

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

Case Number 2823

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## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Citival Crookston Deceased:

H. E. Crookston has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said Citival Crookston 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 November A. D. 1905, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate shall appear and contest said Application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS, FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this 20 day of Sept, A. D. 1905

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By

R. H. Lee

Deputy

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No. 3886

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

*William A. Crookston*

Deceased

Notice of Application for Pro-  
bate of Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 20 day of *Sept* A. D. 1905

*Recorded* FRANK S. SHANKS  
County Clerk

By *A. H. Lee* Deputy

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND The

*280*

day of

*Sept*

A. D. 1905 and executed

the *20* day of

*Sept*

A. D. 1905, by posting up three copies of this Will

at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House door of said County, and no two of which were in the same town or city.

*Paul H. Coe*

By

*James Smith*

Deputy

*W. P. Reddick*  
Sheriff, Dallas County

ESTATE OF CELINA A CROOKSTON : ENTERED AS OF NOVEMBER 7th, 1905

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DEC'D :

On this day came on to be heard the application of Harry E. Crookston for the probate of a certain instrument in writing purporting and alleged to be the last will and testament of Celina A. Crookston, deceased.

And said application being heard and duly considered and it appearing to the Court that due and legal Notice of said application has been given as required by law, and no objection thereto offered, And it further appearing to the Court from the written testimony of George C. Young one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, that said Celina A. Crookston died in Dallas County, Texas, on the 19th day of December 1903, that she executed said instrument now produced in open Court in the presence of the said George C. Young and J.D. Bright subscribing witnesses on the 3 day of August 1901, and declared the same to be her last will and testament: that at the time of the execution of said will as aforesaid; said testator was over the age of 21 years, and of sound mind, and that each of said witnesses were at the time over 14 years of age, and that said will was never revoked by said testator: that said witness subscribed said will in the presence of and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other.

It is considered by the Court that said instrument be, and the same is now adjudged to be the last will and testament of said Celina A. Crookston deceased and that said will and the application for the probate thereof and all the testimony in this case be recorded in the Minutes of this Court.

It is further ordered that H.E.Crookston be and he is hereby appointed Executor of said will without bond, as directed in said will, and that the Clerk issue to him letters testamentary in accordance herewith when he shall have taken the oath as required by law, it is further ordered that C.Collins, John Spellman and Chas.L Holland be and they are hereby appointed<sup>to</sup>/appraise the estate of said Decedent.

Entered December 5th, 1905.

Recorded in Vol. "U", Page 557 Probate Minutes,DCT

No. \_\_\_\_\_ PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of Dallas | Belvia A. Crookston Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of Belvia A. Crookston Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court George C. Young

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 Belvia A. Crookston

deceased, during her lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about fifteen years

before her death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as her last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1900

and bearing date on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August A.D. 1901, was made by the deceased

on said last named date at her residence in Dallas, Texas in presence of myself George C. Young and J. D. Bright

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 she declared the said

Will so made by her to be her Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness, together with J. D. Bright at the request of the said testator,

in her presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said instrument was 65 years & years of age; the said Celina

A. Crookston departed this life on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1902

about 65 years of age two year after making said Will, in the County of Dallas

in the State of Texas, where and at which time her residence and principal estate was situated.

Geo. C. Young

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1905, in open court.

J. R. Harris Clerk

County Court, Dallas County, Texas.

By B. F. Cullum Deputy

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No. 3856

# PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Dallas*

*November* Term, 1905

ESTATE OF

*Belvia A. Crookston*  
Deceased

FILED

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 190

AND RECORDED

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 190

In the Probate Minutes of

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

NOV 7 1905

County Clerk

By *J. J. Cullom*

Deputy

RECORDED *9-73*  
*Miss Beard*

CORSEY & CO. PRINTERS



# INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

*Belvia A. Crookston, deceased*

1. Lots 9, 10 + 11 in Thevenet's Addition to the City of Dallas and in Block 1126 according to the Murphy & Bolau's Official Map of the City of Dallas of the value of \$2000.00
2. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 and 50 feet off of the South Side of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in Block N<sup>o</sup> 3 of D. L. Richardson's Add to the City of Dallas of the value of \$6000.00

No. 5856

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Helmas A. Crookston

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

20 day of November 1905

J. R. Thomas

County Clerk,

Deputy.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 20 day of Nov 1905

Wm. A. Finley

County Judge

Jesse Williamson, Printer, Dallas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, H. E. Crookston Executor

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, and that he will faithfully perform the duties as such executor.

H. E. Crookston

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1905

Victor H. Herdies Chief County Court,  
Notary Public, Dallas Co., Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

G. Collins and G. L. Holland

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.

G. Collins  
G. L. Holland

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1905

Victor H. Herdies Chief County Court,  
Notary Public, Dallas Co., Texas

Victor H. Hexter,  
Attorney-At-Law,  
NORTH TEXAS BUILDING,  
Dallas, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS.

TO THE HON. H. E. LIVELY, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:-

Petitioner, Harry E. Crookston, a resident of Dallas County, Texas, hereby makes application for the probate of the will of Celina A. Crookston, deceased, and would show unto your honor as follows, to-wit:

1st. That said Celina A. Crookston died in the City of Dallas, County and State aforesaid, on the 29th day of December, 1902.

2nd. That at the time of her death she was the owner and holder of certain real estate in the City of Dallas, said County and State, of the probable value of \$2500.00.

3rd. By the terms of said will, which is hereto annexed and prayed to be considered a part hereof, your petitioner was named as independent executor of the estate of the decedent.

4th. Petitioner would show unto your honor that he is not disqualified by law from accepting letters of administration as provided for by said will.

Premises considered, Plaintiff prays that notice of the filing of this petition be given as required by law and that on hearing hereof the will of said Celina A. Crookston be admitted to probate and that he be permitted to qualify as such independent executor.

Victor H. Hexter  
Attorney for Petitioner.

Harry E. Crookston  
Petitioner.

County of Dallas :

Know all men by these presents that I, Mrs Celina A. Crookston being in sound health and sound in mind but knowing that life is uncertain and desiring to formally and finally dispose of such property as I may be possessed of at the time of my death, and of finally disposing of all my earthly possession do by these presents make constitute and publish this my last will and testament , hereby annulling and revoking any and all wills that may have been made by me at any time previous to this date.

1st : I will bequith and give to my son Harry E . Crookston any and all property whether real , personal or equitable, that I may die possessed of being all the property that I now have and that I may hereafter acquire to be his in fee simple to have and dispose of as he may deem best .

2nd:

I Appoint my beloved son Harry E . Crookston executor of this my will and desire that he probate this my will and that the county court of Dallas County of such county as this will may be probated in have no further jurisdiction of my estate other than probating this will and that my said executor be not required to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties as executor and that the probate court take no further action in my estate other than probating this will .

3rd

It is my desire that my executor pay such debts as I may owe at the time of my death including that of my last sickness and fuberal expenses .

4th:

Having already given to my beloved daughter all that I desire her to have of my estate , I hereby give to her only the sum of five Dollars which shall be paid to her by my executor , this bequest being to Mrs Alie E. Barnes formerly Mrs Alie E. Richardson .

5th:

Witness my hand and signature at Dallas Texas this the 32 day of August . 1901 .

Witnesses :

*Geo. L. Young*  
*J. B. [unclear]*

*Mrs Celina A. Crookston*

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DALLAS  
COUNTY, TEXAS.

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF C. A. CROOKSTON,  
DECEASED.

APPLICATION OF HARRY E.  
CROOKSTON FOR PROBATE OF WILL OF  
CELINA A. CROOKSTON, DECEASED.

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Victor H. Hester,  
Attorney At Law,  
DALLAS, TEXAS