

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

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EXECUTOR'S BOND.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of *Neville Sparks*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, \_\_\_\_\_ *Deed*  
as Principal, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for Probate is the last Will of  
*Neville Sparks* 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 *23* day of *May* 190*6*

*John W. Sparks*  
*F. R. Shanks*  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters

Furners' Printing Co., Dallas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Neville Sparks* Deceased:

*John W. Sparks* has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of  
Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said *Neville Sparks*  
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 *May* 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 *12* day of *March* A. D. 190*6*

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy

No. 3932  
COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.  
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EXECUTOR'S BOND.

ESTATE OF  
*Neville Sparks*  
*Deed*

Filed May 23 1906  
FRANK R. SHANKS, Clerk,  
By R. H. Lee Deputy.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
190\_\_\_\_.  
County Judge, Dallas County.

WILLIAMSON & DELAY, PRINTERS, DALLAS.

*W. H. 300*

By A. J. Bell  
Sheriff Dallas County  
Deputy

CAME TO HAND THE 12 day of March A. D. 1906, and executed  
the 15 day of March 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 door of said County, and  
no two of which were in the same town or city.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

*Original* <sup>33</sup>  
No. 3932

In the County Court

ESTATE OF  
*Neville Sparks*

Deceased

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 12 day of March, D. 1906  
FRANK R. SHANKS,  
County Clerk

By R. H. Lee Deputy

*300*

# 3932

Estate of Neville Sparks, } In Probate Court, Dallas  
Decd } County, Texas, May Term 1906.  
May 17th 1906.

On this day this Estate being called came on to be heard the application of John W. Sparks to probate the last will and testament of Neville Sparks, deceased, and it appearing to the Court that due and legal notice of the filing of said will has been given and returned in the time required by law; that no protest to the same has been filed; that this Court has jurisdiction of said estate; that the testator executed the will with the formalities and solemnity and circumstances required by law to make it a valid will; that the same has not been revoked; that the will offered for probate is the last will and testament of the said Neville Sparks, deceased, and proven by credible witnesses in open Court; it is therefore the order of this Court that the said will be admitted to probate and that the said will, with the proof in support of the same, be entered of record and that the said John W. Sparks be, and he is, hereby confirmed executor of the said will of the said Neville Sparks, deceased, without bond, and the clerk of this Court is hereby directed to issue letters testamentary to the said John W. Sparks when he shall have qualified by taking the oath as required by law, and it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that Carter Roberts, J. W. Anderson and B. E. Hendricks, be, and they are hereby appointed appraisers to return an inventory and appraisement of the property belonging to the estate of the said decedent into this Court.

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Est. Neville Sparks,  
Reid.

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Order of the Court  
Probating Will.

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O. K.  
H. F. Lewis  
C. Judge

Book V. 181

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No. 3932

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of Dallas

Neville Sparks

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of Neville Sparks Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court A.S. Wells

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 Neville Sparks

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about Five 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y A.D. 1906

and bearing date on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y A.D. 1905, was made by the deceased

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

A.S. Wells and Leonard Sparks

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 Leonard Sparks 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 more than 21 years of age; the said Neville

Sparks departed this life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. A.D. 1905

about Six (6) 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.

A.S. Wells.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of May A.D. 1906 in open court.

J.R. Shanks Clerk

County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By R.W. Lee Deputy

No. \_\_\_\_\_

# PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Term, 190 \_\_\_\_\_

ESTATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDED

*9.14.14*  
*Will Recd*

PROBATE CLERK



The State of Texas | In the County Court Dallas County, Texas.  
County of Dallas | Sitting for Probate Purposes.

To the Honorable Hiram F. Lively, Judge of said Court:-

Your petitioner, John W. Sparks, respectfully shows to the Court :-

1. That he resides in Dallas County, Texas, and that on the 2nd day of Sept, A.D.1905, Neville Sparks, who was the father of your petitioner, died in said Dallas County, Texas and at the time of his death, and for a long time prior thereto had his domicile in said Dallas County, Texas.

2. That at the time of his death the said Neville Sparks was seized and possessed of real estate and personal property of the probable value of \$1500.00 and left a written will duly executed and herewith filed in which your petitioner was appointed Executor without bond.

3. That there is necessity for an administration upon the estate of the said Neville Sparks, who at the time of his death, was indebted to various persons in sums of money, the exact amount of which is unknown to your petitioner and that there are various other matters and things to be done in and about the estate of said Neville Sparks that necessitates the appointment of your petitioner as Executor of said will.

4. That your petitioner is not disqualified by law from receiving letters testamentary.

Wherefore, premises considered, your petitioner prays that citation be issued to all parties interested in said estate as required by law; that said will be admitted to probate and that letters testamentary be issued to your petitioner and that such other and further orders be made as to the Court may seem right and proper.

McCauley & Wells.

Attys for Petitioner.

County of Dallas

In the name of GOD, AMEN.

I, Nevielle Sparks, of the State and County, aforesaid, being weak in body, and of sound mind, memory and understanding; but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make, publish and declare this, my last will and testament, in the manner and form following, towit:

First. It is my will, and I do order, that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Sparks, all the personal property of which I may die seized and possessed.

Third. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Sparks, my beloved daughters Lizzie Thornton, Ida Hendrix, Ellen Tolliver, Annie G. Sparks, Hattie G. Sparks, Emma Sparks and Willie Sparks, and my beloved sons, John W. Sparks, Henry Sparks and Simon Sparks share and share alike to all the real estate of which I may be possessed at the time of my death, and I hereby order and direct that my executor sell all of said property as soon as practicable after my demise and that the said executor divide the money accruing from the sale aforesaid equally between such of my heirs as may be at the time of said sale of age and he, the executor herein is hereby ordered and instructed to hold in Trust the shares belonging to the heirs who may not be of age at the time of the sale aforesaid until their majority has been reached.

Fourth. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint John W. Sparks my beloved son, sole executor of this my last will and testament, without bond and I further direct that no legal proceedings be had upon this will other than the probate thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name this, the 25th day of February, A.D. 1905.

Nevielle Sparks  
Mark

Signed, published and declared by the above named Nevielle Sparks,  
as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who,  
at his special instance and request, have signed the same as witnesses  
in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Witnesses.

Ad. Wells  
Leonard Sparks

In Re Estate of  
Neville Sparks, Deceased.

Application of John W. Sparks  
for Probate of last will and  
testament.

RECORDED 91-143  
Will Record

Recorded 9/11/12

~~FILED~~

~~JAN 20 1916~~

~~FRANK B. SMITH, CLERK~~

FILED

FEB 15 1916

FRANK B. SMITH, CLERK

*J. J. Stuffer*

*Mc Carley & Wells  
attys for Applicant*

Estate Neville Sparks, Deid } In Prose Court,  
John H. Sparks, Ex'ts. } Dallas County, Texas.

All inventory and appraisement of the property  
belonging to the estate of Neville Sparks, Deid.

All undivided one-half interest in and to  
80 acres of land out of the Jo Gooe 3 League  
Grant and a part of the Ballowald Mill  
place on Pearson's Creek in Grimes  
County, Texas. of the value of

\$25.00 per acre \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00

A policy in the Grand Lodge American Knights  
of Liberty which purports to be of the  
value of \_\_\_\_\_ 1000.00

One span of Mules \_\_\_\_\_ 250.00

One horse \_\_\_\_\_ 75.00

One farm wagon \_\_\_\_\_ 40.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$2365.00

W. C. Roberts  
{ B. C. Hendricks

The State of Texas } I, John H. Sparks, Executor  
County of Dallas } 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.

John H. Sparks, Ex't.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 1906.

A.S. Wells  
Notary Public,  
Dallas County, Texas.



The State of Texas }  
County of Dallas } Before the undersigned  
authority, this day personally appeared  
N.C. Roberts, B.E. Hendricks appraisers  
of the above named Estate, heretofore appoint-  
ed by the Court, and each being duly  
sworn, say that the above and foregoing  
is a just and true appraisement of the  
property pointed out to them as belonging  
to said Estate.

N.C. Roberts  
B.E. Hendricks

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, A.D. 1906.

A.S. Wells  
Notary Public,  
Dallas County, Texas.

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Estate Neville Sparks,  
Decd.

Inventory and  
Appraisement.

John W. Sparks Exr.

FILED

JUL 28 1906

FRANK E. SHARPS, So. Work.

W. B. Wulden

Deputy

July 28. 06.

Examined and  
approved

Hiram P. Kirby

Co. Judge

RECORDED 7-115

Outstaff Room