Creek to Joe Rent	250.00
" 50 " " " " " " Rowlett Creek to Nancy & Arthur	250.00
" 10 head of horses still on hand	500.00
" 1 yoke of work oxen " " "	40.00
" 40 head of stock cattle @ \$5.00	200.00
" 1 Wagon	100.00
" 2/3 of a Reaper	50.00
" Farming Utensils	75.00
" 1 Clock	10.00
" 1 Shot Gun	20.00
" 1 Watch	5.00
" Household & Kitchen furniture	230.00
" Carpenter Tools	121.00
" By cash paid James & Reed, May for 2 years 1868	20.00
" " " " J. H. Thomas, Labor under Act 1868	15.00
" " " " J. D. Hornight, State Agency, Dallas 1867, 1868	12.00
" " " " U. S. National Rev. Tax 1867 1868	2.00
" " " " " " " " " " 1868	10.00
" " " " J. D. Strother, Timber land 1868	15.00
" " " " Tax paid April 1867	3.55
" " " " " " " " " " May "	12.45
" " " " " " " " " " June "	16.10
" " " " " " " " " " July "	32.37 1/2
" " " " " " " " " " August "	7.00

The Executor represents that from the old stock of hogs there is an increase of three worth about \$30<sup>00</sup> each -

That from the stock cattle there has been an increase of about 10 head worth about \$3<sup>00</sup> each -

That the old stock of hogs has long since been killed & the manure ~~used~~ and used in carrying on the affairs of said estate and that the increase now number about 10 head worth about

40.00  
30.00  
20.00

" " " " " September "	23 15
" " " " " October "	19 55
" " " " " November "	14 35
" " " " " December "	11 40
" " " " " January 1868	2 50
" " " " " February "	11 40
" " " " " March "	1 05
	<u>736 270</u>

State of Texas  
County of Dallas

I personally appeared before the undersigned authority, John Routh, Executor of the estate of Geo W Routh, dec'd and upon oath declared that the above is a full and complete showing of the condition of said estate.

I know to & subscribed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A.D. 1868

J. B. Jones

John Routh  
Executor

John Renth  
Ex. T. G. M. Renth, decd.  
To 3 Volume Map Covers

County Judge

Filed March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1868  
E. B. Jones

Approved  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1868

A. Bleasoe  
County Judge  
D. Co



John Runk's Est. Estate of G. W. Runk Deed in Annual Acct Current with said Estate

By 629 acres Land (homestead) on hand as per Deed	3834.00	By 599 acres Land as per Deed, part homestead	3894.00
" 100 " " (including with homestead) " "	150.00	" 40 " " (part homestead) turned over to Ellen Runk, one of the heirs	240.00
" 281 " " (timber & brush on Rowlett Creek)	1408.00	By 100 acres land cornering with homestead, turned over to Ellen Runk, one of the heirs	150.00
" 16 head horses on hand as per last showing	400.00	By 196 acres Land, timber & brush on Rowlett Creek, turned over to Ellen Runk one of the heirs	980.00
" 1 Yoke work oxen	40.00	By 30 acres Land - timber & brush on Rowlett Creek, turned over to Ellen Runk one of the heirs	250.00
" 1 Wagon	100.00	By 35 acres Land timber & brush on Rowlett Creek turned over to Mary Runk one of the heirs	175.00
" 20 head of Stock Cattle @ 5	100.00	By 5 head Horses on hand as per Deed	25.00
" 2/3 Reaps	50.00	By 2 head horses turned over to Mary & Ellen Runk under provision of the will	100.00
" 3 Head Horses (increase)	90.00	By 2 Horses sold - <del>one \$65</del> & another \$45	\$110.00
" 10 Head Cattle (increase)	50.00	By 1 Horse died	50.00
" 18 Head Hogs	20.00	By 30 head stock Cattle on hand @ \$5	150.00
" Farming Utensils still on hand	75.00	By 10 <del>head</del> <del>stock</del> <del>cattle</del>	\$0.00
" 1 Clock	10.00	By 1 Yoke work oxen	40.00
" 1 Shot Gun	20.00	" 1 Wagon	100.00
" 1 Watch	5.00	" 2/3 Reaps	50.00
" Household & Kitchen Furniture	230.00	By 3 Head Horses (increase yet on hand)	90.00
" Carpenter tools	14.00	By 10 Head Cattle ( " " " )	50.00
" Horses sold Cash	65.00	By 18 Head Hogs	20.00
" 1 Horse sold (Note)	45.00	" Farming Utensils still on hand	75.00
" 10 Head cattle sold	99.00	" 1 Clock	10.00
	6832.00	" 1 Shot Gun	20.00
To increase from produce of farm - balance	3742.12	" 1 Watch	5.00
	6869.42	" Household & Kitchen Furniture yet on hand	153.33 1/3
		" " " " turned over to Mary & Ellen Runk two of the heirs	76.66 2/3
		By paid Clerk's fee to S. L. Jones esq. (1) 1865	2.15
		" " Record & Return Atty's fee " (2) "	5.00

6869.42 1/2	By 5 Head Horses (inclosed yet on hand)	90.00
	By 10 Head Cattle ( " " " )	30.00
	By 16 Head Hogs	20.00
	" Farming Utensils still on hand	75.00
	" 1 Clock	10.00
	" 1 Shot Gun	20.00
	" 1 Watch	5.00
	" Household & Kitchen Furniture yet on hand	153.33 1/3
	" " " " turned over	
	to Mary & Ellen South two of the heirs	76.66 2/3
	By paid Clerks fees to S. L. Jones each (1) 1868	2.15
	" " Record & Bond Atty. fees " (2) "	5.00
	" " J. C. Seydel, State & County Tax. (3) "	14.44
	" " " " Com. " (4) "	8.25
	" " J. S. Smiths Auction fee " (5) "	30.00
	" Carpenter Tools yet on hand	14.00
	By sum extd for April 1868	13.54
	" " " " May " "	19.71
	" " " " June " "	16.59
	" " " " July " "	21.90
	" " " " August " "	23.47 1/2
	" " " " October	19.40
	" " " " November	6.52
	" " " " December	.75
	" " " " January	12.55
	" " " " February	7.60
	" " " "	
		<u>\$6869.42 1/2</u>

State of Texas }  
 County of Tarrant }  
 I, J. S. Jones, of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above is a true & correct showing of the condition of said estate to the best of my knowledge & belief  
 Subscribed before me  
 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1869  
 J. S. Jones  
 Clerk

John Routh, Esq  
Geo W Routh Deed  
To G Annual Exhibit  
County Court

Filed March 22<sup>nd</sup> 69  
Approved  
March 31<sup>st</sup> A D  
1869  
A. Bledsoe  
County Judge  
D. Co.

John South, Executor of the Est of Geo H South, dec'd in Annual Acct Current with his Estate

To	\$
639 acres of Land (Homestead) as per Inventory	3834.00
100 acres of Land cornering with homestead	150.00
381 do do (Timber & brush on Rowlett Creek	1905.00
16 head of horses @ \$50.00 each	800.00
1 yoke mork oxen	40.00
40 head stock cattle @ \$5.00 per head	200.00
30 do do hogs @ \$2.00 "	60.00
1 Wagon	100.00
2/3 of a Reaper	50.00
Farming Utensils	75.00
1 Clock	10.00
1 shot Gun	20.00
1 Watch	5.00
Household & Kitchen Furniture	230.00
Carpenter's tools	14.00
Specie on hand	222.45
U.S. Notes	65.00
One note on James Thomas	100.00
One account on Am B Black U.S.C.	50.00
" " " Pryor Wright	25.00
" " " Abner New	12.00
Wheat produced & sold	31.00
Wheat Bacon & sold in excess of ap- provement of hogs	159.19
Am't Cash yet on hand	47 83/3
	<u>8210 47/3</u>

By	\$
639 acres of Land (Homestead) as per Inventory	3834.00
100 do do cornering with homestead	150.00
381 do do Timber & brush on Rowlett Creek	1905.00
16 head horses now on hand @ \$50.00 each	800.00
6 head horses (died)	300.00
1 yoke mork oxen	40.00
40 head stock cattle @ \$5.00 per head	200.00
2 stock hogs on hand @ \$2.00	4.00
28 " " converted into Pork, Bacon & sold	215.19
1 Wagon	100.00
2/3 of a Reaper	50.00
Farming Utensils	75.00
1 Clock	10.00
1 shot Gun	20.00
1 Watch	5.00
Household & Kitchen Furniture	230.00
Carpenter's Tools	14.00
Am't pd Clerk's fees (U.S. Army) vouchers nos	10.65
" " " Printer's fee (U.S. Army) " " 2	5.00
" " " State & County Taxes 1866 " " 3	11.46
" " " Daniel Bratschaw (Labor) " " 4	40.00
" " " A. T. Pickett (services rendered) " " 5	2.00
" " " J. M. Blue ( " ) " " 6	9.00
" " " J. P. Thomas for stamps " " 7	5.00
" " " J. A. Pickett (Institution for heirs) " " 8	13.27 1/2
" " " Daniel Bratschaw (Labor) " " 9	10.00
" " " J. M. Blue sharpening plow " " 10	1.00
" " " Guess & Record Atty genl (Army) " " 11	10.00
" " " H. C. Watkins (Labor) " " 12	33.00
" " " J. M. Spiller services rendered " " 13	1.00
" " " Guess & Record Atty genl for Army " " 14	15.00
" " " J. B. Moore City Clerk's fees Army " " 15	5.00

The executor has collected the money on the following notes, - which appear above, as per Inventory:

One note on James Thomas	\$100.00
" " " Wm. C. Blalock	50.00
" " " Pryor Knight	20.00
" " " Abner Keen	<del>12.00</del>

This money has been used as appears in the above foregoing showing in providing for and carrying on the affairs of the estate

" " " J. W. Spiller services rendered "	" "	13	1.00
" " " Guess & Record atty. for carrying "	" "	14	15.00
" " " A. Blalock City Justice fees carrying "	" "	15	5.00
" " " Edwards Mills stockng plan "	" "	16	3.00
" " " U.S. direct Tax currency "	" "	17	16.84
" " " Daniel Bradshaw (Labor) "	" "	18	4.00
" " " N. C. Hoskins side saddle plan "	" "	19	23.00
" " " J. N. Thomas (Labor) "	" "	20	4.00
" " " N. C. Hoskins Labor "	" "	21	26.00
" " " Jos. S. Strother India hire "	" "	22	18.00
" " " R. S. Pickett services rendered "	" "	23	2.00
" " " H. A. Ferris Surveyors fee "	" "	24	6.00
" " " J. J. Thomas Clerk fees (currency) "	" "	25	10.15
" " " Store account April			15.55
" " " " " May			8.76 2/3
" " " " " June			15.85
" " " " " July			8.20
" " " " " August			10.00
" " " " " September			54.50 1/2
" " " " " October			21.32 1/2
" " " " " November			7.95
" " " " " December			14.47 1/2
" " " " " January			7.25
" " " " " February			13.16
" " " " " March			28.38
" " " " "			85.58
" " " " " for Executor Expenses &c			<u>18210 47 1/2</u>

State of Texas }  
 County of Dallas }  
 I, John H. Pruth, Executor of the Estate of J. W. Pruth decd. do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true & correct showing of the affairs of said estate  
 Given under my hand and seal of office this 25th day of March 1867  
 J. H. Pruth  
 Executor  
 J. Allen Combes  
 County Clerk

John North ~~County~~  
G. W. North, dec'd  
To  $\frac{3}{4}$  Annual of Annual  
County Judge

Approved March  
26<sup>th</sup> 1867

J. Ellis Coombes  
County Judge  
J. C. J.

Filed March 26<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Jas. O. Thomas 1876

State of Texas } this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February  
 County of Dallas } A. D. 1866

I George W. Routh being now in my right mind & being satisfied of the speedy approach of death I make the following disposition of my estate both real & personal ~~and~~ after my body shall be really interred where as having decided to John Routh my eldest son Nancy E. Hoskins & Henry, Co. Hoskins her husband their part of my prairie lands.

I will <sup>do</sup> give to Harriet E. Routh a certain tract or parcel of land being 100 or 107 ~~more~~ more or less lying south of B. J. Wicketts & a part of the headright of Mrs. Turners also (40) forty Acres off of the North East corner of A. Kears headright adjoining the west line of John Rouths tract of land.

I also give unto my 3 younger Daughters - Mary E. Sarah A. & Eliza W. Routh three (320) hundred ~~and~~ twenty Acres land the south half of my home tract the head right of A. Kears ~~also~~ also eighty (80) Acres off of the South East North half of said A. Kears headright adjoining the said 320 acres.

I also give to my 2 younger sons Lafayette & Redparin Routh the remaining 199 Acres more or less of my home tract including my improvements.

I also give unto H. E. Mary, E. Sarah, A. Eliza & the Lafayette and Redparin Routh fifty dollars (50) each to make them equal to John W. Routh & Nancy Hoskins I also reserve all the improvements farming utensils ~~and~~ <sup>3</sup> horses & yoke of cattle

also the stock cattle for the use & benefit of  
the family, <sup>also how he had ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~farm~~ <sup>farm</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~land~~ <sup>land</sup></sup> Henry C. Haskins & Nancy C.  
his wife have the privilege of remaining, with  
the family with the overity there off as long  
as it may be thought best, <sup>all parties</sup>

I also give to each of my children an  
equal division of my (380) Acres Timber tract  
on Rowlett Creek a part of Daniel Criss  
head right ~~is~~ <sup>to be</sup> divided so as to give each  
one their proportion of Timber

The remainder of ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> stock to be sold  
at a suitable time with all other loose property  
not otherwise appropriated & the amount to be  
~~equally divided~~ <sup>equally divided among all my</sup>  
~~children~~ <sup>children</sup> ~~after~~ <sup>after</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~expenses~~ <sup>expenses</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~paid~~ <sup>paid</sup>  
the executor shall divide & appropriate  
to each child their amount as a trustee  
as they become of age

I also appoint my son John North  
my Executor of this my last will &  
testament also as Guardian for the minors  
with full power to transact business for  
their interest as witness my hand & seal.

George W. North Seal

Attest Jacob North  
R. S. Tackett  
P. C. Fair



The State of Texas } In open Court March Term 1866  
 County of Dallas } after the required application made  
 and lawful notice thereof given, as appears to the  
 satisfaction of the Court, came in due time Jacob  
 Routh Executor of the last Will and testament of  
 George W Routh deceased, and produced thereunto  
 for probate, ~~for probate~~ the <sup>said</sup> last Will and testament  
 and the subscribing thereto, to wit, Jacob Routh, &  
 being duly sworn deposes and says that he saw  
 George W Routh the testator sign, declare and  
 publish the instrument to him now being shown  
 bearing date February 17<sup>th</sup> 1866, as his last Will and  
 testament, that at the time of executing said Will  
 the said testator was of sound disposing mind  
 and memory; that deponent signed said Will as  
 a witness thereto in the presence of the said testator  
 at his request, & in the presence of the other two  
 subscribing witnesses, to said Will,

Sworn to and Subscribed in

Open Court, This 26<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1866

Jacob Routh  
 W. H. Masten atty. &c.

G. M. Routh  
Mill  
of Estate

Filed Mich 15<sup>th</sup> 1866  
J. G. Thomas clerk

Admitted & Probated  
according to Record the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866

J. B. Chason  
Clerk Justice

Record March 30<sup>th</sup> 1866  
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Dallas County pages  
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McMaster etc