

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

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Dallas County
To the Chief Justice of Dallas
County Greeting

To the Honourable Chief Justice
of Dallas County Greeting

We the undersigned your Petitioners
would respectfully represent that on
about the 10th day of Aug 1863 James
G. Howstead of Dallas County
died leaving a written will
appointing J. H. Spillers Administrator
of said Estate this is therefore to ask
that at the Jan Term of 1865 of the
Probate Court of Dallas County said
that the appointment of said Administrator
may be confirmed & by so doing your
Petitioners will as in duty bound ever pray
This Jan 5-th 1865- 200

Prudence Howstead
J. H. Spillers

Appraisement and inventory of the
 Estate of J. G. Houston, Deceased.
 100 Seventy five Acres of Land at \$1 1/2 per 525.00
 eight Head of Horses at 40 Dollars per head 320.00
 \$ 845.00

State of Texas }
 County of Dallas } We the undersigned, duly appointed and
 lawfully authorized commissioners do hereby certify that as far
 as provided to us, by the executor the above and foregoing is
 a full and correct inventory and appraisement of the estate
 both real and personal of J. G. Houston Deceased
 to the best of our judgment and understanding
 this the 25th day of October 1865

Wm McCallough
 Jollomont Dixon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th day
 of October 1865 William J. Dunn (Ch. Clk. Co. Dist.)

State of Texas }
 County of Dallas } Before me William J. Dunn Ch of County
 Court of Dallas County came J. N. Spillers Executor of the
 estate of last will of J. G. Houston late of said County Deceased
 and being duly sworn deposes and says that the above and
 foregoing is a full and complete inventory of property and
 claims of the estate aforesaid that have come to his knowledge

W. N. Spillers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this October the 25th
 1865 William J. Dunn Ch. Clk. Co. Dist.

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The State of Texas } I James G
 Dallas County } Homestead being
 sound in body & mind & knowing
 that life is uncertain but Death is
 certain to every humane being & to
 be prepared with A written Testamentary
 disposition of all both real & personal
 that I now possess I make and
 ordain this my last Will & Testament
 Recommending my soul to God
 who create me in the name of
 God amen, I then first
 it is my will & desire that my ^{Dear} mother
 shall have 158 1/2 Acres of Land to include
 my homestead also 15 Acres of timber on
 white Rock Creek I deeded to me out of Love
 days headright but in case of any of
 my brothers during the present war
 should become disabled by wound or
 other protractable illness so as to disable
 them from procuring A living by Labour
 I want him or any of ^{them} that should share
 such A fate to have my Land as above
 described to be divided according to disabi-
 -lities done them but should they return
 able to procure A living then in that
 case I want my ^{Dear} mother to have
 all my Land I then I want I want
 my sister Mary Ann to have my black
 mare & her yearling Colt that is left in
 the care of Mr. Solomon Dickson then
 the ^{son} I want my sister Elizabeth Jane
 to have my Point mare Hannah & her
 & the Gray mare yearling Colt that
 I bought of Brother Newton the last
 of my property to be my mother's after paying

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then from ~~proceeding~~ ^{them} that should share
I want him & any of ^{them} that should share
such a fate to have my land as above
described to be divided according to disabi-
-lities down them but should they be known
able to procure a living then in that
case I want my ^{dear} mother to have
all my land I then I and I want
my sister Mary Ann to have my black
mair & her yearling calf that is left in
the care of Mr. Solomon Dickson then
the 3rd I want my sister Elizabeth Jane
to have my ^{some} mare Hannah &
& the Gray maire yearling calf that
I bought of Brother Newton the last
of my property to be my mother's after paying

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my debts & further I appoint J. Phillips
my Administrator to settle my business & to my
the ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{property} & further it is my
will that the Court of Probate shall not
action on my will or property but to record
the same in testimony whereof I have
this day subscribed my name and affixed
A scrawl for seal

Attest, J. Phillips
Abram Little
J. Phillips

J. Phillips
J. Phillips

J. Phillips
J. Phillips

P. O. out of the Within Stone Jackson
is a hoise my old Black Yount as a
keep safe

The State of Texas, Before me Geo. W. Lavis Clerk County
County of Dallas, Coust Dallas County Texas personally
appeared in open Court J. M. Spiller whose genuine
Signature appears as one of the subscribing witnesses
to the within foregoing Last Will & Testament of J. G.
Houstead deceased and being by me duly sworn says
upon his oath that he heard J. G. Houstead acknowledge
the signing of said Last Will & Testament to be his own
true act for the purposes & considerations therein specified
and that he signed the same as one of the witnesses
at the request of said J. G. Houstead, and that he was
of sound mind and disposing memory at the time
of making said acknowledged

J. M. Spiller

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 31st day of
January 1868, J. B. Thomas Spty. Clk
for Geo. W. Lavis Clk.

J. G. Houstead
do " Will.

The within Will
& testament
admitted to
probate & order
entered on 31st
day of Jan
1868
J. B. Thomas
Spty. Clk
Chief Justice

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Recd of Jm Spillers Exor of J.G. Houston and
per the Houston the sum of Four ⁵⁰/100
dollars clerk & judges fees this Feb'y 3rd 1868
Jas. P. Thomas

440 Received of Jm Spillers Exor of
J.G. Houston Exr. for G.L. Houston: Four
& 40/100 dollars in full payment of County Ct's
fees due me - Geo. H. Laws late
Dallas Tex, July 3rd 1868 - County Ct. Secy

Executors Notice

Prudence Houston and Jm Spillers has filed in
my office this petition praying that the Last Will
and Testament of J.G. Houston late of Dallas County
Texas deceased, may be proven up and admitted to
Records, this is therefore to notify all persons interested
to come forward at the next term of the County Court
of Dallas County to be holden at the Court House in
the Town of Dallas on the last Monday in January
1868, and contest the same if they think proper,
this 17th day of January, A.D. 1868

Geo. H. Laws, Ct. Secy, & Co., Secy
By Jas. P. Thomas Deputy