

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

Case Number 868

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Estate of V. C. Spruell  
 No 735 deceased  
 Will of Wm McDonald  
 Recd of Wm McDonald  
 the sum of \$15<sup>00</sup> in full of costs in the  
 above styled and numbered cause  
 this July 30<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 Wm. C. Steele, Clerk  
 By F. S. Hughes, Deq

Dallas, May 24, '84,  
 Recd of Wm McDonald Temporary  
 Admr of the Estate of V. C. Spruell dec'd  
 ten dollars attys fee in said Estate.  
 Reeves & Spence

\$15<sup>00</sup>  
 Received of Wm McDonald Admr of V. C. Spruell  
 dec'd fifteen Dollars  
 for  
 Annual Spruell  
 mark

June 13 1884  
 Received of William  
 M. Donald Administrator  
 for Spruell Estate  
 for ground rent the  
 sum of ten dollars  
 R B Booknell  
 S H Booknell

received of Mr. Wm. Medan  
 all two dollars for one  
 month's past due of same for  
 also rent for ground for two  
 for the month of July  
 with making 10<sup>00</sup> Dallas  
 this July 30<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 S H Booknell

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NOTE—One copy of this Receipt to be delivered to owner, and the other sent to Comptroller, who will issue a Certificate of Redemption.

No.

# REDEMPTION RECEIPT.

Tax Collector's Office, *Dallas County.*

Received, *May 9<sup>th</sup> 1884* of *Wiley Stinson* for  
 the amounts herein specified, in redemption of the following described Real Estate, which was sold to the  
 State for the following taxes: State tax, \$ *4.00*; County tax, \$ *6.00*; Subsidy tax, \$  
 for the year *1877* on the *8* day of *May* 18 *78*

Abstract No.	Certificate No.	Survey No.	Acres.	ORIGINAL GRANTER	TOWNSHIP			
					No. Sec.	No. Block.	No. Lot.	No. Block.
					<i>546</i>	<i>26</i>		

*C. B. Gillespie* Tax Collector.  
*Cattaraughy*

## AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

State tax for which land was sold doubled	<i>8.00</i>	
State tax due for year 18		
State tax due for year 18		
State tax due for year 18		<i>8.00</i>
Total		
County tax for which land was sold doubled	<i>12.00</i>	
County tax due for year 18		
County tax due for year 18		
County tax due for year 18		
Total		
Subsidy tax for which land was sold doubled		<i>12.00</i>
Subsidy tax due for year 18		
Subsidy tax due for year 18		
Subsidy tax due for year 18		
Total		<i>24.00</i>
Costs of sale		<i>23.50</i>
Total tax and costs		

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CITY HALL.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

J. C. ARNOLD, CHIEF.

G. E. Coennick, Assistant Marshal.

*Dallas, Texas, May the 26<sup>th</sup> 1884*  
 Received \$1.50 one dollar & fifty cents from  
*Wm McDonald* for impounding a cow on the  
*6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May 1884*

*J. C. Arnold*  
 Chief Marshal

Dallas June 14 1887.

The Estate of  
V.C. Spruille to

S. H. Cockrell DE

For ground rent of  
lot in Dallas for five  
months at \$2 per month  
ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1887. \$10.00

S H Cockrell

The State of Texas }  
Dallas County } Personally  
appeared Mrs  
S H Cockrell who being by me  
duly sworn deposes and says  
that the abm claim for ten dollars

A. C. REEVES. WENDEL SPENCE.  
Office of  
REEVES & SPENCE  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
604 MAIN ST  
Collections promptly made in all  
parts of the State.

Dallas, Texas, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

Recd of Mr. McDonald admr of  
the Estate of V.C. Spruille decd  
thirty (30) dollars payments on ~~the~~  
attys fee for services rendered said  
estate

Reeves & Spence  
Attys for Admr

Dallas, Texas, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1887

H V C Spruille Estate  
To **ED. C. SMITH, Dr.**

UNDERTAKER.

1031 MAIN STREET.

April 27 To Cash	20.00
" doh	5.00
" Grave	5.00
" 2 burials	7.00
	37.00

State of Texas }  
Dallas County } Before me W M C Hill County  
Clerk in and for said County personally  
appeared E C Smith who after being by me  
duly sworn stated on oath that the above  
account against the estate of V C Spruille decd  
is just and correct and that all legal  
affairs and credits known to this office

against the Estate of VC  
Spence deceased is just and  
that all legal efforts payments  
and costs known to applicants  
have been all used.

Given under my hand  
and seal of office this  
14th June 1884

J. L. Brown  
Notary Public for  
Dallas Texas



**Received**

Dallas, Tex. May 6 1884  
Mrs. Madonned  
Sixty Seven — DOLLARS

\$ 37.00 E. C. Smith

J. D. A. Harris, Stationer, Dallas, Tex.

is due and unpaid. And that the same

is due and unpaid. And that the same  
is due and unpaid. And that the same  
is due and unpaid. And that the same

W. M. Keith  
Co. Clerk J. O. P.

J. G. Spence  
37.00

State of Dallas, Texas, May 2 1884  
M. C. Spruell Recd

B. M. BOND [REDACTED] JR  
GROCERIES AND CIGARS,

1884 409 ELM STREET.

Apr 1	To amt	
"	" "Medicines furnished	6 50
"	" "Bill	2 50
		\$ 19.00

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before me, W. M. EDWARDS, a Justice of the Peace,

and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the County of Dallas, personally appeared

B. M. Bond who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath says, that the account hereto attached is, within his knowledge, just and true, that it is due, and that all just and lawful offsets, payments and credits have been allowed.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

day of May 1884

W. M. Edwards

Justice of the Peace and Ex-officio Notary Public, Dallas County.

1884

Estate of V. C. Spruell  
to J. Z. Zille  
20 services as nurse night  
and days for 10 days  
from April 16 to April 22 -  
at 2.50 per day =

\$25.00  
#  
~~4.38~~  
4.38

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before me, W. M. EDWARDS, a Justice of the Peace,

and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the County of Dallas, personally appeared  
J. Z. Zille who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath  
says, that the account hereto attached is, within his knowledge, just and true, that it is due,  
and that all just and lawful offsets, payments and credits have been allowed.

J. S. Little

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this  
day of May 1884

Wm Edwards

J. P. and Ex-officio Notary Public, Dallas County.

B. M. BOND & BRO.,  
GROCERIES AND CIGARS,  
409 ELM STREET.

(No 5)

Dallas May 31 1884  
Recd of Wm McDonald Admin  
of the Estate of V. C. Spruell  
Nineteen & no/100 \$19.09 00 Dollars  
Payment in full for ~~services~~ furnished  
Cash Loaned & Medicines in  
his last illness  
B. M. Bond



1884 Estate of V. L. Spruce to  
Mr. J. Little Sr

From Jan 20 - To service as house-  
keeper and nurse for  
7 weeks at \$3 per week  
- 1/2 week at same rate  
Credit by Cash  
Paid  
Bal due

21 00  
15 00  
22 50  
3 00  
\$ 19 50

The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before me, W. M. EDWARDS, a Justice of the Peace,  
and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the County of Dallas, personally appeared  
Mr. J. Little  
who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath  
says, that the account hereto attached is, within his knowledge, just and true, that it is due,  
and that all just and lawful offsets, payments and credits have been allowed.

*J. Little*

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 30  
day of June 1884

*W. M. Edwards*  
J. P. and Ex-officio Notary Public, Dallas County.

{ No 2 }

Falle Mart  
Head of Hall  
John of  
S...  
was...  
services...  
with his heart will me

1884

Estate of V. L. Spruce to  
Mr. J. Little Sr

From Jan 25 - To service as house-  
keeper and nurse for  
7 weeks at \$3 per week  
- 1/2 week at same rate  
Credit by Cash  
Paid  
due due

21 00  
15 0  
22 50  
3 00  
\$ 19 50

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before me, W. M. EDWARDS, a Justice of the Peace,  
and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the County of Dallas, personally appeared  
Mr. J. Little  
who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath  
says, that the account hereto attached is, within his knowledge, just and true, that it is due,  
and that all just and lawful offsets, payments and credits have been allowed.

Mr. Little

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 30

day of June 1884

W. M. Edwards

J. P. and Ex-officio Notary Public, Dallas County.

{ No 2 }

Dallas May 10th 1884  
Recd of Wm. McDonald  
Adm'r of the Estate of V. L. Spruce  
\$125.00 Twenty five dollars  
payment in full for  
services rendered V. L. Spruce  
in his last illness

J. J. Little

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Prompt SETTLEMENT of BILLS is REQUESTED.

Items of this Account can be seen at the Office.

*Dallas, Texas, April 15 1884*  
Mr. V. C. Spruill

To H. A. MOSELEY, M. D. Dr.

For Professional Services from *May 24 1883* to *April 25 1884* 45.00  
CREDITS, *Cash* 22.50  
AMOUNT DUE. \$ 22.50

OFFICE, 601 Main St.  
RESIDENCE, 121 Harwood St.

Received Payment.

All Accounts Due when Visits Cease.

*Dallas, May 5, 1884*  
Recd of Mrs M. Donald  
Adm of the Estate of  
V C Spruill Nineteen 19.5  
dollar & fifty cents  
payment in full for  
services rendered V C Spruill  
during his sickness  
M. J. Little

The State of Texas } Personally appeared  
County of Dallas } before me, the under  
signed authority of  
H. A. Moseley and on his oath  
states that the above and fore-  
going account in favor of the said  
affiant Dr. H. A. Moseley for the  
sum of \$22.50 against V. C. Spruill  
is within the knowledge of him  
the said affiant Dr. H. A. Moseley  
just and true, that it is ~~true~~ <sup>and</sup> and  
that all just and lawful offsets  
payments and credits have been  
allowed. (H. A. Moseley M. D.)

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this the 3rd day of May 1884.

Edward Gray  
Notary Public

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July 14<sup>th</sup> 1884, Considering the ap-  
plication of Anna and Emma  
Spruell respectively The Temp-  
orary administrator is directed  
to turn over all property in his  
hands as Temp Administrator  
to said parties in equal shares -  
and if he and said parties are  
unable to agree as to a decision  
then to report the fact to the  
Court for the appointment  
of Commissioners -

Dallas May 5, '84,  
Recd of Wm McDonald Admr  
of the estate of V. C. Spruell decd.  
Twenty two <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (\$22.50) dollars pay-  
ment in full for medical services  
N. A. Prosely  
per A. Reeves

OFFICE OF  
W. M. C. HILL,  
COUNTY CLERK,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

Agreement of Partition  
between Mrs Anne Toyler  
+ Emma Spruill  
Dallas, Texas.

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Mrs. Anne Toyler

Beginning at the S.W. corner of Lot number 8 of  
Block No 26 of map of City of Dallas  
Thence North along <sup>House St. & 1/2</sup> the met line of said  
Lot No 8 ~~to~~ 50 feet to a stake  
Thence East at right angle 100 feet  
to a stake on "met boundary line of Lot  
No 7. Thence S. with the met line  
of Lot No 7 ~~to~~ 50 feet to Columbia  
street Thence along the North  
side or line of Columbia Street  
to place of beginning

Emma Spruill  
Beginning at the N.W. corner of Lot No  
58 in Block 26 of map of City of Dallas.  
Thence East along the N. boundary line of  
Lots No 57 & 6 of map of City of Dallas 100 feet  
to a stake for corner at the N.W. corner  
of Lot No 7 Thence South with the  
line of said Lot No 7 50 feet to a  
stake for corner Thence at right angle  
with said line <sup>met</sup> 50 feet to House St.  
Thence North with ~~the~~ boundary line  
East

Dallas May 15. '84  
The Estate of V. C. Spruille Or  
in acct with

1884 Wm McDonald - Cr.  
Apr 27 To 10 days services in last  
illness of Decd V C Spruille \$25.00  
" 28 To dressing of corpse \$10.00  
Total \$35.00

State of Texas } Personally appeared  
County of Dallas } before me the under  
signed authority  
Wm McDonald who being duly sworn  
states upon his oath that the above  
and foregoing claim in favor of him  
the said affiant, Wm McDonald for the  
sum of thirty five dollars against the  
Estate of V C Spruille, decd, is just and  
that all legal offsets, payments and  
credits known to affiant, have been  
allowed.  
Wm McDonald

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1884,

J. N. Brown  
Notary Public for  
Dallas County  
Texas

Have in store for few  
to price of buying

Dallas Texas May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884

Estate of V C Spruell Decd.

to  
Mariah Little

For washing & cleaning  
up

AT

\$ 5.00

The State of Texas  
Dallas County 3<sup>rd</sup> Before me L. A. Brown  
Notary Public for Dallas County Texas

This day personally appeared  
Mariah Little who being duly  
sworn says, that she aboves claim  
for five Dollars against the Estate  
of V C Spruell decd is just and  
that all legal debts, payments  
and credits known to affiant have  
been allowed.

Mariah Little  
mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1884

L. A. Brown  
Notary Public for  
Dallas County Texas

Voucher  
No 9  
To Mrs. O'Neal  
for \$ 5.00  
Estate of V C Spruell  
Filed May 26 1884  
Wm. C. O'Neal  
By J. H. Stuefgen

Box of W. C. Spruill  
m3 40 85  
Mariak Tittle

Recd. of Mr. McDonald Admr.  
of the estate of W. C. Spruill dec'd  
five (\$5.) dollars payments in  
full for services rendered in last  
illness of dec'd  
Mariak <sup>her</sup> Tittle  
mark.

The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of W. C. Spruill  
Mr. McDonald

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 one thousand Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound Mr. McDonald, who has  
been appointed Temporary Administrator  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 2nd day of May 1884.

Wm. M. Donald SEAL  
B. M. Bond SEAL  
L. Bowyer SEAL

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that W. C. Spruill deceased, died  
without leaving any lawful will, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly  
perform all the duties of <sup>Administrator</sup> Administrator of the Estate of said deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of May 1884.

Wm. M. Donald  
W. C. Keel  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By L. N. Hughes Deputy.



Paid <sup>7</sup> 1883  
May 1 1884

W. W. Jones  
to J. W. Monard M.D.

1883			
May 11	To Vis & Prus	250	
13	" " "	250	
15	" " "	250	
27	" 2 " "	4	
28	" 2 " & attendance night	800	
24	" " "	250	
26	" " & Prus	250	
28	" " "	2	
Sept 7	" " & Prus adopted daughter	250	
3	" " med	250	
4	" " for wife	250	
5	" " & Prus	250	
6	" " med	250	
7	" " & " "	2	41 00
1884			
Jan 29	To Vis & Prus	250	
30	" " "	250	
31	" " med	250	
Feb 1	" " & Prus	250	
4	" " med	250	
7	" " & Prus	250	
10	" " "	250	
15	" " med	250	
16	" " med	250	
		2500	
		66.00	
1883 - Oct 7		250	
1884 - Jan 18		2	
1884 - May 16		1	550
		60.50	
		550	
		55.00	

The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before me, W. M. EDWARDS, a Justice of the Peace, and ex-officio Notary Public, in and for the County of Dallas, personally appeared W. W. Jones who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath says, that the account hereto attached is, within his knowledge, just and true, that it is due, and that all just and lawful offsets, payments and credits have been allowed.

W. W. Jones

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 7 day of May 1884.

W. M. Edwards  
J. P. and Ex-officio Notary Public, Dallas County.

Paid as per  
of 8/54  
Preced of Wm W. Donald

"undstr" estate of V C Spruvel  
deceased The sum of Fifty Five  
\$55.00 Dollars in full of  
paid to date of Wm Donald

V. C. Spruvel

To  
Wm Donald

\$60.50  
all paid 55.00

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of  
*N. C. Spruell* Deceased.

*Annie Spruell* has filed, in the County Court  
of Dallas County, an Application for letters of Administration upon the Estate of said  
decedent,

which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the ~~Third~~ <sup>Fourth</sup> Monday in  
*May* A. D. 188*4*, 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.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office  
in the City of Dallas, this *5* day of *May*  
A. D. 188*4*.

*W. M. C. Hill*  
***A. HARWOOD***, County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By *A. H. Hughes* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County,—GREETING:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon *Mrs. Annie*  
*Spruell* to my wife you deeds to two copies  
*copy now received by you to Dallas city 7-4-05*  
to be and personally appear before the Honorable County Court of Dallas County, at the Court  
House, in the City of Dallas and County aforesaid, *on*  
A. D. 188*4*, at the instance of the *D. J. ...*, then and there to give evidence  
in a certain case pending, wherein *Annie Spruell*  
Plaintiff, and *Emma Spruell* *et al*,  
Defendant, and remain from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the  
Court.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due service and return hereof make, as the law requires.

Witness my hand, at office in the City of Dallas, this *2*  
day of *June* A. D. 188*4*

W. M. C. HILL, Clerk,  
By *A. H. Hughes* Deputy.

# THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County,—GREETING:

**You are Hereby Commanded** to Summon *James Wright, B. M. Bond, Stephen Bond, W. T. Martin* to be and personally appear before the Honorable County Court of Dallas County, at the Court House, in the City of Dallas and County aforesaid, on *26<sup>th</sup> day of June*, A. D. 188*4*, at the instance of the *plffs.*, then and there to give evidence in a certain case pending, wherein, *Ernema Spruille, Married, plff, Mary Spruille* Plaintiff, and *Ernema Spruille* Defendant, and remain from day to day and from term to term, until discharged by the Court.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due service and return hereof make, as the law requires.

Witness my hand, at office in the City of Dallas, this *26* day of *June* A. D. 188*4*.

W. M. C. HILL, Clerk,  
By *W. M. C. Hill* Deputy.

**COUNTY COURT.**

vs. SUBPOENA.

*Ernema Spruille*

Issued *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 188*4*

By *W. M. C. Hill* Clerk,  
*W. M. C. Hill* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand the *26* day of *June* 188*4*, and executed *2* day of *June* 188*4*, by reading the within named Subpoena to the within named *Ernema Spruille*

By *W. M. C. Hill* Sheriff, Dallas County,  
*W. M. C. Hill* Deputy.

**COUNTY COURT.**

ESTATE OF *Ernema Spruille*

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Letters of Administration.

Signed this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 188*4*

By *W. M. C. Hill* Clerk,  
*W. M. C. Hill* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand the *26* day of *June* 188*4*, and executed the *26* day of *June* 188*4*, by posting up three copies of this and of three public places in Dallas County, one of which was the Court House Door of said County, *Ernema Spruille* deceased.

By *W. M. C. Hill* Sheriff, Dallas County,  
*W. M. C. Hill* Deputy.

The State of Texas } Estate of  
 County of Dallas } V. C. Spruill dec'd  
 } Probate Court,  
 May Term A.D. 1884

To the Hon. R. B. Burke Judge  
 of the County Court of said  
 County:

Your Petitioner Annie Spruill  
 shows that V. C. Spruill died  
 on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D.  
 1884, in the city of Dallas,  
 Dallas County, Texas, that he  
 died without any will, leaving real  
 and personal estate of the es-  
 timated value of fifteen hundred  
 dollars; that said V. C. Spruill  
 at the time of his death resided  
 in the County of Dallas aforesaid  
 That your Petitioner is entitled to  
 the Administration of said estate.  
 That she is the surviving wife of  
 the said V. C. Spruill dec'd.

Wherefore she prays that she  
 may be appointed Administra-  
 trix of said estate.

Annie Spruill

✓

**COUNTY COURT.**

Estate of V. C. Spruill  
 dec'd

vs. SUBPENA.

Issued 26 day of June 1884  
 W. M. C. HILL, Clerk.  
 By [Signature] Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 26 day of June  
 1884, and executed 26 day of June  
 1884, by reading the within named Subpena to the  
 within named Jas Knight  
Stevs Road N. M. Road  
+ H. D. Martin  
H. H. Smith  
 Sheriff, Dallas County.  
 By [Signature] Deputy.

GARTER & GOSLIN, PRS., DALLAS.

J. C. [Signature] 3 2. 10

The Estate of *V. C. Spruill dec'd* No. 735  
 In Probate Court  
 Dallas County Texas  
 May Term 1884

Now comes the Temporary ad-  
 ministrator Wm McDonald, and  
 makes this his final report in  
 said estate, as follows:

Amounts collected on Rents \$6.00  
 Cash rec'd of the Estate 410.00  
 Cash total \$ 416.00

1884  
 May 3 Amounts paid out.  
 To J. I. Tittle for services in last  
 illness of dec'd \$ 25.00  
 " 3 " B M Bond for cash loaned  
 & mdec furnished in last illness 19.00  
 " 5 " Mariah Tittle for services in  
 last illness 5.00  
 " 5 " M. J. Tittle for services in  
 last illness 19.50  
 " 5 " Dr. A. A. Mosely for medical  
 services 22.50  
 " 6 " Ed. L. Smith for burial Exp. 37.00  
 " 8 " Dr. Norman for medical services 58.00  
 " (15) " Reeves & Spence Atty's fee 30.00  
 (over) \$ 213.00

No 735 ✓  
 Estate of  
 V. C. Spruill  
 dec'd.

Original application  
 for letters of permanent  
 administration

Filed May 5<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 collected collect  
 By S. H. Hughes

Recorded  
 Reeves & Spence  
 Atty's for Applicant

1884  
 May 15

Amts. paid out

amb brought forward	\$213.00
To Wm Mcdonald for services in last illness of decd	\$6.00
(16) A Annie Spruill per order of Court	15.00
" Taxes on property	22.50
" Pasture for cow	2.00
" City for redemption of Court	1.50
" Reeves & Spruce attys fee	10.00
Total amt. paid out	\$299.00
5% com. on amt. paid out due Admr.	\$14.95
5% com. on amt. collected	.30
Total amt. of Admr's Com.	\$15.25
Total amt. of cash rec'd	\$416.00
Less total amt. paid out	\$14.25
Total amt. of cash in hands of Admr.	\$101.75

The Admr. has disposed of none of the property of the Estate and has the same on hand and in his possession, to wit:

- 1 House and lot on Cor. Columbia and Houston sts. and household goods as follows:

1 Bed, two bedsteads, one stove,  
one bureau, one safe, two tables  
eight chairs, dishes, wearing  
apparel of dec'd, shot gun, two  
clocks

One cow and calf  
There is also \$4. <sup>said Estate</sup> rent due for the  
month of May on the house and  
lot A & C in Block 26,  
and \$250 due for rent on house ~~on~~  
Broadway street.

State of Texas } And now comes  
County of Dallas } Wm McDonald  
Adm. of the estate  
of V. C. Spruill dec'd and being  
duly sworn deposes and says  
that the foregoing account con-  
tains a true and correct statement  
of all the money collected and  
paid out by him for the estate  
of V. C. Spruill dec'd.

Wherefore he prays that his  
finds reports or exhibits may  
be approved, that he be finally  
and fully discharged from said  
administration, and his bonds  
men released, and for all such  
other and further orders that



that may be necessary in the  
premises. Wm. M. Donald

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
May A.D. 1884.

Witnessed and  
By S. A. Hughes

No 736-  
Estate of  
V. C. Sprill decd.  
Final Exhibit

Filed May 26 1884  
Wm. M. Donald  
S. A. Hughes

Record

# MARRIAGE LICENSE



Columbus Sprawls  
to  
Annie Davis

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July A. D. 1877 the following Marriage License was issued, to-wit:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO-WIT: COLLIN COUNTY, SS.

To All Who Shall See These Presents--Greeting:

Know Ye, That any person legally authorized to Celebrate the Rite of Matrimony - is hereby required to join in Marriage as Husband and Wife - Columbus Sprawls and Annie Davis and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

*LS*

In Testimony Whereof, J. M. Douze Clerk of the County Court, hereunto subscribes my name and affixes the Seal of said Court, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1877.

Be it further remembered that on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1877 the following certificate was filed in my office to-wit:

J. M. Douze Clerk. C. C. C.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO-WIT: COLLIN COUNTY, SS.

This Certifies that Columbus Sprawls joined to Husband and Annie Davis on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1877  
M. A. Mack, P.  
Collin County

The State of ~~Texas~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~County~~  
 Collin County ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~County~~  
 Court of Collin County Texas do hereby  
 Certify that the within is a true copy of  
 the Marriage License and return thereon  
 of Columbus Sprawls and Annie Davis  
 as the same appears of Record in Vol. 4,  
 Page 174 Collin Co Records of Marriages  
 Given under my hand and seal of office  
 at McKinney Texas this May 20<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 J. M. Waddill - Clerk

Filed June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1884  
 W. L. Hill, Clerk.  
 By S. H. Steigler, Dy

No.

State of Texas & the District Court  
 County of Waller } Waller County Texas

Annie Spruell

vs

Emma Spruell et al. Whereas on  
 the 14th day of July A.D. 1884 an order  
 was made by R. E. Bruce Judge  
 of County Court of Waller County Tex  
 sitting in Probate matters, decli-  
 ning the Administrator of the Estate  
 of H. C. Spruell deceased to turn  
 over all property in his hands as temporary  
 administrator to said parties, (said Annie & Emma)  
 in equal shares, and if he and said parties be unable  
 to agree as to a division, then to report the fact to this court  
 for the appointment of Commissioners;

And whereas the said Emma Spruell  
 Defendant, therein considers herself  
 aggrieved by said order of said  
~~Judge~~ of said County  
 Court and desires to appeal  
 her case to the Hon. District Court  
 of Waller County Texas and whereas  
 she has given notice of said appeal  
 and therefore I Emma Spruell  
 Defendant after being duly sworn  
 by the undersigned and authority

depose and say that by reason  
 of my poverty I am unable to  
 give an opposite bond or  
 present by law in said case  
 + that I have made depositions  
 efforts to give said bond  
 and find that I am unable  
 to do so wherefore I make  
 this affidavit in lieu of  
 said bond when my opposite  
 may be perfected  
 Witness my hand this 22 day  
 of July A D 1884

Emma Spruill

Known to and subscribed before me  
 this 22nd July A D 1884

J. L. Adams

Notary Public  
 Dallas County  
 Texas

Filed July 22 1884  
 W. C. Reed Clerk  
 City of Dallas Tex

In Re  
Estate of  
V. C. Spruell

Deed  
In Probate Court  
Dallas Co. Texas  
May Term 1884.

Now comes W. C. Hill clerk of  
said Court, and certifies  
the affidavit of  
Emma Spruell  
of ~~her~~ inability to secure  
the costs in the appeal of  
said cause to the District  
Court of Dallas County, said  
affidavit filed herein  
July 22, 1884 - and he avers  
the truth of said affidavit  
and calls for strict proof  
of the same -

W. C. Hill Clerk  
By *[Signature]*

Estate, pasturage per Court from June  
8<sup>th</sup> to date, at \$2. per month  
about \$275-

The Temporary Administrator further reports  
that he has made a tender of the assets  
of the Estate to the respective claimants  
as he believes in accordance with the order  
of the Honorable Court, as entered on the  
minutes July 14 - 1884. But that he  
and said parties fail to agree on  
a division.

He now prays that  
State of Texas } Comes now Wm. M. Donald  
County of Dallas } and, Temporary Adminis-  
trator of the Estate of V. C. Spruell, Decd,  
and upon his oath deposes and says  
that the foregoing supplemental Report  
is a true and correct statement  
of his transactions in the matter of  
the Estate, since his final Report  
filed herein, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1884, and of  
the condition of said Estate at this  
date. Wherefore he prays that his  
said Supplemental and final Reports  
be approved, and that he, applicant, may  
be finally and fully discharged from  
said Administration, and his Bonds  
released, and for all such further  
orders, in the premises as to the Court  
may seem proper. Wm. M. Donald

The  
Estate of  
V. C. Spruell  
Decd

Contract of  
Affidavit of  
validity to same  
costs on appeal

Filed July 22 1884  
W. M. Donald  
By F. B. Douglas

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1884  
W. M. Blair, Clerk  
By L. H. Hughes, Dy.

In Re ✓  
Estate of  
J. C. Spruill  
Decd

Supplemental  
Report of  
Temporary Admin-  
istrator -

Filed July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884  
W. M. Blair, Clerk  
By L. H. Hughes, Dy.

Record



In Re

Estate of  
V. C. Spruille  
Deceased

No 735-

In Probate Court  
Dallas County, Texas  
May Term 1884

Now comes the temporary administrator,  
J. M. McDonald, and files his big  
supplemental report showing his  
transactions in the matter of the  
above Estate since his Report filed  
herein May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884 - and the  
present condition of said Estate -  
1884

Assets Collected -

Assets collected as rent for two  
houses of Estate since Report  
of May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884 \$ 10.00

1884

Assets paid out -

Cash paid out as rent for house  
and lot (Secured Property) \$ 10.00

Cost of Court and Administrator  
on and paid out 50

Total 10.50

Balance of assets collected \$ 3.50

Cash on hand as per Report of May  
26-84 - 101.75

July 19

Total Cash on hand \$ 105.25

There are no assets due Estate at this  
date July 19-84 - from both leased  
houses - \$ 5.50 -

There is due Mrs Lovell (from the  
same)

The State of Texas } Probate Court  
 County of Dallas } Term ad. 1884

To the Hon. R. C. Burke  
 Judge of the county court of said  
 county and state

Your Petitioner Wm McDonald  
 a resident citizen of the county  
 of Dallas and state aforesaid,  
 respectfully represents unto your  
 Honor, that on the 27th day of  
 April, A.D. 1884 V. C. Sprill  
 died intestate. That at the time  
 of his death he was a citizen  
 of Dallas county Texas. That he  
 left certain personal and real  
 property situated in the county  
 and state aforesaid worth  
 altogether about \$1500.00, con-  
 sisting of one house and lot No.

5 on the corner of Houston and  
 Columbia streets, with barn in  
 the rear, fronting on Houston st.  
 with about \$6000.00.  
 One house and lot No 6 in  
 Block 36 on Houston street, worth  
 about \$4000.00. One house on a  
 leased lot No on Broadway  
 street, reasonably worth about \$2500.00  
 cash on hands \$4100.00. Other

personal property consisting of one cow and calf reasonably worth \$4000. One bed, two beds, one stove, one bureau, one safe, two tables, 8 chairs, dishes, wearing apparel, altogether reasonably worth \$2500. Aggregating \$15000.00 a reasonable value of his entire estate, so far as known.

Your Petitioner further represents that there are divers debts and liabilities outstanding against said estate, some of which are the funeral expenses of deceased, medical attendance during his last illness, unpaid back taxes upon the above described real property, and various other claims and indebtedness that is due and outstanding against said estate. That the said house and lot No 6 on Houston<sup>St</sup> was rented out by the deceased upon an agreement that the rental was to be paid monthly but that there is now two months rent due and unpaid on said house and lot. That said house on Broadway<sup>St</sup>.

is rented out by the deceased, said  
rent to be paid weekly, and that  
said house is upon a lot leased  
of Mrs. Cookrell by said dec'd.  
That there is <sup>now</sup> due and unpaid  
rent on said leased lot. All of  
which makes it very necessary  
that said estate be at once ad-  
ministered upon - that an ad-  
ministrato<sup>r</sup> be appointed to take  
charge of and look after said  
property.

Your petitioner would repre-  
sent that he is in no wise dis-  
qualified from acting as such  
administrator.

The premises considered your  
petitioner prays that legal notice  
of this application be waived,  
and that he be appointed tem-  
porary administrator of the  
estate of the said deceased W. C.  
Spruille and for all such other  
and further orders that may be  
necessary in the premises.

Your petitioner as in duty  
bound will ever pray,

Beltes & Spence  
Attys for Petitioner

No 935 ✓

Estate of  
V. C. Spruille  
decd.

application  
for temporary  
administration

Filed May 1st, 1884  
Spruille & Co. clks.  
By J. S. Rawlins

Recorded

Reeves & Spence  
attys for Petitioner

Order

Estate of J. C. Spruell

Decreed Monday Aug.  
6 - 1884

In accordance with the order  
of this Hon. Court, heretofore, to  
sub on July 12 - 1884, entered  
in this cause, adjudging that  
the assets of said Estate be  
divided equally, between the  
respective claimants, to wit;  
Annie Spruell of the one part  
and Emma Spruell, Mary C.  
Davidson and Mattie Lynn, <sup>nee</sup>  
Mattie Spruell, of the other part,  
and ordering the Temporary  
Administrator, <sup>of said Estate</sup> H. S. Swall, to  
effect said division if pos-  
sible, if not that Commis-  
sioners be appointed to make such  
division. - Comes now into open  
Court said H. S. Swall, Tem-  
porary Administrator, and sub-  
mits to the Court his final  
report, in words as follows  
to wit:

The Temporary Administrator  
H. S. Swall reports that in  
accordance with the order  
entered by this Court on July 12<sup>th</sup>  
1884, he has in this case made  
a division of the property of  
the Estate between the respective  
Claimants Annie Spruell of

the mortgage and Emma Spruell  
and her children, Mary C. Swidson  
and Walter Lynn, nee Hattie  
Spruell of the other a second part  
and by agreement of all con-  
cerned the division was made  
as follows to wit:

The first part all costs of Court  
which were paid by the first part  
amounted to \$15.00, which left  
a balance of cash on hand \$91.00  
This to be divided equally between  
the parties -

An amicable division of the  
personal property of the Estate  
was made by the parties con-  
cerned and each is in posses-  
sion of her respective share -  
By agreement of the parties Mrs  
Emma Spruell surrenders all  
her interest in the Lease of  
House and Lot, No. - on  
Broadway St. in the City of Dallas  
to Mrs. Emma Spruell on considera-  
tion of certain articles of per-  
sonal property given in Lieu  
by Mrs. Emma Spruell. In ac-  
cordance with this agreement  
the Administrator has surren-  
dered said Lease and all inter-  
est in it to Mrs. Emma Spruell.  
An amicable division of the

and said to me and all the  
rest went to Mrs Emma Spruell.  
An amicable division of the

real property belonging to said Estate  
was reached by the parties ab  
interest, and in accordance  
with their agreement, and  
all parties consenting, the ad-  
ministrators divided the same  
in portions:

To Mrs Emma Spruell and her  
Children, Mary C Davidson and  
Hester Taylor, that parcel of  
ground with all improvements  
described as follows to wit:  
(Clerk will here insert descrip-  
tion as in original Report)

To Mrs Emma Spruell the fees  
allotted as that parcel of Land  
described as follows:  
(Clerk will here insert descrip-  
tion as in original Report)

Which said Report is in all  
things confirmed by the Court  
and it is ordered, adjudged  
and decreed by the Court that  
all the rights title and interests  
which all the parties to this rec-  
ord have in and to the person-  
al property be devised, and  
the title thereto vested in the  
respective parties to whom  
the same was allotted in  
accordance with the division



as made, and to the  
 heirs and assigns of each  
 party respectively forever.  
 And it is further ordered  
 adjudged and decreed by the  
 Court that all the right, title  
 and interest which all the  
 said parties hereto have in  
 and to that parcel of Land  
 described above and set apart  
 to Mrs Annie Spruill, he and  
 the same is devised, and the  
 title thereto fully vested in  
 the said Mrs Annie Spruill  
 and her heirs and assigns  
 forever - And hereon it is  
 ordered adjudged and decreed  
 by the Court that all the right  
 title and interest which all  
 the said parties hereto have in  
 and to that parcel of Land  
 described above and set apart  
 to Mrs Emma Spruill and her  
 children, Mary C. Davidson  
 and Nellie Tyler, he and the  
 same is devised, and the title  
 thereto vested in the said  
 Mrs Emma Spruill and the  
 said Mary C. Davidson and  
 Nellie Tyler and their heirs  
 and assigns forever -  
 And the respective parties

and their

agreements and fully consenting  
it is ordered by the Court that  
the parties of the second part  
to wit Emma Spruell, Mary C,  
Davidson and Mattie Tyne,  
do have the right to enter and  
take water from the well of  
the estate situated in the parcel  
of Land above attached to  
Mrs Annie Spruell, provided  
always, that the said parties  
of the second part shall not  
cross the Land of the said Annie  
Spruell in going to or coming  
from said well -

And the report and accounts  
of the Temporary Administrator  
being in all things appro-  
ved and confirmed, it is order-  
ed by the Court that he and  
his Bondsmen be, and they  
are hereby released and dis-  
charged from all and sin-  
gular the matters of the  
above Estate -

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J. R. ✓  
Estate of  
J. C. Spruell  
deceased  
Form of  
Deed

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Estate of }  
 V. C. Spruill, dec. }  
 of Dallas County  
 Texas May Term  
 A.D. 1884.

Came now Mrs Anne Spruill  
 Mrs. Mary Louisa and Miss Hattie  
 Spruill by their attorneys except  
 to the petition of Annie Spruill filed  
 in above entitled cause for letters  
 of Administration to open the  
 Estate of V. C. Spruill deceased,  
 because the said is insufficient  
 in law wherefore they pray the  
 Judgment of the court striking  
 said application

Alvord Blumatt  
 atty. for depts.

County Court of  
Dallas County Texas  
May Term A.D. 1884

And now come Mrs. Emma  
Spruill surviving widow and Heir at  
Law of V. C. Spruill Deceased, and Hattie  
Spruill, infant daughter of V. C. Spruill  
Deceased and Mrs. Mary C. Davidson  
daughter of V. C. Spruill Deceased joined  
by her husband W. H. Davidson all  
of whom are <sup>the only</sup> Heirs at Law of <sup>said</sup> V. C. Spruill  
Deceased and contest the applica-  
tion made by one Annie Spruill  
for letters of administration upon  
the Estate of said V. C. Spruill which  
application was filed herein on  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1884, and say  
that ~~that~~ letters of administration  
cannot be issued to said Annie  
Spruill for the following causes  
and reasons to-wit:

First, The said Emma Spruill, Hattie  
Spruill and Mary Davidson <sup>joined</sup>  
by her husband W. H. David, hereinafter  
styled Defendants allege that  
that said application for letters  
of administration filed herein was  
never made by the said Annie

Spruill nor by her authority, that the signature appearing on said application is not that of Annie Spruill nor is it her desire or privilege to qualify as administratrix.

Second Defendants allege and charge that there is no necessity for an administration upon said estate of V. C. Spruill deceased in the contrary any administration had upon the estate farther than action already had in and consume what remains of said estate in unnecessary court costs.

Third, Defendants further excepting to the application filed herein for letters of administration allege and say that the allegations contained in plaintiffs application to the effect that she is the lawful wife of the said V. C. Spruill deceased is untrue and Defendants deny that the said Annie Spruill was ever the wife of the said V. C. Spruill. That Defendants have never seen and

defendants have never returned

their right in anywise, to letters  
of administration upon Estate of  
V. C. Spruell deceased. Wherefore  
Defendants pray judgment of the  
Court requiring William Mc-  
Donald temporary administrator  
to forthwith deliver the Estate  
of said V. C. Spruell deceased into  
possession of Defendants who are the  
persons legally entitled to the  
same. Defendants further  
pray that the said Annie Spruell  
the person claiming to be the  
lawful widow of said V. C. Spruell  
be denied letters of Adminis-  
tration upon this <sup>said</sup> Estate and for  
such other relief general and  
Special Defendants will now  
pray &c

Morrow & Blewell  
Attys for Defs  
Mrs. Emma Spruell  
Hattie Spruell  
Mary C. Davidson  
W. H. Davidson

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Original  
of Dissert of  
Emma Spruell  
Helen Spruell  
Mary C. Davidson  
et al

V.C. Spruell

Filed May 30 1874  
Wm. H. Cook  
By L. H. [unclear]



In the Estate of Spruill Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1884

In Probate Court  
Dallas County, Texas  
May Term 1884

Came now Wm M Small Temporary  
Administrator of the above Estate  
and asks leave of the Court to  
withdraw his Report, endorsed  
"Supplemental Report of Temporary  
Administrator," and file herein  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884, and by way of  
Substitution thereon he files this  
his substitutory Report, showing  
his transactions in the matter of  
the above Estate, since his Report  
filed herein May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884, and  
the present condition of said  
Estate.

1884 Amounts Collected.  
amt collected as rent for two  
years houses of the Estate since  
Report of May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884, \$19.00

Amounts paid out.

Cash paid as rent for house and  
lot, leased from Mrs Cockrell, as  
per vouchers, \$12.00

Cash paid Mrs Cockrell as  
justing for cow, as per voucher 2.00

amt of Commission and ad-

ministrators on aunts paid out .70

Total \$14.70

Balance of amt collected 4.30

Cash on hand as per Report of

1884  
July 30<sup>th</sup> May 26<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Total cash on hand - \$101.76 -  
\$106.05

July 20 - Aunt brought forward \$106.05-

The administrator reports that in accordance with the order entered by the Court, on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1884 he has on this day made ~~an equal~~ division of the property of the Estate between the respective claimants Annie <sup>Spull</sup> & Emma Spull, and by agreement of all concerned the division was as follows to wit: He first paid all the Costs of Court, <sup>which</sup> as per receipt of Clerk, amounted to \$15.05- which left a balance of Cash \$91.00. in hand.

This he divided equally between the respective parties -

An amicable division of the personal property of the Estate was made by the parties concerned and each is in possession of her respective share -

By agreement of parties Mrs Annie Spull surrendered all her interest in the lease of Stearns and Lot 42 - on Broadway Street in the city of Dallas, to Mrs Emma Spull, <sup>and her children</sup> in consideration of certain articles of personal property given in lieu by Mrs Emma Spull. In accordance with this agreement she at =

Annie and Maria Spull, in Annie Spull of the said party.

administration has surrendered said  
Lease, and all interest in it to  
Mrs Emma Spruell-

An amicable division of the  
Real ~~estate~~<sup>property</sup> belonging to said Estate  
was reached by the parties at  
interest, and in accordance with  
their agreement, and all parties  
consenting, the Administrator de-  
vised the same as follows:  
To Mrs Emma Spruell, that par-  
cel of ground, with all improve-  
ments, described as follows, to wit:  
Beginning at the N.W. corner of Lot  
No 5- in Block No 26, according  
to the map of the city of Dallas,  
thence East along the North bound-  
ary line of Lots Nos 5- and 6,  
of said Block 26, one hundred  
(100) feet to a stake for corner,  
at the N.W. corner of Lot No 7,  
in said Block No 26: thence South  
with the line of said Lot No 7  
50 feet, to a stake for corner,  
thence at right angles with  
said line, West (100) One hundred  
feet to Houston Street of the  
City of Dallas; thence North  
with the East boundary line  
of Houston Street, 50 feet to  
place of beginning;  
It was agreed that Mrs Spruell has  
collected all that tract of  
land

Begin  
Copy

ground described as follows:  
 Beginning at the S.W. Corner of  
 Lot No. 26 - of Block No. 26, according  
 to the map and plan of the City  
 of Dallas. Thence North along  
 Houston Street of said city; and  
 along the West line of said Lot  
 No. 5 = Fifty (50) feet to a stake -  
 Thence East at right angles  
 to said West line of Lot No. 5 =  
 (100) One hundred feet to a stake  
 in the west boundary line of  
 Lot No. 7, in <sup>said</sup> Block 26; Thence  
 South, with the West line of  
 said Lot No. 7, Fifty (50) feet  
 to Columbia Street - Thence along  
 the North curb a line of said  
 Columbia Street to the place of  
 beginning.

The administrator reports that  
 the parties concerned ~~have~~ fully  
 consented and agreed to the division  
 in above recited, and have ac-  
 cepted and held under the same.

State of Texas  
 County of Dallas, <sup>City of Dallas</sup> James W. <sup>McDonald</sup> <sup>Administrator</sup>  
 Administrator of the Estate of <sup>James W. McDonald</sup> <sup>deceased</sup>  
 and upon his oath deposes  
 and says that the above report

above made and recd, is a true  
and correct statement of his  
transactions in the matter of  
the said Estate, since his former  
Report, filed herein May 26<sup>th</sup> '84  
and of the ~~contents~~ <sup>division</sup> of the  
property received personal of  
the Estate, made by him, with  
the consent of all parties at  
interest therein. Wherefore he  
prays that the said Report be  
in all things approved, and  
that he may be finally and  
fully discharged from said  
administration, and his Bonds  
may be released, and for all  
such further relief in the  
premises as to the Court may  
seem proper.

Wm. M. Linnell  
Subscribed before  
me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1884 -  
Wm. C. Beutels  
By L. Hughes Dy

No 9805 J  
Estate of  
V.C. Spruell  
Deed  
Substitutory  
Report of  
Temporary ad-  
ministrators and  
proper to be  
released as  
Filed July 31<sup>st</sup> 1864  
W.M. B. Hittick  
By F. H. Hughes Esq

(Recorded)