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Notice of Final Settlement.
 F. R. Ball, Guardian of Josephine
 Merrill, has filed in my office his
 final account current with said estate, to-
 gether with his petition praying to be re-
 leased from all further liabilities as guar-
 dian aforesaid.
 This is therefore to notify all persons in-
 terested to be and appear before the Hon-
 orable County Court of Dallas County, to
 be holden at the Court House in the town of
 Dallas on the 1st Monday (the 27th day)
 of July, A. D. 1868, and present the same if
 they think proper.
 J. JONES, C. C. CLERK.
 Dallas, June 16, 1868 - Jan 29, 1868

The State of Texas,
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Personally appeared before the undersigned authori-
 ty, *Mr. W. Swindells*
~~one of the~~ publisher 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
Saturday, the *20th* day of *June*, A. D. 1868. *Mr. W. Swindells*
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *16th* day of *July*, A. D. 1868.

J. J. Jones
 Clerk County Court Dallas County, Texas.

The State of Texas,
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO *L. M. Brown* SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That you summons *F. R. Ball*
Guardian of the Estate of Eli Merrill Minor
 to be and appear at the next term of the District Court, to be held in and for the county of Dal-
 las, at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, County of Dallas, and State of Texas, on the first
 Monday in *February*, A. D. 1871, then and there to file *his* Annual Return,
 in writing, and show cause, if any *he* has, for not having made said Return according to
 law.

WITNESS, John M. Laws, Clerk of the District Court
 of Dallas County. Given under my hand and the Seal of said
 Court, at office in Dallas, this *15th* day of *December*,
 A. D. 1870.

J. M. Laws
 Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas.
 By *J. C. Coombes*, Deputy.

Herald Print, Dallas, Texas

"Record" of *F. R. Ball*
Guardian of Josephine Merrill
Twenty five dollars
July 27th 1868
Abster Ross, Prop.

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Guardians Notice

Eli F and Josephine Merrell minor heirs of Ross Merrell Deceased, has filed in my office their petition praying that F R Ball be appointed Guardian of their Persons and property. This is therefore to notify all persons interested to be and appear at the next Term of the County Court Dallas County Tex to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas on the last Monday in February 1867 and contest the same if they think proper, this the 12th day of February A.D. 1867
 Jas, G. Thomas, clk, co, ct, d, leo

The State of Texas.

TO ALL PERSONS interested in the Estate of Eli Merrell
F R Ball Guardian of the Estate of Eli Merrell
 a Memor has filed in the District Court of Dallas County
~~an application for~~ his Annual Return in writing of the Condition
of said Minors Estate which will be heard at the next Term of said Court,
 commencing on the first Monday in June A.D. 1871, at the Court-House thereof,
 in the Town of Dallas, at which time all persons interested in the Estate
 of said Eli Merrell
 may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

WITNESS: JOHN M. LAWS, Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT
 at Office in Dallas, this 9 day of April
 A.D. 1871.

John M. Laws
 CLERK DISTRICT COURT D. C. T.
By J. C. Coomber, Deputy

1867
*Notice of final
 Settlement
 F. R. Ball*

1867
*F R Ball Guardian
 Estate of Eli Merrell*

Original Citation

*Issued Dec 15th 1870
 Come to hand
 Dec 15th 1871*

*and executed by delivering
 a true copy of the within
 summons to F R Ball
 in person December 22nd 1870*

*J. W. Brown Sheriff
 By J. M. Adams
 Deput*

Sheriff Dec 31st 1870

1867
Notice of
F. C. Ball
Application

Filed Feb 28th 1867
Jas P Thomas CLK

1867
F. C. Ball
Notice of
Guard & ending
Annual Exhibit
Eli Merrill dec'd

Issued April 2nd 1871
John W. Laws CLK
By J. E. Combes depty

Came to hand some
day before

The same being
three of the most
public places
in Dallas county

and executed by posting one copy of this
notice on the court house door in the town of Dallas
one copy on the Postoffice door in the town of Sanger
one copy on the Postoffice door in the town of Seymour
and by publishing one copy in the Dallas Herald
for four consecutive weeks at being a news
paper published in the town of Dallas Dallas
county Texas April 20th 1871

Geo Joo

J. M. Brown
Sheriff

F. R. Ball Guard. vs Josephine Merrill

To		
	<i>W. R. Smith</i>	<i>Dr</i>
1867	For Board. 6 mos @ \$9	54 00
"	" " " " " " " " @ 7	49 00
"	" " " " " " " " @ 4	28 00
	Total Dr	\$131 00
	less	
1867	Pay rec of bid per Josephine 7 mos @ \$1	7 00
"	Pay Cash for Ball Guard	21 12 1/2
	Total Credits	28 12 1/2
	Total amount due	60 87 1/2

State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }
 I, *W. R. Smith* do solemnly swear that the above and foregoing account against *F. R. Ball Guard vs Josephine Merrill* for Sixty & 87 1/2 Dollars is accurate & just that all legal effects payments and credits known to me have been made

Sworn to & subscribed
 before me this 8th Nov 1867
J. C. Combs
 County Judge
 D. C. T.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED in the

of the Estate of *F. R. Ball* ^{Guardianship}
 Clerk of Dallas County ^{has filed in the Dis-}
Estate of said Estate

which will be heard at the next term of said Court, Commencing on the first Monday in *Nov. 1867* A. D. 1872 at the Court House thereof, in the City of Dallas at *the name of said* which time all persons interested in ^{may appear and contest said application if}
Ed. Merrill
 they see proper.

WITNESS, **JOHN M. LAWS**, Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County.
 Given under my hand, and the seal of said Court at office, this
07th day of *August* A. D. 1872
J. M. Laws
 Clerk Dist. Court Dallas Co., Texas.
 By *J. C. Combs* Deputy.

Received payment by note in full of
the within debt this 24th day of Feb 1868
W R Smith

T R Ball
Notice of Felony
Guard & Trial a Court

Ed Merrell
Issued Aug 27th 1872
J M Laws clk
Prof C Combes Deputy

Came to hand
same day I drew
and executed by placing a true
copy of this summons on the
door of the Court House in the
town of Dallas one copy on
the door of the Post office in
the town of Lancaster and one
copy on the door of the Post
office in the town of Spang
the same being true of the
said further places in
said county.

September 27th 1872

J M Brown
Sheriff
Fee \$3.00

1872
W R Smith
J M Brown
Ed Merrell
J M Laws
Prof C Combes
T R Ball

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas } To the Hon Judge of
 the County Court of
 Dallas County
 Eli F. Merrill and Josephine
 Merrill heirs at law of Ben Merrill
 deceased, both minors over the age of
 fourteen years residents of Dallas County
 come respectfully state that they have
 neither a mother nor father living nor
 any guardian, they therefore ask that
 the County Judge ^{appoint} R. V. Ball of Dallas
 County to be the guardian of their persons
 & property - they also represent that
 they will each be entitled to at least
 one thousand dollars of property, as
 soon as the same shall be ascertained
 and partition between the heirs
 of the said Ben Merrill
 Dupud & McCoy
 Attors for Petors

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The State of Texas } In the County Court
County of Dallas } Term from 1867
To the Hon. J. E. Coombs, Judge of
the County Court &c

Your petitioner Guardian of the Person and
Estate of Eli Merrill, & Josephine Merrill,
minor heirs of Genl. Merrill dec'd. Having
filed his Inventory herein, as such Guardian
adversus, would respectfully represent unto
your Honor that there are debts due, by
way of expenses incurred in the division
of the Estate of this Dec'd. Parent, and otherwise
properly chargeable to the Estate of his said
wards, to the probable amount of Two
Hundred and fifty Dollars each -

That there is belonging to this respective Estates
personal property of a perishable character
sufficient to make said amounts - And that
it would be to the advantage of his said wards
to sell said perishable property & pay off and
all debts that may be owing by them, as
also to procure clothing & other necessaries
for his said wards.

He therefore prays for an order to sell so
much of the perishable property belonging to their
Estates respectively, as will amount to Two
Hundred & fifty Dollars each, on a credit of 3
Months at the late residence of Genl. Merrill dead in
Dallas County Texas, on Saturday the 13th day of July
next between 9 o'clock A.M. & 4 o'clock P.M. of said
day - And as in duty he
F. R. Ball Guardian
By J. C. McLean Atto.

1867

Ex parte
Application of
Eli & Josephine
Merrill to select
Guardians

Filed July 29th 1867
Jas. P. Thomas Clk.

Order to the
Petition granted
This 30th 1867

J. Ellis Coombs
County Judge
D C T

Notice given Feb 11th

No 67

F. R. Ball Grand
55 Patrons to sell
23 Personal property

Filed June 24. 1867
Jas. B. Shannon, Clerk

Approved & Sale
ordered on the
13th July - 67
within lawful terms
June 23 1867

J. Cecil Coonales
County Judge
W. L. V.

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Sale Bill of property belonging to the estate
of Josephine Merrill, ^{and Eli Merrill} minor heirs of Ben Merrill dead, sold
on the 13th day of July, 1867 by order of the County Court of
Dallas County, Texas - To wit (SOLD of Josephine, property)

One Bay man "Lilly" ^{cow}	Sold to James Kennedy for	\$41.50
One Cow & calf "Star"	" " H. L. Straight	9.25
One 2 yr old heifer	" " James H. Mathis	5.00
One Yearling horse	James Kennedy	75
	Total	\$56.50

Sold of Eli Merrill's property the following

One Man, "Bell"	Sold to E. A. Hunter for	\$51.00
One 2 yr old Heifer	" " W. L. Straight	4.00
One plow	" " R. B. Merrill	4.00
One half barrel	" " Do Do	1.75
	Total.	\$60.75

The State of Texas }
County of Dallas } Personally appears in open Court,
F. B. Ball, Guardian of Josephine, and Eli Merrill, minor
heirs of Ben Merrill dead. And made oath that the
above is a true and correct Sale Bill of the certain
of the property belonging to the estate of his said wards
as shown as above - That said sale was made by order
of the County Court of Dallas County Texas - And was made on
Saturday the 13th day of July 1867, at the late residence of
Ben Merrill dead, in Dallas County Texas, at public vendue
to the highest bidder, on a credit of three months -
And after giving due & legal notice - And that the
property was struck off to the highest bidder -

F. B. Ball Guardian
Given to & subscribed in open Court this 26th day of
August. A.D. 1867 } Ollie Coombes C.S.C.
County Judge
Dallas County
Texas

Received of F. R. Ball the following
property which he has held as guardian
for the unassigned, it being share No. 2
of the estate of Ben. Murrell Dec.

Lot No. 2 Prairie	
Lot No. 6 Prairie	100.00
Lot No. 10 Timber	
Lot No. 19 Timber	
Letty more	50.00
Luddy more	80.00
Poley more	75.00
young Mays stud	30.00
Pumping plow	7.00
grubbing hoe	2.00
Walnut bedstead	8.00
Horse bell	1.00
Axe	50
One half barrel	2.00
One pitcher	50
2 comforts	8.00
1 Quilt	2.00
1 Blanket	1.50
2 Sheets	1.50
Christian Rabbit	1.00
1 Bible	1.00

\$1.00

Star and calf	12.00
Star 2 year heifer	8.00
1/2 feather bed	7.50
1 French Revolution	1.00
1 Bible	1.00
1 det. Knives	50

10.00

\$1493.50

John Murrell

F. R. Ball Grand
of Joseph Eli Murrell
to } Sale Bill of
} personal property of
Estate of his said ward

Filed August 26th 1867
Jas. G. Thomas CLK

Approved Aug 31st
1867
Elli Leoville
County Judge
Dallas County
Tex.

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M. Coy

Out of which property the following
articles have been sold.

Names of Purchasers.	Articles.	\$.	To.
Kenerly James	One Bayonet Latty	41	50
Strait William	One Cow & calf etc	9	25
Mathis James	One two year old sign	5	00
Kenerly James	One grubbing hoe	4	75
		\$ 56.	50

The above list of property being the amount
~~of~~ received by him and the same
amount in full has this day been received
by me. ~~On this~~

This June 29th 1868.

Josephine Merrill

J. S. Ball
Agent of the
Person & estate of
Josephine Merrill

Receipt of
Josephine Merrill

The State of Texas, } County Court Pertaining to Estates,
Dallas County. } February Term, 1867

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

Know Ye, That Fentroy R Ball as principal, and Robt M Langley, S Williams and Ed W Hunt as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of the county of Dallas in the sum of Four 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 sea'ed with our seals, the seals being scrolls, this 25th day of February A. D. 1867

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH That whereas the above bounden F R Ball has been appointed Guardian of the person and estate of Eli Merrill, and Josephine Merrill, Now, if the said F R Ball shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

F R Ball SEAL
Robt M Langley SEAL
S Williams SEAL
Ed W Hunt SEAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) ss.
Dallas County.)

Fentroy R Ball do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform all the duties devolving upon me as guardian of Eli Merrill and Josephine Merrill

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Elias Corns County Judge of said county, this 25th day of February A. D. 1867

Elias Corns
County Judge
D. C. J.

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No 67

J. R. Ball

To R. R. Ball as Guardian
of Eli & Josephine
Minto

Filed July 25th 1867

Geo. B. Thomas Clerk

Approved Feb 25th
1867

J. A. Coombs
County Judge
D. C. T.

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1867

F. R. Ball Guardian of the Person and Estate of Josephine Merrill

In final ¹⁸⁶⁸ account with his said wards

To Amt of Sale Bill 13 th July 1867.	\$ 56.50
To " " property, real & personal, not sold	1425.50
Total Estate	\$ 1482.00

By Amt. p ^d . Rob Smith school bill	\$ 20.75	Let
By " p ^d . Maester & Rofs' fee	25.00	
By " p ^d . R. B. Merrill's fee	5.75	
By " Cash p ^d . to ward	5.00	
By " property, real & personal, turned over to his ward since her majority	1425.50	
Total	\$ 1482.00	

The State of Texas }
County of Dallas }

Personally appears in open court F. R. Ball, Guardian of the person and estate of Josephine Merrill, and made oath that the above is a correct exhibit of the true condition of the estate of his said ward so far as the same has come to his hands or knowledge.

He represents that his said ward is now over the age of twenty one years - and desires to receive and control her own estate - that there are no debts known to exist against her said estate - except the costs of Court in this her guardianship - that she proposes, and can pay the said costs, herself, after her estate shall have been placed in her hands - that there are no debts due to her estate uncollected - Having fully settled up every thing and his ward having become of lawful age - he asks that the above be taken as his final account current - that all legal notices be given - and, at the proper time, that he be released from all further responsibility as such guardian as aforesaid. and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

F. R. Ball Guardian

Given to & subscribed in open Court this 25th day of May AD 1868
J. J. Jones Clerk of Ct. D. Co. Texas

F. R. Ball Guardian of the Person and Estate of Eli Merrell Jr.

In Annual ac. Current with the estate of his said ward. Cr

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For Amt of Sale Bills of 15 th July 1867	\$60.75
For " of property not sold	1401.00
To " " Rent received for 1869	20.00
Total	\$1481.75

By Amt p. Masters & Ross' ac	\$25.00
By " " M. R. Smith's "	98.56
By on man sold,	35.00
By Cash paid Eli	5.00
By Amt p. Taxes for 1868	3.22
By " p. Commision Tax 1868	1.84
By " property, real + personal on hand	1313.13
Total	\$1481.75

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas } Personally appears before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of
 Dallas County and State of Texas, F. R. Ball Guardian of the Person and Estate of Eli Merrell
 Jr. minor heir of ~~John~~ Merrell Reed, and made oath that the above and foregoing is a
 correct exhibit of the true condition of the estate of his said ward, so far as the same has
 hands - J. M. Ball Guardian

Given to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August. A.D. 1869
 C. S. Jones Clerk
 C. S. Jones Clerk

1867
 F. R. Ball Guardian of
 Estate of Eli Merrell
 In } Annual ac
 of } current with
 Estate of Eli Merrell
 Filed May 20th 1868
 C. S. Jones Clerk

Notice ordered
 May 25th 1868
 By the Court
 J. S. Jones Commissioner
 Approved June 29th 1868
 John A. Aguilera
 C. S. Jones
 C. S. Jones
 C. S. Jones
 C. S. Jones
 C. S. Jones

1867
 F. R. Ball Guardian of the person & Estate of Eli Merrill
 On Annual Ac^t current with his wards estate. 1868

To Amt of Sale Bill of July 13 th 1867	\$60.75	By Amt p ^d Rob Smith, School Bill	\$ 20.75
To " " property, real & personal, not sold	1407.00	By " p ^d Mastin & Rob. ac	25.00
Total Estate	\$1461.75	By " Sale notes uncollected	15.00
		By " property, real & personal not sold on hand	1407.00
		Total	\$1461.75

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }

Personally appears in open Court J. R. Ball, Guardian of the person and estate of Eli Merrill, and made oath that the above is a correct Exhibit of the true condition of the estate of his said ward, so far as the same has come to his hands and knowledge

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 25th day of May AD 1868
 J. R. Ball Guardian
 J. L. Jones Clerk Co Ct D. Co. Tex

M 67
 F. R. Ball, Guardian
 of Eli Merrill's
 In } Annual Exhibit
 with
 the Estate of said
 Eli Merrill for Minor's
 Files August 27th 1869
 J. L. Jones CLK

Approved August
 21st AD 1869
 A. B. Blair
 County Judge Dallas
 County Texas

M. C. Coy

No 67
F. R. Ball Grant of
Eli Merrill
In 5th annuity
of account with
Estate of Eli Merrill

Filed May 25th 1868
J. J. Gowlock

Approved May 25th 1868
J. B. [unclear] [unclear]
J. B. [unclear] [unclear]

McCoy

Dr 1872 F.R. Ball Guardian of the estate of Eli Merrill
 In final ac. County

To Amt of Sale Bill of 13th July 1867 \$60.75
 To " " property not sold 1407.00
 To " " Rent for 1869 20.00
 To 40 acs land the E half of 80 acs
 forain. of the J.S. Morningsham Survey
 set apart by Com^r to Eli Merrill 400.00
 Total - \$1881.75

1872	By	Amt pd	Master Ross & Sons	107.	\$ 25.00
	By	"	W.R. Smith	" 2.	98.56
	By	"	Eli Merrill	" 3	35.00
	By	"	D ^r , D ^r	" 4	5.00
	By	"	Taxes for 1868.	" 5	3.22
	By	"	Comm ⁿ Tax "	" 6	1.84
	By	"	J.C. McCoy attor gen	" 7	25.00
	By	"	J.S. Chapman	" 8	9.00
	By	"	Costs of Court	" 9.	41.95
	By	"	Taxes for 1869	" 10	7.14
	By	"	" " 1870	" 11	3.48
	By	"	Fronten Sav " "	" 12	.58
	By	"	Taxes " 1871	" 13.	30.63
	By	"	School " "	" 14	2.17
	By	"	Costs of Court including auditors fees &c	" 15 -	
	By	"	Real & personal property &c turned over to Eli Merrill.	" 16 -	
			Totals		

Recd Dallas, Tex. June 1872 of F.R. Ball
 Guardian of the estate of Eli Merrill, Eighteen
~~and other property~~ ⁷⁵ dollars in Lands, cash
 and other property, the same being the full amount of
 all my estate formerly in the said Ball's hands as
 my Guardian after a final settlement as such
 guardian aforesaid
 Eli. F. Merrill

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas
 Personally appeared in open Court F.R. Ball Guardian of the estate of Eli Merrill, and made
 oath that the above and foregoing is a correct exhibit of the true situation of the estate of his said ward, so far
 as the same has come to his hands or knowledge - He further represents that his said ward is now of lawful
 age and desires the possession of his said estate - He the said F.R. Ball Guardian as aforesaid in view
 of the above facts, prays that the above be taken as his final exhibit herein and that he be
 relieved from further responsibility as such Guardian aforesaid and that said Guardianship
 be finally closed
 Given to & subscribed before me this 13th day of May A.D. 1872
 J. M. Laws, Clerk of the County of Dallas
 By G.C. Combes Deputy

1867
F. R. Ball, Guardian
of the estate of
Eli Merrill
In 3 final ac-
count with
said ward

Filed May 13th 1872
J. M. Laws clk
By J. E. Coombs depy

Records

Aug 26th 1892

M. C.

Inventory of the property belonging to Edie Merrill
and Josephine Merrill, minor heirs of Ben Merrill
and - as follows to-wit

Edie Merrill

Lot No. 4 of 80 acs of the J. J. Murreyham tract	
Do. No. 13 - 80 " " " Edie Merrill "	}
" No. 14 - 42 " " " W. Bennett "	
✓ One Man "Old Nell"	80.00
5 yr Old Saddle Horse	75.00
Stall & 2 yr Old filly	40.00
Flora - Stud Colt.	40.00
Cow & Calf "Beck"	12.00
✓ 2 yr Old Shippin Sully	5.00
1/2 Feather Bed	7.50
1 Shovel plow \$1.50 - Spinning hoe 2¢	3.50
1 Winding hoe 50¢. Iron water 50¢. Axe 50¢.	1.50
✓ 1 Turning plow \$7.00 - Molasses barrel 2¢	9.00
Plutano Livs \$1.00. Chas 50¢. Rollin this way \$8.00	9.50
✓ Seven fair 1¢ - Patent office Reports 1¢	2.00
Philosophy 25¢. Plates & Glads jar 50¢	.75
✓ Harlot Geography 3¢ - 4 Chairs \$2.50	5.50
1 Spinning Wheel \$2.50 - 1 Computer \$1.25	3.75
	<u>1496.00</u>

Dr. Josephine Merrill

Lot No. 2 of 74 acs ^{main} of the Ben Merrill tract		
" No. 6. " 111 acs ^{main} of J. J. Murreyham "	}	
" No. 19 " 12 1/2 " timber of H. H. H. "		
" No. 18 " 80 " " Edie Merrill "		1200.00
✓ Man Sully	50.00	
Dr. Sarge	80.00	
Dr. Paten	75.00	
	<u>1405.00</u>	

Carried over 1405.00

Inventory Continued

Bro't Forward		\$ 1405.00
Young Mary Stud		30.00
✓ Cow + calf "Star"		12.00
✓ One 2 yr old Skiffle "Star"		5.00
1 Tummy plow: 75¢ (Grabbing horn 25¢)		9.00
Axe 50¢, Walnut Air Stud 8¢ Hornbill 1¢		9.50
One half Barrel 25¢ - Pitcher 50¢		2.50
2 Comforts 3¢ - Quilt 2¢, Blanket \$1.50		6.50
1/2 Feather Bed \$7.50 - 2 Shirts \$1.50, Knives 4¢		10.00
Christian Babbitt 1¢ - Candle moulds 1¢		2.00
Bible 1¢ - French Revolution 1¢		2.00
Bible 1¢		1.00
		<u>\$1494.50</u>

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas } Personally appeared in open
 Court J. R. Ball Guardian of the person & estate
 of Eli Merrill & Josephine Merrill minor heirs
 of Ben Merrill dec'd., and made oath that
 the above and foregoing is a correct inventory
 of the property belonging to his said wards
 respectively, as has come to his hands on
 knowledge - J. R. Ball Guardian

Sworn to & Subscribed this 27th day of June
 1867. Jas. P. Thomas eccl

No 67

J. R. Pace Guard.

W³ Inventory of
Estate of
Eli & Josephine Minnie
Winters &c

Filed June 27th 1867

Geo. S. Shumard Clk

Approved June 6

21st 1867

J. Ellis County
County Judge
D. C.

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W³

J. R. Ball Guardian of the person and Estate of Eli Merrill Jr
 In account of Current with the Estate of his said ward

Dr

To amt of sale Bill of 13th of July 1867 \$60.75
 " " " property not sold 1401.00
 " " " Rent received for 1867 20.00
 " " " \$1481.75
 " 40 acres of land the east half of
 80 acres prairie of the J. J. Mumyham
 Survey and set apart to said ward
 by Commission of partition of estate of Saml.
 Merrill deceased, R. B. Merrill, Adm. \$400.00
Total \$7881.75

By amt pd. Martin & Rice of c 101 \$25.00
 " " " W. R. Smith's " 2 98.56
 " One mare sold " 3 35.00
 " Cash paid Eli " 4 5.00
 " Amt pd. Taxes for 1868 " 5 322
 " " " Convention Tax 1868 " 6 1.84
 " " " J. C. McCoy, atty. " 7 25.00
 " " " J. S. Chapman " 8 9.11
 " " " Costs in Court " 9 41.95
 " " Property Real & personal on hand
 " " " Total Total 1881.75

~~By Tax for 1871 2.17~~
~~By " " " 1871 15.00~~
~~By " " " Attorney fee 15.00~~
~~By " " " Costs of Court 2.00~~
~~By " " " Sum paid to Eli Merrill, Adm. 14.00~~

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas

Personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court
 of Dallas County and State of Texas J. R. Ball Guardian of the person and Estate of Eli
 Merrill Jr. minor heir of Ben. Merrill dec'd and made oath that the above and foregoing is a correct
 exhibit of the true condition of the estate of his said ward so far as the same ^{has} come to his hands.
 He further reports to the Court that since his last annual exhibit his said ward, has married,
 and for the year 1870 ~~has~~ ^{has} lived upon and cultivated his said farm, thereby receiving all the benefits
 of said farm direct, and ^{and} ~~he~~ ^{and} makes this statement as an explanation why no debts have been collected,
 and shown upon the debit side of this sheet for the year 1870. J. R. Ball

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January 1871

J. M. Laws Clerk
 By G. C. Leombs

Account's fee received