

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

Case Number 403

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The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

*Subpoena*

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~DALLAS~~ COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *A. B. Walker Administrator*  
of the Estate of *Richard Morris Deceased*  
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the county of Dallas, at its next  
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of

*June* A. D. 1855; then and there to show cause, if any *they are* why  
he has not rendered to said court an *Account of the Estate*

*Belonging to the Estate of said Deceased* as required by law.  
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this *28<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March* A. D. 1855.

*H. H. Peck*, Clerk Co. Ct. D. C. Texas.

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COUNTY OF DALLAS.

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term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of

*June* A. D. 1855; then and there to show cause, if any *he can*, why  
he ~~has not rendered to said Court an~~ *should not be discharged from*  
*all trusts as Administrator aforesaid, upon the motion*  
*of the Chief Justice* as required by said law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

*29<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* A. D. 1855.

*H. H. Peck*, Clerk Co. Ct. D. C. Texas.

Filed 20th April 1868  
By J. H. Walker Clerk

County Court  
vs  
Citation

A. G. Walker Adm  
Issued 28<sup>th</sup> March 1855  
W. W. Peak etc

presented by leave  
a copy of the within  
at the Residence of  
A. G. Walker April  
17<sup>th</sup> 1855 J. B. York  
By J. H. Walker Clerk

Shff fee 75<sup>cts</sup>

County Court  
vs  
Citation

A. G. Walker Adm  
Richard Morris  
Issued 29<sup>th</sup> May 1855  
W. W. Peak etc

Original

Came to hand Jun  
18<sup>th</sup> 1855

J. B. York  
Shff

Filed 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1855  
W. W. Peak etc

Executed the within  
summons by leaving  
a copy of the within  
with the Defendant  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1855

J. B. York  
Shff

Shff fee 75<sup>cts</sup>

State of Texas == To the Sheriff of said County  
 Nallas County == Greeting,  
 You are hereby commanded to cite A. J.  
 Walker Adm of the Estate of Richard Morris deceased  
 to be and appear at the next term of the County Court  
 of Nallas County to be holden at the Court House in  
 the town of Nallas on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1854  
 To show cause why he has not returned to said Court an  
 annual exhibit of the condition of said deceased's Estate  
 as required by Law.  
 Herein fail not and due return make as required by Law.  
 (By order of Court)  
 Given under my hand and official seal this  
 30<sup>th</sup> August 1854  
 J. H. Pratt Clk Co Ct

Appraisement List of the property belonging to the  
 Estate of Richard Morris deceased as made by us this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
 of October 1853 -  
 1 tract of 320 acres of Land in the County of Tarrant in  
 the State of Texas appraised to . . . . . \$ 240.00

We the undersigned two of the appraisers appointed at the  
 next Term of the Probate Court for the County of Tarrant  
 to appraise the property belonging to the estate of  
 Richard Morris deceased upon our Oaths do say that the  
 above is a just and impartial appraisement of  
 all the property belonging to said estate as shown us  
 by the administrator  
 Wmorn to and subscribed before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1853  
 John Sauer  
 Justice of the Peace

W. Smith  
 William Garath  
 Appraisers

# Notice

A G Walker has filed in my office his Petition to the Hon County Court of Dallas County Texas, praying for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Richard Morris deceased - which will be granted at the next Term of said court if no legal objections are made

Alexander Harwood, Ck.  
By W. W. Pratt, J. W. Holt  
Dallas  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Co. Ct. D. C. Texas.

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20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1854  
W. W. Pratt Ck

County Court  
To S Citation  
A G Walker adm  
Richard Morris  
Issued 30<sup>th</sup> Augt 1854  
W. W. Pratt Ck  
{ Original }

Came to hand copy  
this 31<sup>st</sup> 1854

Recorded by securing  
copy with  
A G Walker on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1854  
A G Haupt  
Shff D. C. Tex

Appointment  
of Probate of Est  
Richard Morris de.  
County Court

Filed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1853  
W. W. Pratt Ck

Approved 31<sup>st</sup> Oct  
1853

W. W. Lamm  
C. J. D. C.

Recorded

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The State of Texas }  
 Dallas County } The estate of Rich<sup>d</sup> Morris  
 To A. S. Walker Sr.

1854

Sept 2nd. In locating one 320 acre land certificate

"	Surveying fee outland	\$9.00
"	Dist Surveyor's commission	1.00
"	State judicial fee	1.00
"	my fee for getting the patent	1.00
		<hr/>
		\$21.00

State of Texas }  
 County of Dallas } This day personally appeared  
 authority, A. S. Walker and made oath that  
 the foregoing claim against the estate  
 of Richard Morris deceased is just and cor-  
 rect after allowing all offsets credits  
 and payments known to off-ant

Subscribed and attested before }  
 me this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1854 } A. S. Walker  
 W. W. Drake Clerk }  
 By E. C. Brorden Deputy

A true inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of Richard Morris Seed

320 acres of land located in Sonnet County by virtue of seed's headright colonial certificate - and by Thos Wm Ward - not appeared

State of Texas

County of seed

This day personally appeared before the undersigned authority A. G. Walker administrator of the Estate of Richard Morris Seed and made oath that the foregoing is a just true and correct inventory of all the property of said estate so far as the same has come to his knowledge

Done to and Subscribed before me this 13th day of June A.D. 1853.

God witness  
 A. G. Walker  
 Notary

The State of Texas } In County Court  
 County of Dallas } May Term A.D. 1853

To the Hon. J. W. Latimer, Chief Justice and  
 Judge of the County Court, in and for said County  
 and State.

Your Petitioner A. C. Walker, a Resident of  
 the County of Dallas, would represent unto your  
 Honor, that on or about the day of <sup>10</sup>  
 18<sup>th</sup> Richard Morris Late of Dallas County, died  
 departed this life intestate that he left at the time  
 of his death Property to the probable amount of  
 One Hundred Dollars (viz) his headright certificate  
 for Three Hundred and Twenty acres of Land  
 your Petitioner would further represent that said  
 Certificate has not been located, and that said  
 Petitioner has in his hands the Certificate of said  
 Deceased, and your Petitioner would pray that your  
 Honor would grant him Letters of Administration  
 upon the Estate of said Deceased, and do and perform  
 any and all other things in the premises that  
 would be right and proper and as in duty bound  
 he will ever pray &c.

A. C. Walker.

State of Texas } In County Court Sept  
 County of Dallas } Term 1834

To the Hon Chief Justice of said County  
 your petitioner A. G. Walker administrator  
 of the estate of Richard Morris deceased  
 would respectfully represent unto your  
 honor that there are claims against said  
 estate including consisting of the cost of  
 administration ~~and~~ of locating and surveying  
 the headright of the estate amounting  
 to about \$500 dollars and that the  
 only property belonging to said estate is  
 a headright of 320 acres of land located  
 in <sup>Darrant</sup> ~~Warrant~~ County. Wherefore he prays for  
 an order authorizing him to sell the  
 same on the terms prescribed by law at  
 the town of Birdville County seat of Tarrant  
 County on the first Tuesday in Decem-  
 ber next. And as in duty bound he will  
 ever pray &c

A. G. Walker

State of Texas }  
 County of Tarrant } To the Hon. chief Justice of Dallas  
 County. I A. G. Walker administrator  
 of Richard Morris Esq. would most Respectfully  
 Submit to your Hon. the following Statement  
 of Sale of the Land Belonging to the said Estate  
 in Accordance with the Order from your Hon.  
 I proceeded to sell the said Land according to Law on  
 the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Jan 1855. and John W Boyle being  
 the highest and best Bidder the Land was sold  
 to him for the Sum of (\$412) Payable in 12 months  
 with Mr Duayle for Security all of which is most  
 Respectfully Submitted

A. G. Walker  
 Adm<sup>r</sup> of the estate  
 of Rich<sup>d</sup> Morris dec<sup>d</sup>.

State of Texas }  
 County of Tarrant } This Day Personally appeared before  
 me J. Tracy Meekins chief Justice  
 of the county of Tarrant, A. G. Walker and made  
 oath in due form of Law that the above Report  
 is Just and True.

Witness my hand  
 at Dallas  
 1855

J. Tracy Meekins, chief  
 Justice of Tarrant county  
 1855

State of Texas } Know all men by these presents  
 Dallas County } that we <sup>as principal</sup>  
 and <sup>as sureties are</sup>  
 held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of the  
 County of Dallas in the penal sum of  
 Dollars for the payment of which sum well and truly  
 to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and adm-  
 inistrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents  
 signed and sealed using scruple for seal this day of  
 A. D. 1853

The execution of this obligation is  
 such, that whereas, the above bounden  
 has ~~been~~ been appointed by the Chief Justice  
 of Dallas County, Administrator of the Estate of  
 Deceased. Now is the said  
 shall well and truly perform all  
 the duties required of him under said appointment  
 then this obligation shall be null and void otherwise  
 to be and remain in full force & effect

Seal  
 Seal  
 Seal

I do solemnly swear that <sup>acc?</sup>  
 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  
 Deceased

Given to & subscribed before  
 Me this day of 1853  
 [Signature]

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas  
that be A. G. Walker as principal and John H. Colburn  
and the Chief Justice of the County of Dallas in the sum of  
three hundred and fifty dollars the payment of which  
we have ourselves, our heirs, executors and Administrators,  
jointly and severally firmly by these presents signed and  
sealed using solemn oath this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1853

The commission of the Abolition is such  
that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January A. G. Walker has been  
appointed by the Chief Justice of the County of Dallas Adminis-  
trator of the estate of Richard Morris, now in the  
said Walker shall well and truly discharge all the  
duties required of him under said appointment then  
his obligation to be null and void. Otherwise to be and  
remain in full force and effect.

A. G. Walker  
John H. Colburn  
W. Smith  
Deal  
Deal

Richard Morris do hereby swear that Richard Morris has died and  
leaving any legal will so far as I know is true and  
that I will well and truly perform all the duties of  
Administrator of the estate of said Morris  
Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1853  
E. G. De

Birdville, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Hon. Jas. M. Patterson, Clk. Justice  
of Dallas County, The undersigned  
Amos of Rich<sup>d</sup> Morris, dec'd. would  
most respectfully represent to  
your Honor that in obedience  
to an order passed at the Sept.  
term of the Probate Court of  
the County above stated, he adver-  
tised the land of Dr. deccent  
for sale at the Court house  
door in the town of Birdville  
to be sold at public vendue on  
the first Tuesday in the present  
month - that he attended there  
on that day - that there were  
many persons present at the time  
wishing to buy Dr. land and that  
upon an examination of the  
Dr. order it was discovered that  
the land was to have been sold  
in the town of Dallas and not  
in Birdville - which <sup>was</sup> the recollection  
of the undersigned touching the premises.

The sale was consequently postponed. And, as the undersigned is fully convinced that the D. land would sell for a much better price in Birdville than in Dallas, because the land is well known to persons residing in the neighborhood and who wish to purchase it he would therefore pray your honor to pay an order for him to sell it before the courthouse door in the D. town of Birdville, if agreeable to your feelings and not incompatible to law. But if this cannot be done then the undersigned wishes you to pay an order similar to the old one or regrant the same and he will attend to the matter promptly.

Respectfully yours, J. G. Stewart

A. G. Walker  
Agent of Rich. Merrick, etc.

State of Texas      In County Court Sept  
County of Dallas      Term A 2 1834.

A. G. Walker Administrator of the Estate  
of Richard Morris deceased in case  
with said estate —————

To Amt of property as per inventory three  
hundred and twenty acres of land ————— \$24,000

Or  
By Amount of property still on hand, to wit  
320 acres land as per inventory ————— \$24,000  
The Heats of Court —————

Attains by and as the Estate  
An account of A. G. Walker for locating  
Surveyors and obtaining Patent valued \$2,000  
The above claim in favor of the Adminis-  
trator is the only debt known to exist  
against said estate, which he asks  
may be allowed  
All of which is submitted on oath and prayed  
to be approved by the Court.

A. G. Walker  
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 2<sup>d</sup>  
Sept 1834.      W. W. Peake Clerk C. J. D. C.  
By E. L. Brandon Deputy

A G Walker  
20 3 Annual  
3 Shewing  
C. R. Morris

Filed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1854  
Dr. W. Walker  
of the U.S. Geol. Surv.  
Approved as copy Sept 1854  
J. M. Patterson  
Chief Justice  
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