

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

Case Number 415

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State of Texas In County Court of Dallas County  
County of Dallas At its sitting term of 1863  
to the Honorable Judge Patterson Chief  
Justice of the County Court of Dallas County  
Notice is given to all petitioners who have  
the under named sum of the Stock belonging  
to your honor that sum of the Stock belonging  
to the Estate of J. M. Moore that was awarded  
to be sold on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1863 stand before  
the sale and has since been paid and your  
petitioner would ask of your Honor to grant him  
a order to sell them on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863  
on a credit of ten months your petitioner  
will ever pray they the 19<sup>th</sup> 1863  
John Wm. Kemp Admin  
of J. M. Moore Deced

Notice

William Mc Kemp has filed in my office his Petition  
praying for Letters of Administration of the Estate  
of Francis M. Moore late of Dallas County deceased,  
this is therefore to notify all persons interested to come  
forward at the next term of the County Court to be  
holders at the Court House in the Town of Dallas on  
the last Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863 and  
contest the same if they think proper, Dallas Texas  
March 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Geo. P. Davis, Clerk, Co. Ct. & Co. Tex.

As Jas. P. Thomas Lupton A.R.

State of Texas  
County of Dallas In County Court at its  
June term 1866 to the Honorable  
J. A. Bledsoe Judge Presiding of the County Court  
of Dallas County the undersigned Administrator of  
the Estate of Francis M. Moore deceased hold  
asked of your Honor that the cause of said Moore's  
estate be continued to the September term  
of said court for a final showing and oblige  
yours This June the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866  
Wm. W. Kemp Adm'r of  
J. M. Moore Deced

The State of Texas In County Court  
County of Dallas March Term 1863,

To the Hon. J. M. Patterson City Justice Tex  
The undersigned authority, would respectfully  
represent to your Hon. That there is personal  
property belonging to the estate of F. M. Moore  
deceased to go to waste, and that there is  
outstanding debts against said estate —  
and that it is necessary to sell the personal  
property belonging to said estate — Her  
therefore asks your Hon. to grant  
him an order to sell all the personalty  
belonging to said estate — at the residence  
of Wm. M. Kemp, on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. One half  
of said estate for cash & the remainder  
on credit of 12 months — ~~one month~~  
~~of the month~~ and as in duty  
bound will ever pray Her —  
W. M. Kemp Attest?

The State of Texas.  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

**Final Settlement.**  
WILLIAM M. KEMP, Administrator of  
the estate of F. M. Moore, deceased,  
has died in my office his final account cur-  
rent with said estate, together with his po-  
tition praying for a final discharge. This  
is therefore to direct all persons interested  
to come forward at the September term 18-  
63, of the Probate Court, to be held at the  
Court House in the town of Dallas, on the  
last Monday, the 21st day of September 18-  
63, and contest the same if they think prop-  
er. JAS. P. THOMAS, C. C. D. C. T.  
Sept. 6th 1863 — 51:21\*

Personally appeared before the undersigned authori-  
ty, Wm. M. Simonds —  
one of the publishers of the "DALLAS HERALD," a  
newspaper published in the town of Dallas, County  
and State above named, who makes oath, in due form  
of law, that the advertisement, of which the annexed

is a copy, was published in said newspaper for three successive weeks, commencing on  
the 8th day of September A. D. 1863 by Wm. M. Simonds  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of September A. D. 1863.

Jas. P. Hernandez

Clerk County Court Dallas County, Texas.

The State of Texas, In County Courts  
County of Dallas, March Term A.D. 1863  
To the Hon. J. M. Patterson Chief Justice &c.  
The undersigned your petitioner would respectfully represent to your Hon. Court that on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1863, Francis M. Moore, late of Dallas county died without leaving any lawful will, and left an estate of the probable value of Fifteen Hundred dollars, which is liable to go to waste, the premises considered, your petitioner would ask your Hon. to appoint him Administrator of all and singular the Estate of said decedent, and as in duty bound will ever pray the W. M. Kemp

Marion Sharp done  
dictated & transcribed  
Atkins Publications  
Dallas April 29<sup>th</sup> 1863  
W. M. Kemp Admin  
Sec. 32, Section 10, Article  
D. S. Thomas exec  
Sas. & Thomas exec

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D. M. Sharp 1863  
W. M. Kemp Admin  
Sec. 32, Section 10, Article  
D. S. Thomas exec  
Sas. & Thomas exec

A Sale Bill of a portion of the personalty of the  
Estate of J.M. Moore deceased made on the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of June 1863, on a credit of \$1000.00 (as per  
order of Court) showing the names of the purchasers,  
the animals sold and for what amounts.

Purchaser	Animals	Amount
William E. Bennett	1-year-old horse	\$80.00
George W. Moore	1-1 " grey	<u>60.00</u>
		Total = \$140.00

The State of Texas personally appeared before the  
County of Dallas, undersigned authority before me,  
Administrator of the Estate of J.M. Moore deceased and  
makes oath in due form of law that the foregoing  
is a true and correct sale bill of the Estate of  
J.M. Moore deceased sold on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863  
William W. Kemp Admin.

Sworn to the before me  
this the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1863, Jas. P. Thomas, Supt.  
for Geo. W. Davis Clerk

Mr. M. Neely  
Settling for  
Settler's  
Administration  
of the Estate  
of Francis M. Moore deceased

Filed February 27/83  
as R. Thomas, Supt.

Chancery

Martha Moore  
Administrator  
of the Estate  
of Francis M. Moore deceased

John Day

Recorded

Attest, John Day, 1863

Wm M Kemp, Administrator, ) Probate Court, Dallas County, Texas.

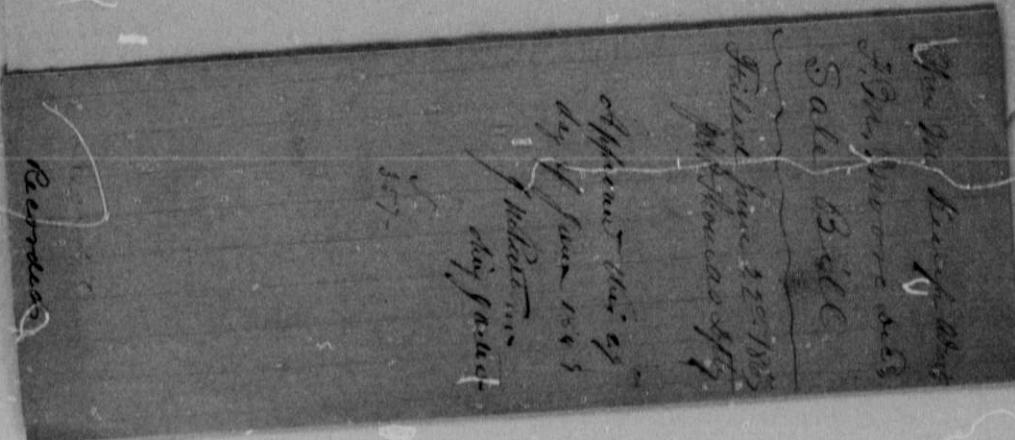
Francis M Moore, Dec'd ; March Term, Monday 30th, 1863.

Now at this time comes Wm M Kemp, and presents to the court his petition heretofore filed, asking that letters of administration be granted to him on the Estate of Francis M Moore, Dec'd, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that legal notice has been given according to law and no one appearing to object: It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that Wm M Kemp be and he is hereby appointed administrator of all and singular the estate of Francis M Moore, Dec'd, upon his entering into bond with approved security as required by law.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that W C Dawdy, Wm Hunnicutt, T B Franks, and J Long be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to appraise the property belonging to the Estate of F M Moore, Dec'd, and return to this court an inventory and appraisement thereof as required by law.

Entered in vol. "E" p. 337, Probate Minutes, Dallas County, Texas.

(swa)



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William M Kemp, Am'r. } In Probate Court, Dallas County, Texas.  
F M Moore, Dece'd } October Term, Monday 29th day, 1866.

Now at this time comes William M Kemp, administrator of the Estate of F M Moore, deceased, and presents to the court his final account current with said estate, properly authenticated, together with his petition praying to be discharged from said trust; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that due and legal notice had been given and that said Estate had been fully administered, and no one appearing to object to the same. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that said final account be and the same is hereby approved and in all things confirmed, and that said administrator be discharged from further liabilities upon his turning over to William T Moore's legal guardian the lands and notes as shown to be still on hand, to wit: 370 acres, and filing the receipts therefor, and paying all costs of court in this cause. It is further ordered by the court that William M Kemp have and recover from the legal guardian of William T Moore the sum of \$25.90, the amount as shown to be advanced in his said final account current with said estate, as the administrator of the Estate of F M Moore, Deceased.

Entered in Vol. "F" page 212, Probate Minutes.

The State of Texas, } County Court Pertaining to Estates,  
Dallas County. } April Term, 1863

To all to whom these Presents may come--Greeting:

Know Ye, That W. M. Kemp as  
principal and G. W. Cox, W. C. Daubey, W. L. Frank  
as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto  
the Chief Justice of the county of Dallas -- in the sum of  
Five Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made unto the said Chief  
Justice, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed with our hands, and sealed with our seals,  
the seals being scrolls, the 3 31<sup>st</sup> day of March

A. D. 1863.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH That whereas the above  
bound William M. Kemp has been appointed  
Administrator of the Estate of J. M. Moore deceased;  
Now, if the said William M. Kemp shall well and truly  
perform all the duties required of him, this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

William M. Kemp SEAL  
G. W. Cox SEAL  
W. C. Daubey SEAL  
W. L. Frank SEAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } ss.  
Dallas County,

W. M. Kemp do solemnly swear that  
J. M. Moore deceased, died without leaving any lawful  
Will, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly perform all the  
duties of Administrator of the Estate of said J. M. Moore deceased,  
W. M. Kemp

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Geo. H. Lawry, Clerk  
County Court of said county, this First -- day of  
April A. D. 1863. Geo. H. Lawry, Clerk

Inventory of the Property belonging to the Estate  
of Factor Moore Deceased

Desert, 160 acre tract of land out of the Headright  
of A. D. Brown valued at five dollars per acre \$800.00  
One 180 acre tract of land out of the Headright  
of John Leaper valued at five dollars per acre \$900.00  
One 80 acre tract of land out of the Headright  
of Wm. Chenault valued at five dollars per acre \$400.00  
 ✓ Two horses at two hundred dollars each \$400.00  
 ✓ One mare at one hundred dollars \$100.00  
 ✓ One mare at one hundred forty dollars \$140.00  
 ✓ Two head two year old colts at 375 dollars each \$750.00  
 ✓ Three two year old colts at \$50.00 each \$150.00  
 ✓ One Plock at \$5.00 \$5.00  
 ✓ One old and bedding at \$10.00 \$10.00  
 ✓ One trunk at \$14.00 \$14.00  
 ✓ One traps kettle at \$3.00 \$3.00  
**\$3054.00**  
**\$3054.00**  
**\$3054.00**

Out of Cash - Total **\$3065.00**

We the undersigned appraisers certify on oath  
that we have valued the above described property to  
the best of our judgment and ability.

W. L. Flannery

Wm. C. Dauby

Personally appeared before W. L. Flannery and  
Wm. C. Dauby who after being by me sworn  
according to law Searched and Oath made that the  
above statement is true and correct this the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of March, 1863. Thos. L. Frank Jr.

W. M. Kemp  
No 300 W. Broad  
Chief Justice

Filed April 1<sup>st</sup> 1863  
W. L. Flannery, Clerk

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of April 1863  
John Patterson  
Chief Justice

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R. Recorded on Apr 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Recorded

The State of Texas Personally appeared before  
County of Dallas, 3<sup>rd</sup> the undersigned & witness  
W<sup>m</sup>. M. Kemp, Deacon Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863  
That the within foregoing Declarant  
a full & complete Inventory & Appre-  
ciant of all the property that has come  
to his knowledge or belief - belonging  
to said Estate - W<sup>m</sup>. M. Kemp  
Sworn to & Subscribed  
before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1863 -  
Geo. H. Davis, Clerk -

W<sup>m</sup>. M. Kemp  
Deacon  
Inventory &  
Appreciant of  
the Estate of  
Dr. M. Monroe and  
wife

Bilie Sherrill W<sup>m</sup>.  
Geo. H. Davis, Clerk  
affixed this 2<sup>d</sup> day  
of April 1863  
of the above  
Inventory

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Monroe on Aug 1863  
Geo. H. Davis, Clerk  
Inventory

Sale Bill of the property belonging  
to the Estate of F. M. Moore deceased

Margret. Walton two Quilt Tops at	\$ 20.00
Laura. Reedy one covered at	\$ 44.25
Margret. Walton two Quilts at	\$ 15.50
Laura. Reedy two Quilts at	\$ 18.00
Hulda. Cox two Quilts at	\$ 7.00
Emily. Beaman one bed spread at	\$ 6.00
Arzaly. Cox two Quilts at	\$ 5.00
Margret. Walton one Quilt at	\$ 2.30
Laura. Reedy one bed and bedding at	\$ 17.50
Arzaly. Cox one Trunk at	\$ 12.50
Arzaly. Cox one Brass Kettle at	\$ 12.00
J. H. Wideman one Turnspit at	\$ 2.50
W. C. Eakum one mare and young colt at \$ 280.	00
G. W. Moore one two year old colt at \$ 150.	00
W. C. Huntress one two year old horse colt at \$ 100.	00
E. Wilson one one year old colt at \$ 65.	00
H. C. Blair one mare at	\$ 140.
Monroe. Leach one mare at	\$ 211.
W. B. Calum one year old mare colt at \$ 108.	00
Samuel. Ford one two year old horse colt. \$ 78	00
Elizabeth Anne. Kemp one mare at	\$ 300.
total amount 1667 50	

We hereby certify that the above is  
a true Sale Bill of the personal Estate of  
Francis. M. Moore Decast this April the 18<sup>th</sup> day 1863

John C. Dawdy, executor  
J. W. Moore Clerk

The State of Texas personally appeared before the  
County of Dallas undersigned authority Wm. W. Kemp  
Administrator ~~successor~~ of the Estate of J. M. Moon <sup>deceased</sup>  
and makes oath in due form of law that the  
within foregoing is a true & correct Bill of  
the Estate of said decedent sold on the 18<sup>th</sup> April  
1863,

Wm. W. Kemp Admr

Swear to & subscribed before me.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1863 —

J.W. Thomas Deputy Clerk  
for Geo. W. Laws Clerk

M.W. M.W.

1304 25  
548.73  
25.14.50  
806.23  
18.59.50

1854.50  
548.73  
1310.77  
1850.00  
816.23  
—650.23  
3769.50  
806.23  
2703.27  
3749.50  
3656.23  
1403.67

W. W. Kemp Adm.  
of the Estate of  
J. M. Moon <sup>deceased</sup>,  
No. 3  
Sale Bill —

Filed May 5<sup>th</sup> 1863 —

J.W. Thomas Deputy  
Clerk of the County of Dallas  
for Geo. W. Laws  
Clerk

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Recorded

William W. Kemp Adm'r of the Estate of F.M. Moore Deceased		On
In ac current with said Estate		
To 1865 To 160 acres of Land unword	\$ 800.00	1865 By Amt p. H. C. Hammitt & Randa's note \$ 206.50
To 130 " " "	650.00	By " " Emily Burman 111.77
To 80 " " "	400.00	By " " E. A. Kemp 43.00
To Amt Sale Bill April 1863	1,667.50	By " " W. W. Kemp 153.00
To " " " June 1863	140.00	By " " Fayer 1862 7.85
To Rec'd for property sold in the army	152.00	By " " " 1863 8.41
Total Amt E.E. <u>\$ 3,809.50</u>		By " " Sawdills & Lamm 5.25
		By " " Costs of Court 13.00
		By " " " 7.50
		By " " J. C. McCay atty (of open Conf'd) 250.00
		By " " Adm'n ac 125.00
		By <del>the</del> State & Co Fayer 1864 11.62
		By " " Confederate Tax 67.80
		By 160 acres Land on hand \$ 800.00 } By 130 " " " 650.00 } By 80 " " " 400.00 } 1,850.00
		By Amt on hand, Confederate money 948.85
		Total Amt E.E. <u>\$ 3,809.50</u>

State of Texas  
Dallas County 3

Personally appeared in open Court, W.W. Kemp Adm'r of the Estate of F.M. Moore dead and made oath  
that the above is a true & correct exhibit of the true situation of said estate, so far as the same has  
come to his hands or knowledge.

William W. Kemp Adm'r

Sworn to & Subscribed, this 28<sup>th</sup> March 1865

Geo. H. Davis CLK Co. Ch. of Co. Texas  
By Jas. G. Thomas Supt

Wm M. Kemp Adm  
F. M. Moon Deced  
in S. C. Current  
with  
Said Estate —

Filed March 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

J.W.B. Thomas Supt CLK  
Approved this 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1865  
John Patterson  
Miss Justice

EXHIBIT  
OR  
ESTATE

McCoy  
Recorded —

William M. Kemp Atm<sup>r</sup> of the Estate of F. M. Moore Decd  
In ye current with said estate

To 160 acres Land unsold	\$800.00	156 <sup>1/2</sup> By Ambt <sup>r</sup> H. C. Hammett & R. Randall	206.50
To 130 " "	650.00	By " Emily Beaman	111.77
To 80 " "	400.00	By " E. A. Kemp	43.00
To Am't due her April 1/63	1,667.50	By " W. M. Kemp	153.00
To " " June 1/63	140.00	By " Taxes 1862	7.80
To Ambt Rec't for property sold in the Army	{ 152.00	By " Taxes 1863	8.41
Total, Rec't	\$3,709.50	By " Supplies & Lard	<u>2.25</u>
		By " Court Costs	13.00
		By " Court Costs	7.00
		By " J. C. McCoy Attorney	200.00
		By Not done Lard on hand	480.00
		By 130 " " " 650.00	
		By 80 " " " 400.00	153.00
		By Am't On hand, in Confederate money	1,028.27
		Total E. & E.	\$3,859.50

Claims presented & accepted to wit  
H. C. Hammett & Randall - \$206.50  
Emily Beaman Atw<sup>r</sup> 111.77  
E. A. Kemp Atw<sup>r</sup> 43.00  
W. M. Kemp Atw<sup>r</sup> 153.00

By " " " 153.00  
By Not done Lard on hand 480.00  
By 130 " " " 650.00  
By 80 " " " 400.00 153.00  
By Am't On hand, in Confederate money 1,028.27  
Total E. & E. \$3,859.50

No claims Rejected

No claims in suit

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas  
County in the State of Texas William M. Kemp  
Administrator of the Estate of F. M. Moore Decd and made oath that the  
above and foregoing, is a correct exhibit of the true condition of said Estate  
as far as the same has come to his hands or knowledge. That the amounts  
as shown to have been received by him, and the amounts paid out, were  
so received and paid out in Confederate money. And that the amount  
as shown to be on hand, consists solely in that currency. He further  
represents that that is the only character of currency now <sup>now</sup> passing - to  
that the property would not have sold at all, but would have been  
a loss expended and lost to said estate, if the same had been offered  
for Gold and Silver only.

William M. Kemp Atw<sup>r</sup>

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1864  
6 " " O. K. C. Atw<sup>r</sup> C. G. C. Atw<sup>r</sup>  
C. G. C. Atw<sup>r</sup> C. G. C. Atw<sup>r</sup>

Wm McKeithen Adm  
Estate of F.M. Morris  
In 3 Annual  
Suits Exhibit with  
Suits Estate  
Filed April 12, 1964

McKeithen CLK

Appeal filed  
Sept. 1864  
McCormick  
et al vs  
McCormick  
et al

McCormick  
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William M Kemp Admt of F. M Moore deceased  
In Final Account with said Estate

		1864	
1863	To 160 acres Land	800 00	By Aunt W C Hemment paid him
	" 130 " "	650 00	" " paid Emily Brendan "
	" 80 " "	400 00	" " E A Kemp
	" Date Bill Apr 63 CS notes	1667 50	" " H W Kemp
	" " " June 63 " "	140 00	" " CS Tax 1862
	" Rec'd for Property sold in the Army	152 00	" " SC Tax 1863
Aug 65	" Rec'd from Garrison, for CS notes due from the Estate paid with 203 00	20 00	" " Dividends & Sand
			" " Court Cost
			" " " Court Cost
			" " Administrators fee
			" " J G McElroy atty
			" " SC Tax 1864
			" " CS Tax 1864
			" " CS note on hand
			" " WD Notes on hand
	To 160 acres Land	" "	" "
	" 130 " "	" "	" "
	" 80 " "	" "	" "
		<u>3829 50</u>	
			By Aunt paid SC Tax 1865 W Cumming
			" " " " 1866 "
			" " " Court Expenses
			" " " Checks fees
			" " " for making this showing
			" " " U.S. Direct Tax
			" " " Court Cost & Printing
			" " " on the account
			<u>27 65</u>
			<u># 45.90</u>

Recapitulation

100 acres Land now on hand	\$ 800.00
130 " " " "	650.00
80 " " " "	<u>400.00</u>
Total assets of Estate	\$ 1850.00

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas

To Hon. J. E. Combs Chief Justice -

The undersigned Adm'r. of the Estate of D. M. Moon  
does would respectfully return the enclosed as his  
final account current with said Estate. He represents  
that said Estate has been fully administered, and ~~and~~  
all debts due have been paid and those collectable  
have been collected. William Thomas Moon is the legal  
heir and only representative of said Estate. He is a  
minor under fourteen years of age. The Adm'r is  
informed & believes that he has a Guardian in the  
person of James J. Moon of Scott County, Illinois.  
The Balances now remaining on hand ~~passing~~ <sup>entitled</sup>  
entitled of said Estate - not liable to waste, or injury  
the Adm'r asks the Court to receive this showing as  
his final account and release him from  
further responsibility on account of said  
Estate, - all of which is submitted under oath.

William M. Kemp  
Adm'r of. T. M. Moon

Swear to above recited before me  
this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1866,  
Sas. O. Thomas Clerk

W M Kemp Adam  
In moon side,  
To [initials]  
Final Showing

Filed Septm 6<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Sas. S. Thomas Clark  
Continued Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Approved  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

J. Ellis Carpenter  
Chief Justice  
A.D.C.Y.

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