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The State of Texas }

Dallas County }

I, Bettie C. Meredith
Widow, of the State and county aforesaid,
being in reasonable bodily health and of
sound mind, calling to mind the frailty
and uncertainty of life, and being desirous
of settling my worldly affairs and directing
the disposition of the small estate with which
it has pleased God to bless me, after my
death, do hereby make and publish this
my last will and testament, revoking all
others heretofore made in whole or in part
written or oral.

First, I hereby constitute Thomas M. Meredith
to be executor of this my last will, direct-
ing him to pay all my just debts and
funeral expenses out of my estate, and
it is my will that no bond shall be
required of my said executor by the
Probate Court and that no further ac-
tion shall be taken in the Probate
Court except to probate and record this
will and return an inventory of my
estate. And for the purpose of lessening ex-
penses I request my said executor to act
without compensation.

Second, After the payment of my said debts
and funeral expenses, which latter I desire to
be managed without unnecessary extravagance
or display, I will and bequest unto my son
Thomas M. Meredith all of my interest in
my homestead containing ninety (90) acres of
land situated in Dallas County State of

Texas about seven miles east of the city of Dallas and about three quarters of a mile north west from Orphans Home post office, and eighty (80) acres of wood land in the post oak about three miles northward from Riley Prairie post office. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in the presence of H. P. Poynter and R. S. Ellis, witnesses to this transaction. Dated Orphans Home, Texas January 15th 1897. Bessie C. Meredith. + Her mark

Witnessed by {

R. S. Ellis
H. P. Poynter

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will X=3821

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JUL 24 1906

FRANK P. SPARKS, Co. Clerk
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

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Miss Record

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Betty Meredith* Deceased:

J. M. Meredith has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said *Betty C Meredith* 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 *Sept* A. D. 190*5* 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 *24* day of *July* A. D. 190*5*

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By

[Signature]

Deputy

EXECUTOR'S BOND.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } Estate of _____
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, _____ 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 _____ 190_____

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for Probate is the last Will of *Betty C Meredith* deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said Will.

J. M. Meredith

Sworn to and subscribed to before me, this *24* day of *Sept* 190*5*

W. A. Hudson
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

By

Deputy.

No. 3821
COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY,
EXECUTOR'S ^{Oath} BOND.

ESTATE OF
Bettie C. Meredith
Dec'd

Filed Sept 9 1905
FRANK R. SHANKS, Clerk,
By R.H. Lee Deputy.

Approved _____ day of _____
1905

County Judge, Dallas County.

WILLIAMS & DELAY, PRINTERS, DALLAS.
Recorded 4-84
Bond Rec'd

< Original >
No. 3821

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

Bettie C. Meredith

Deceased

Notice of Application for Pro-
bate of Will and Letters

ISSUED

Recorded 8-17
This 24 day of July, A. D. 1905
FRANK R. SHANKS,
County Clerk

By R.H. Lee Deputy

Posting
3 Copies 300

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND THE 24 day of July A. D. 1905, and executed
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.

By Anna Scott Sheriff, Dallas County

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

Bettie C. Meredith

Dea^d

An undivided one half interest
in 90 acres of the D A Badgley
Survey \$4,500.00

An undivided one half interest
in 80 acres of the Joll Roberts
Survey \$600.00

(A)

No. 3821

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF
Bettie Meredith
Dec. 2

Inventory and Appraisement.

Filed
FILED
SEP 10 1905

By *Frank Hudson*
County Clerk.

Deputy

Examined and Approved this

day of *Sept 1905*

Hiram F. Feidy
County Judge.

RECORDED
5-7
Sw. T. H. Rees

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *J. M. Meredith, 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.

J. M. Meredith

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the *5* day of *Sept* A. D. *1905*

W. A. Hudson, Notary Public
Clerk County Court,

Dallas By *County, Texas* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared

W. J. Lanham, J. S. Lanham & J. D. Herndon

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 Appraisalment of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said estate.

W. J. Lanham

J. D. Herndon

J. S. Lanham

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the *4th* day of *Sept* A. D. *1905*

W. A. Hudson Clerk County Court.

Notary Public Dallas Co Texas Deputy.

The State of Texas } To the Probate Court of
County of Dallas } Dallas Co Texas.

To the Hon. Hiram F. Lively, Judge of said Court.
Your petitioner J. M. Meredith re-
spectfully shows to the Court-

That his mother Bettie C Meredith died
testate in Dallas Co Texas on the day
of Feby. 1905, leaving an Estate in
Dallas County, Texas, consisting of an
undivided interest in real estate of the
probable value of \$5000⁰⁰.

That by the terms of said will ^{who resides in said County} your petitioner
was appointed Executor without bond
and that your petitioner is not disqualified
by law from accepting letters.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that
citation issue as required by law and upon
hearing hereof said will be admitted to
probate and your petitioner be appointed
Executor &c and he will ever pray-

W A Hudson
Atty for petitioner

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no

Estate of
Betty C. Meredith
Deed

Application to
Probate Will

FILED

JUL 24 1905

FRANK R. SHAW, Co. Clerk
BY *R. H. [Signature]* DEPUTY.

Recorded

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W. A. [Signature]
Att'y for Plaintiff

Estate of
Bettie C. Meredith } Sept 5 - 1905 -

Decd } This day came on to be heard the petition of J. M. Meredith for the probate of a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Meredith, deceased, now produced in open court and for letters Testamentary thereon; and upon hearing the testimony of H. P. Poyuter and R. S. Ellis subscribing witnesses to said will, a statement of which is filed with the papers in this case, and it further appearing that due and legal notice of the filing of said application has been given and no objection thereto has been made.

It is adjudged and decreed by the Court that said will of the said Bettie C. Meredith decd, is hereby proved and established as the last will of said decedent, and it is ordered that the same be recorded together with the testimony aforesaid and it is further ordered that letters Testamentary thereon be issued to the said J. M. Meredith upon his taking the oath prescribed by law, no bond being required under said will.

It is further ordered that H. J. Lanham, J. S. Lanham and J. D. Herndon be and are hereby appointed to view and appraise the property belonging to said Estate and due report make to this Court as the law directs.

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Estate of

Betty C Meredith
Hess

Judgment Probating
Will

In open Court personally appeared
R S Ellis, a credible person, who, being
duly sworn upon his oath says:
That he was personally well acquaint-
ed with Bettie C. Meredith in her life-
time; that she died in Dallas Co. Texas
on the day of Febr'y 1905; That at the
time of the execution of the will now here
produced for probate said Bettie C. Meri-
dith was more than 21 years of age
and was of sound mind; That said
Testatrix signed said will by making
her mark thereto in the presence of this
affiant and H. P. Poynter, the other
subscribing witness thereto, and said
Testatrix requested affiant and said
Poynter to sign said will as witnesses
thereto in her presence and in the
presence of each other all of which
was accordingly done - That testatrix
name was Elizabeth C. Meredith, com-
monly called Bettie - That she had lived
in Dallas County, Texas, for many years
and died therein, leaving an estate con-
sisting principally of lands situated
in said County - That at the time of
witnessing said will affiant and
said H. P. Poynter were each more
than 14 years of age - That said will has never
been revoked by the testatrix R S. Ellis
juror to subscribed before me in open
Court this 5th day of Sept. A. D. 1905

J. P. Thayer Clerk
By R. H. Lee Dy

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Estate of
Bettie C Meredith
Deed

Proof of Will
By R. S. Ellis

FILED

SEP 5 1906
FRANK J. HANNEY, CLERK
BY *R. H. Lee*

RECORDED *4-67*
Will Record

In open Court personally appeared H. P. Poynter, a credible person, who being duly sworn upon his oath says:

That he was personally well acquainted with Bettie C. Meredith, who died in Dallas Co Texas on the day of Feby 1905, leaving an estate consisting principally of lands in said County; That at the time of the execution of the will now here produced for probate said Bettie C. Meredith was more than 21 years of age and was of sound mind; That affiant and R. S. Ellis signed said will as witnesses at the request of Testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other; That Testatrix signed said will by making her mark thereto in the presence of affiant and said Ellis; That said will has never been ^{by the Testatrix} revoked; That Testatrix name was Elizabeth C. Meredith, commonly called Bettie. That at the time of witnessing said will affiant and R. S. Ellis were each more than 14 years of age -

H. P. Poynter

Given to & subscribed in open Court
this 5th day of Sept 1905 -

J. R. Shanks Clerk
By R. W. Lee Dy

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Estate of
Betty C. Meredith
Widow

Proof of Will
By H.P. Sawyer

FILED

SEP 5 1966

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT

H.P. Sawyer

RECORDED 9-66
Will Record