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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND LETTERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *J. M. Sketton* Deceased:

Mary E. Sketton has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said *J. M. Sketton* 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 *March* A. D. 190*4*, 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 *20th* day of *July* A. D. 190*4*

~~A. S. JACKSON~~
FRANK R. SWANKS, County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas

By *R. H. Law* Deputy.

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No. 3551.

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

J M S Kettow

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of
Will and Letters.

Issued this 20th day of
Feb 1904

A. C. JACKSON, Clerk.

By R. A. Lee Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 20 day of Feb
1904 and executed the 20 day of Feb
1904 by pasting up three copies of this Writ 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.

J. R. Johnson
Sheriff, Dallas County.

J. Witt Deputy.

John Wittmann, Printer, Dallas

Pasting 3 Notices of 300
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Citation Record

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No. _____ PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) ESTATE OF
 County of Dallas) J. M. Skelton Deceased.

Proof of Last Will and Testament of J. M. Skelton Deceased.

This day personally appeared in open Court W. O. Watts

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 J. M. Skelton

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent, for about fifteen 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 19 day of February A. D. 1904

and bearing date on the 23^d day of May 1909 ~~1907~~, was made by the deceased

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

W. O. Watts and Jno. F. Williams

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 Jno. F. Williams 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 about fifty eight years of age; the said J. M. Skelton

departed this life on the 16th day of January A. D. 1901

about ninety one and eight 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. I am familiar and well acquainted with the handwriting of said J. M. Skelton deceased and said will is wholly in the handwriting of said J. M. Skelton deceased.

W. O. Watts

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18 day of March A. D. 1909, in open Court.

J. R. Shanks Clerk

County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By B. F. Cresson Deputy.

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No. 3551

PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dallas
March Term, 1904

ESTATE OF

Jms. Patton
Deceased

Filed the 18 day of
March A. D. 1904

and recorded the _____ day
of _____ A. D. 189____, in the

Probate Minutes of
Warranted 4-501
County of Dallas Page

G. R. Shanks
County Clerk

By B. J. Cresson Deputy

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Charles A. Gault, Stationer, Dallas

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No. _____ PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) ESTATE OF
County of Dallas } J. M. Skelton Deceased.

Proof of Last Will and Testament of J. M. Skelton Deceased.

This day personally appeared in open Court Jno F. Williams

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 J. M. Skelton

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about eleven 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 19 day of February A. D. 1901

and bearing date on the 23d day of May A. D. 1901, was made by the deceased

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

Jno F. Williams and W O Watts

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Will so made by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,

together with W. O. Watts 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 about fifty eight years of age; the said J. M. Skelton

departed this life on the 16 day of January A. D. 1901

about three years and eight 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. I know the handwriting of J. M. Skelton deceased

and said will is wholly in the handwriting of said J. M. Skelton deceased.

Jno F. Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18 day of March A. D. 1901, in open Court.

J R Shanks Clerk

County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By J. H. Hullom Deputy.

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No. 3551

PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dallas
March Term, 1904

ESTATE OF

J. M. Melton
Deceased

Filed the **FILED** day of

A. D. 189

MAR 18 1904

and recorded in the _____ day

of Dallas County, in the

Probate Minutes of _____

County, in Volume F, Page 503

Recorded F-503
County Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

Recorded F. 503

J. G. Smith, Dallas, 1904.

IN RE:

ESTATE OF J. M. SKELTON,
DECEASED.

NO. _____ IS PROBATE.
IN COUNTY COURT OF
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Now come Henry M. Skelton, Dora Skelton and C. A. Skelton,
citizens of Dallas County, Texas, and respectfully represent to the Court
that they are the children and all of the children of J. M. Skelton,
deceased, and his wife Mary B. Skelton, and together with Mary B.
Skelton are all of the heirs of J. M. Skelton, deceased, and that said
persons being of full age and knowing the will herein offered for
probate to be the last will and testament of J. M. Skelton, deceased,
consent and request that same be probated as the last will and testament
of J. M. Skelton, deceased, and join in the application of Mary B.
Skelton to have said will admitted to probate.

Dora D. Skelton
Mary B. Skelton

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403551 Probate
In Re Estate of
J. M. Skelton Deceased

Appearance of Heirs
Henry M. Skelton & Co. Skelton

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FRANK B. SHANKS,
CLERK COUNTY CLERK
B. F. Cullom
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EXECUTOR'S BOND.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of *J M Skelton* *decd*

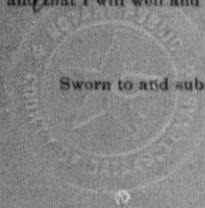
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we,
as Principals, and _____ and _____
as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dallas, and his successors
in office, in the sum of _____ DOLLARS,
conditioned that the above bound _____ who has
been appointed _____
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this _____ day of _____ 1905

(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for Probate is the last Will of
J M Skelton 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 to before me, this *27th* day of *Feb* 1905 -
Mary E Skelton x



[Signature]
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas
By *[Signature]* Deputy

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No. 3551

COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S BOND.

ESTATE OF

J. M. Kettow
Deid

Filed *July 27* 190*5*

FRANK R. SHANKS, Clerk.

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy.

Approved _____ day of _____

190_____

County Judge, Dallas County.

WILLIAMSON & DELAP, PRINTERS, DALLAS.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF

J. M. Skelton, Deceased.

Lot 1-2-3, Block 8, College Hill Addition, \$8000.00

Lot 5, Block 8, College Hill Addition, 500.00

80 acres Iseral Jennings survey, 3400.00

The three tracts above mentioned are situated

in Dallas County, Texas.

3 acres, abstract 357, Thos. Largent survey

sub-division D, Block 3, in the Town of Bal-

linger, Runnels County, Texas, 300.00

Stocks, Notes and Accounts, \$1000.00

Furniture and furnishings of Home situated

on Lots 1-2-3 Block 8, College Hill, \$1000.00

\$14200.00

No. 3557

COUNTY COURT

ESTATE OF

J M Skelton Deed

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

27 day of July 1905

F. A. Shanks

County Clerk

By R. H. Lee Deputy

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 27th day of July 1905

Wm. H. Hines

County Judge

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Dw. V. Hays Record

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, Mary E Skelton 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

18th day of July

A. D. 1904

Mary E Skelton

F. A. Shanks

Clerk County Court,

Notary Public Dallas Co. Texas

Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

B. J. Callam and Alex Camp

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

27 day of July

A. D. 1905

F. A. Shanks

Clerk County Court,

By

R. H. Lee

Deputy

each above the age of fourteen years, who subscribed their names to said written will at the request of said J. M. Skelton and in the presence of said J. M. Skelton and each other, and that said will was in writing and executed with the formalities and solemnities and under the circumstances required by law to make it a valid will, and that said written will ~~has not been revoked and that said will~~ ought to be established and admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said J. M. Skelton, deceased:

(?) It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said instrument of writing now here offered for probate as the last will and testament of said J. M. Skelton, deceased, dated 23rd day of May, 1901, and filed herein in this Court on the 19th day of February 1904, be and the same is hereby established and admitted to probate and probated as the last will and testament of J. M. Skelton, deceased,

It is further ordered by the Court that said will together with the application for the probate thereof and all the testimony in said cause be by the Clerk of this Court recorded in the minutes of this Court. And it further appearing to the Court that Mary E. Skelton is named in said will as the sole executrix thereof and that she is in no way disqualified from being the executrix of said will and that said testator directed in said will that no security be required of said Mary E. Skelton as executrix of said will:

It is further ordered and decreed by the Court that said Mary E. Skelton be and she is hereby in compliance with the directions of said will appointed sole executrix of said will and no security shall be required of her as such executrix, and upon the said Mary E. Skelton taking the oath as executrix required by law that letters testamentary ~~shall~~ be issued to her as executrix of said will.

It is further ordered that said Mary E. Skelton as executrix ~~has~~ file herein as required by law an inventory of said estate together with a list of claims, and John T. Witt, Alex Camp and Ben F. Cullom are appointed appraisers of said estate.

E. J. Landis
County Judge

to 8/2 Probate
In Re
Estate of
Jm Skelton decd

Form for order Probating
Will

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No. _____	"	In Probate,
IN RE	"	County Court of
estate of J. M. Skelton,	"	Dallas County, Texas.
Deceased.	"	
	"	
	"	

To the Honorable Judge of said Court:-

The petition of Mary E. Skelton, a resident citizen of Dallas County, Texas, respectfully represents:

That J. M. Skelton, a former citizen and resident of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, is dead and that he died on the 10th day of January, 1904, in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, Texas, and at the time of his death he was and had been for more than ten years continuously a resident and citizen of Dallas County, Texas, and that he left an estate consisting of real and personal property, the greater portion of which real estate and personal property is situated and located in Dallas County, Texas, and the balance in other Counties in the State of Texas, of the probable value of Twelve Thousand Dollars.

That the said J. M. Skelton, deceased, at the time of his death was of fifty-nine years of age and that the said decedent on the 23rd day of May, 1901, executed a written will bearing said date and published and declared same to be his will and left same unrevoked at the time of his death, all of which is in the hand-writing of said decedent and witnessed by W.O. Watts and John E. Williams each being a credible witness over fourteen years of *age*, who witnessed same at the request of *and in the presence* of decedent J. M. Skelton and each other, which said will is filed with this application.

That at the time of the execution of said will as aforesaid, said J. M. Skelton, deceased, was over twenty-one years of *age* and of sound and disposing mind and memory; that in said will applies *to* Mary E. Skelton is appointed sole executrix without bond or surety. That said Mary E. Skelton so named in said will as sole executrix is the applicant and is the surviving widow of J. M. Skelton, deceased and that she is now a feme sole, and is no way disqualified from acting and being executrix

of said will.

Therefore, applicant prays that citation issue as provided by law and that said will be admitted to probate and that she be appointed sole executrix without bond of said estate and will, as in said will provided, and for such other relief special and general to which applicant may be entitled and applicant will ever pray, etc.

*J. S. Sanford Atty for
applicant Mary E. Skeeton*

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In Re Estate of
J. M. Skellin dec'd

Application to probate
Will of Dec'd

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J. J. Eickford

In the Name of God Amen. I *J. M. Melton* of the City
 and County of Dallas in the State of Texas being
 mindful of the uncertainty of life and the cer-
 tainty of death. do hereby make public and
 declare this My Last will and Testament.
 I give bequeath and devise unto My beloved Wife
 Mary E. Melton all My Property and Estate
 Real Personal and Mixed of every kind
 wherever found or situated and appoint
 her My sole executrix herof without Bond
 Surety or undertaking
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and
 seal this May the 23rd A.D. 1904

Witness

W. J. Watts
M. A. Williams

J. M. Melton

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