

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

Case Number 2847

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The State of Texas & Be it known that  
Leventy Johnson & John Conway  
of the City of Dallas State of  
Texas being over twenty one  
years of age and of sound mind  
and of disposing memory  
do make and constitute this  
my last will and testament  
and hereby revoking all  
other wills heretofore

made by me

Item First

I give and bequeath to each of  
my brothers, three in number,  
Eugene, Fulton and Milton  
Fitzhugh Conway five hundred  
dollars in money to be paid by  
my Executors herein after  
named, at any time within  
twelve months after this  
will is probated

Item Second

I give and bequeath to Roberta  
Conway my niece and John  
Eugene Conway my nephew  
each five hundred dollars  
in money to be paid by my  
Executors herein after named  
at any time within twelve  
months after this will is  
probated

Item Third

I do recognize and here declare that  
all property which has been  
acquired by me and my  
present wife Sammie Conway  
in which the title has been  
taken in my name shall be  
considered to be community of my  
self and my said wife and I  
hereby give and bequeath my  
half of said community property  
to our little daughter Jordan  
Conway provided we have no  
other child or children at  
my death but should I and  
my said wife have another  
child or children living at  
my death then I give and  
bequeath same to such children  
as we may have living at my  
death share & share alike  
subject to the payment of the  
bequests named in items one  
and two of this will

Item Fourth

I give and bequeath to our  
little daughter Jordan Conway  
all my interest in what is  
known as the Conway place  
some six or seven miles below  
the town of Fredericksburg in  
the County of Caroline in the  
State of Virginia which

is known as Mount Zion

place is known as Mount Lion  
This bequest is made subject  
to the right of my brother  
Fulton Conway having the  
use of my part of the  
Mansion house on said  
place for a home in case he  
should desire to live in  
and occupy same as a home and  
also the right to cultivate  
or have cultivated for his  
support forty acres of my  
part of said place in case  
he makes his home on said  
place. But should ~~our~~  
little daughter Gordon be  
dead at my death then I  
give and bequeath said  
Mount Lion place to such  
child or children I may  
have living at my death  
shall and should a like subject  
however to the same burden  
in favor of my brother Fulton  
Conway as it would be if  
Gordon was living at my  
death. But in case I should  
not have any child or children  
surviving me then I give and  
bequeath said Mount Lion place  
to all of my brothers who may be living  
at my death. But should I have

no brother or brothers living at  
my death then I give and  
bequeath said Mount Zion  
place to any or all of my nephews  
by blood who may be living at  
my death share and share  
a like. But should I have no  
nephews by blood living at my  
death then I give and bequeath  
said Mount Zion place to  
any or all single or unmarried  
nieces by blood who are living  
at my death and if I have none  
then I give said Mount Zion  
place to any or all of my  
married nieces by blood  
who are living at my death  
share and share alike

Item Fifth

I hereby appoint and constitute  
my beloved wife, Tommie Conway  
my sole executrix of this my  
will. And I hereby direct that she  
shall administer my estate  
out side of and independent  
of the Probate Court and that  
the Probate Court shall have  
nothing to do with my estate  
except to probate this will and  
to receive an inventory and  
appraisal of my estate and  
record same

I do further direct that no bond

And I further direct that no bond  
shall be required of my said  
Executrix

Item Six

I hereby appoint my beloved  
wife Tommie G. Conway  
guardian of the Estate of our  
daughter Gordon Conway  
or any other child or children  
we may have living at my death  
and that no bond shall be  
required of her as guardian  
of the Estate of our said daughter  
or of any other child or children  
we may have living at my  
death so long as my said  
wife shall remain single  
and unmarried; but in case  
she should marry after my  
death then in that case her  
power both as Executrix and  
as guardian shall be sus-  
pended & she shall have no power  
over said Estate until she makes  
& files an inventory and  
appraisement of all the property  
and proceeds which has come  
to her hands as such Executrix  
& guardian, in the Probate Court  
in which this will is probated  
and gives bond as guardian  
in the sum of fifteen

thousand dollars to be  
approved by the judge of  
said Court which bond  
with the inventory and  
appraisement shall be  
recorded in the minutes  
of said Court as the  
inventory & appraisement  
& bond in any other case  
of guardian ship in said  
Court and when that is  
done she shall have the  
same power over said  
estate she had before her  
marriage

Item seventh

When this will has been probated  
I hereby empower my said wife  
as executrix of this will and  
as guardian of the estate  
of our child or children  
living at my death to manage  
and control that part of my  
estate which is given to our  
child or children which  
is situated both in the state  
of Texas as fully as I could  
do if I was living so far as selling  
some & investing some for the  
use & benefit of said child or  
children

W. T. [unclear] my hand this day  
April 1901



W. T. [unclear] my hand this day  
of March A.D. 1901  
Signed in the presence of  
and witnessed by  
John C. Conway  
John C. Conway  
John C. Conway  
M. L. Daniels

3907

will

FILED

*[Handwritten signature]*  
RECORDING & INDEXING CO. OF TEXAS  
DALLAS, TEXAS

RECORDED 9-95

Will Record

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *John C. Conway* Deceased:

*Louise Conway* has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said *John C. Conway* 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*6*, 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 *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* A. D. 190*6*

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By

*R. H. Lee*  
Deputy

Original 23  
No. 3907

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

John C. Conway

Deceased

Notice of Application for Pro-  
bate of Will and Letters

~~ISSUED~~

This 17 day of July A. D. 1906  
FRANK R. SHANKS,  
County Clerk

By R. W. Lee Deputy

Recorded 8-28

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND The 17th day of July A. D. 1906, and executed  
the 18 day of July A. D. 1906, by posting up three copies of this Writ  
at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House, Room 400 of said County, and no two of  
which were in the same town or city.

Costing 30 copies \$3.00

By James North Sheriff, Dallas County  
Deputy

A. J. Roberts

No. 3907

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of

Dallas

Geo Conway

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of

Geo Conway

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court

H. S. Hall

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

Geo Conway

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about

21 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

17 day of July

A.D. 1906

and bearing date on the

day of March

A.D. 1901, was made by the deceased

on said last named date at

Cleburne

in presence of myself

and

M L Daniels

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

M. L. Hall

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 45

years of age; the said

Geo Conway

departed this life on the

12 day of July

A.D. 1906

about

5 Years

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.

H. S. Hall

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of March A.D. 1906 in open court.

J R Shanks

Clerk

County Court, Dallas, County, Texas.

By

A. H. Lee

Deputy

No. *3907*

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Dallas*

Term, 190

ESTATE OF

*Jos C Conway*  
Deceased

FILED

The *15* day of *Mich* A.D. 190*6*

AND RECORDED

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

in the Probate Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_

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

*J A Shaudt*  
County Clerk

By *R H Lee* Deputy

RECORDED *4-98*  
*Mich Record*

In the matter of the Estate of  
J. C. Conway, Deceased.

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In the County Court of  
Dallas County, Texas.

I, Mrs. *J. J.* Conway, do solemnly swear that the writing which has been offered for probate is the last will of J. C. Conway, deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will truly perform all the duties of independent executrix of said will.

*Mrs. J. J. Conway*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15 day of March, 1906.

*Quinn Liddens*

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

No 3907

In the matter of the  
Estate of J. S. Conway  
deceased

Oath of Independent  
Executrix -  
Mrs J. S. Conway

Filed Feb 15, 1906  
J. R. Shanks CLW  
By R. H. Lee Deputy

Recorded 4-108

Grand Record



In the matter of the estate  
of John C. Conway, deceased.

In the Probate Court of  
Dallas County, Texas.

Now at this time comes Tommie J. Conway and makes this application for the probate of the last will of John C. Conway, said will being hereto attached and made a part of this application, and would show:

1. That the testator John C. Conway is dead; that he departed this life in Dallas County, Texas, on the 12th day of January, 1906.
2. That John C. Conway was at the time of his death and had been several years prior thereto a resident citizen of Dallas County, Texas, and that a large part of his estate consisting of real and personal property is situated in Dallas County, Texas.
3. That the estate of John C. Conway consists of real and personal property of the probable value of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars.
4. That your applicant Tommie J. Conway is a resident citizen of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, and is the wife of John C. Conway, deceased; that she is named as the sole and independent executrix in the will and said will provides that she shall be appointed sole and independent executrix without bond and that this Court shall have no further jurisdiction over the estate other than to probate this will, receive and cause to be filed an inventory and appraisement of his estate.
4. That your applicant is over the age of twenty-one years and is not disqualified by law from accepting letters as independent executrix,

Wherefore your applicant prays that citation be issued as required by law, that upon hearing she be appointed independent executrix without bond of said last will and testament of said John C. Conway, and that she be granted letters as independent executrix qualifying and empowering her to carry out the terms and conditions of the will.

Tommie J. Conway Applicant.

Thos L. Cause  
Attorney for Applicant.

*No 3907*

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF JOHN C. CONWAY,  
DECEASED.

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APPLICATION FOR PROBATE  
OF WILL.  
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**FILED**

JAN 27 1978  
FRANK J. [unclear]  
BY *[Signature]*

*Recorded 9/138*

INVENTORY and APPRAISEMENT

OF THE COMMUNITY PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE  
ESTATE OF J. C. CONWAY, DECEASED.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Description.	Value.
1. Six hundred shares of capital stock of the Conway-Craig Lumber Company of the par value of \$100.	<i>\$6000.00</i>
2. Household and kitchen furniture -	<i>700.00</i>

REAL ESTATE, Separate Property.

A tract of land and improvements thereon known as The Conway Place six or seven miles below Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia and commonly known as Mount Zion.	<i>\$4000.00</i>
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REAL ESTATE, Community Property.

Description.	Value.
1st Tract. Eighty acres of land in Johnson County, Texas, near the town of Cleburne, part of the A. McAnear survey known as the James Bonner farm.	<i>4000.00</i>
2nd Tract. Undivided one-half interest in the east one-half of lot 7 Block 16 in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, on which there is standing a two story brick building known as the Frymier Building.	<i>1500.00</i>
3rd Tract. The middle third of Block 8 in Willbank's Addition to the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, being a lot 56 $\frac{2}{3}$ feet frontage by 210 feet deep.	<i>1000.00</i>
4th Tract. A lot in the town of Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas, being a corner lot and heretofore deeded by W. W. Majors to J. C. Conway.	<i>500.00</i>

5th Tract. Fifteen lots in the city of Velasco,  
County of Brazoria, Texas, more particularly described  
as follows: Lots 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 in Block 552;  
lots 6 and 7 in Block 600; lots 13 and 14 in Block 504;  
lot 17 in Block 510; lot 16 in Block 4; lot 10 in  
Block 18.

\$1000.00

500.00

6th Tract. Lot 1 in Block 1 in the town of  
Emerson in Collin County, Texas, per map duly recorded.

Mrs. J. C. Conway  
Executrix.

J. J. [unclear]  
Arthur Adams  
H. H. [unclear]  
Appraisers.

State of Texas,  
County of Dallas.

I, Mrs. J. C. Conway, executrix, of the above  
named estate do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and  
complete inventory of the property, real and personal, belonging to said  
estate that has come to my knowledge.

Mrs. J. C. Conway

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 1906.

Francis [unclear]  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

State of Texas,  
County of Dallas.

Before the undersigned authority on this day personally  
appeared - H. J. Wall & J. J. [unclear] and Arthur Adams  
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 appraisal of the property pointed out to them as belonging to  
said estate.

J. J. [unclear]  
Arthur Adams  
H. H. [unclear]

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of March, 1906.

H. L. [unclear]  
Notary Public Dallas Co. Tex

No 3907

In the matter of the  
Estate of J.C. Conway  
deceased

Inventory & Appraisement

A. P. Shanks, Clerk  
By R. H. Lee, Deputy

Nov. 15. 06.  
Examined and  
approved -  
Hiram F. Gandy  
Cofudge

RECORDED 9-11

Inv & Appr Record

FILED

MAR 15 1906

FRANK B. HAMILTON, Co. Clerk

R. H. Lee

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