

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

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The State of Texas in Probate Court  
County of Dallas February Term 1860

To the Hon J M Patterson  
Chief Justice &c of said County of Dallas  
and State of Texas

Your Petitioner George R  
Met who resides in the County of Dallas and  
State of Texas respectfully informs that  
William T Met formerly a resident of  
this County and Probate to Petitioner on  
part of this life in the City of Matamoras  
and Government of Mexico heretofore  
he died on the 1st day of Sept 1859 leaving  
a written will which if true with full  
power of mind and made free thereof  
that the principal property of said decen-  
dent is situated within this County

The premises considered he prays that  
said will may be examined in Probate  
in this County together with such  
other and further orders as may be  
made upon and as in and to be made  
by law &c

John J Good  
Att for  
Geo R Met

Executors Notice  
Geo R Met Executor of the last Will and  
Testament of William T Met Decedent, has  
filed in my Office his Petition Praying that  
said last Will and Testament may be Probated  
and admitted to Record, This is therefore to  
notify all persons interested to be seen appear  
at 10 o'clock A.M. Court of the Honorable County  
Court of Dallas County to be held at the  
Court House in the Town of Dallas on the  
last Monday in the Month of February 1860  
and contest the same if they think proper  
This 17th Feb 1860 W M Patterson, C.C.C., J.  
By Geo R Met, Executor

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the *Chief* Clerk of the *County* Court, or any Notary Public, in and for the *County* of *Tarrant*, State of *Texas*, Greeting:

We Hereby require you to cause *F. Cummings & A. F. Watson* residents of your *County*

to come before you at such time and place as by you may be named, and that you then and there carefully examine *them*, upon *their* oath or affirmation first taken before you, touching the annexed interrogatories, which evidence so taken, is to be read ~~on the trial of a suit now pending in the District Court of~~ *County*, in this State, in which *in the County Court of Dallas County for Probate, for the purpose of proving up the last Will and Testament of Mrs. J. West*

~~Deposition~~; and you will cause the answers so taken, to be committed to writing, to be signed and sworn to before yourself; and certify under your hand and seal of

*Affirm* that the answers were signed and sworn to before you: and you will seal the same together with these presents in an envelope, and write your name across the seals, and direct the same to the Clerk of the ~~District~~ *County* Court of *Dallas* County, of the State of Texas, endorsing on the envelope the names of the parties ~~to the suit~~, and the names of the witnesses.

If you send the same by mail, you will hand it to some Post Master or his Deputy, requesting him to endorse on the same that he received the package from yourself, and sign his name thereto officially; or if you entrust it to private conveyance as provided by the Statute, you will apprise the person who receives it, that it must be delivered to the Clerk of this Court, by himself in person. This you will please do, on or before the *last* Monday ~~after the~~

*Monday* in *June* - *A. D. eighteen hundred and 60*  
Witness, *H. C. Browder*, Clerk of the *County* Court of *Dallas* County, and his Seal of Office, at Dallas, this the *fourth*

day of *June* *A. D. 1860.*  
*W. C. Masterson* *CLK Co. & S. Co. Texas*  
By *Geo W Laws* *CLK*  
*County*  
Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

*Geo R West*  
*To*

*Chief Justice*  
*of Dallas County*  
*Duplication for*  
*probate of Will of*  
*W J West dec*

*Filed July 16<sup>th</sup> 1860*  
*Geo W Laws* *CLK*

*John Good*

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The Seal of Texas in Probate Court  
 County of Dallas March Term 1860

In re William T West  
 Application for Probate of Will

~~Interrogatories & replies~~  
 furnished to J Cummings and A F Watson  
 some residents of Cameron County Texas

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Are you acquainted with one  
 William T West who died at Matamoros,  
 Mexico some time in August 1859 If  
 you please state whether or not he  
 left a written Will

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Please examine the enclosed  
 document dated Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1859 and  
 make a statement and state whether or not it is  
 the Will of the said West If so will of the  
 said West <sup>the same</sup> who signed his name thereto  
 and who was present at the time and  
 saw the signature

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Are you the identical J Cum-  
 mings and A F Watson whose signatures  
 are on said Will as subscribing witnesses  
 If you please state whether or not said  
 West acknowledged the same to be his  
 last Will and Testament whether or  
 not you signed it in the presence of the  
 said West and in the presence of one  
 another and if you at whose request

The State of Texas }  
 County of Cameron }

In accordance with a  
 Commission issued from the office of the  
 Clerk of the County Court of the County of  
 Dallas, State of Texas, on the fourth day of  
 June A.D. 1860, in the matter of the probate  
 of the last will & testament of Mrs. J. West  
 in said Court pending, to take the depositions  
 of J. Cummings and A. F. Watson witnesses,  
 to interrogatories propounded to said J. Cummings  
 & A. F. Watson in said matter, hereto annexed  
 I, Joseph B. Palmer, Notary Public in and for  
 said county and State, duly commissioned and sworn,  
 caused on this nineteenth day of June A.D. 1860,  
 said witness J. Cummings to come before  
 me and having sworn him to make  
 true answers to said interrogatories, he  
 the said J. Cummings answered the said  
 Interrogatories as follows -

To the first Interrogatory, he answers -

I was acquainted with William J.  
 West who died in Matamoros Mexico,  
 about the second day of September 1859 -  
 said West left a written Will -

To the second Interrogatory, he answers,

I have examined the enclosed document  
 dated Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1859 and marked A, it

is the Will of the said West. I wrote it in the presence of and under direction of said West and he (said West) thereto signed his name - Dr. A. F. Watson Rev. R. P. Thompson and myself were present at the time and saw the signature -

To the third Interrogatory he answered -

I am the identical J. Cunningham whose signature is to said Will as a Subscribing Witness - Said West did acknowledge said Will to be his last Will & Testament. I signed it in the presence of said West and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses. I did so at the request of the said Mrs. J. West - R. P. Thompson and A. F. Watson the other witnesses were present and they also did sign said Will in the presence of and at the request of said West -

To the fourth Interrogatory he answers -

I am well acquainted with the signatures of A. F. Watson & R. P. Thompson. And I know that their signatures to said Will are genuine - I believe said Watson is now in the City of Mobile in the State of Alabama - and said

Thompson in Monterrey, Mexico

Thompson in Monterey, Mexico

F. Cunningham

J. Joseph N. Palmer, Notary Public as aforesaid  
do certify that the foregoing accounts  
were shown to and subscribed by the  
within said F. Cunningham before  
me -

Given under my hand and seal of  
office this nineteenth day of June  
A.D. 1860 -

Joseph N. Palmer  
Notary Public.





you please your signatures to the same  
 for the bill in the presence of the  
 Mr. R. B. Thompson the other being present and did  
 Mr. J. C. State any thing for them you may  
 know in regard to the execution of said  
 Will

John Hood

att for

George R. West

The State of Texas  
 County of Dallas

Notice is hereby given that I  
 shall apply to the Clerk of the Probate Court of Dal-  
 las County Texas for a Commission to take the  
 depositions of J. Cummings and A. F. Watson  
 residents of the County of Jefferson and State  
 of Texas in the above and foregoing matter  
 and that their depositions when tak-  
 en will be read as evidence upon the ap-  
 plication to probate the Will of William J.  
 West now pending in the Probate Court  
 of Dallas County Texas

John Hood

att for

George R. West

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas

In testimony and affidavit  
of property belonging to the estate of Dr. J. M. ...

320 acres in ...	\$ 3200
60 " " "	240-
1 Saddle ...	12-
3 Blankets ...	13 <sup>50</sup>
1 Saddle ...	15 <sup>50</sup>
1 Chain ...	11 <sup>25</sup>
1 ...	26 <sup>50</sup>
1 ...	4 <sup>50</sup>
2 ...	75.00

State of Texas  
County of Dallas  
Personally appeared A. W. Knight  
& Isaac Carter  
Commissioners  
Appointed by the County Court, to appraise the  
property belonging to the estate of W. J. ...  
& being duly sworn say upon oath that the above  
is a full & complete inventory & appraisement of  
the property belonging to said decedent's estate, so  
far as shown to them by the administrator,  
of sd estate,

A. W. Knight  
Isaac Carter

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
This 25 day of August 1860  
Geo. H. Davis Clerk

John ...  
Application for ...  
of ...  
of ...

List of claims due and owing the estate of William F. Metcalf	
Due on J. D. Bullock due July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1855	\$8
Do Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> 55	\$2
Due on J. Calahan due Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 54	32.90
Do July 6 <sup>th</sup> 55	\$8
Due on R. C. Allen due June 30 <sup>th</sup> 55	9.80
" " Hugh F. Sargeant due Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> 55	12.00
Do June 15 <sup>th</sup> 55	\$10
" on Josiah Lockett due Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> 55	14.04
" " John C. McCommas due Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> 54	50.06
Do Aug 19 <sup>th</sup> 55	\$36
" " J. C. Knapp due Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 59	90.00
" " James B. Gorin due Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> 59	125.70
Acct on Estate of A. G. Harris approved Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 55	5.35
" " W. Brown due Dec 1854	1.00
" " Robt. Sprouts " " "	.35
" " Ans. L. Smith " " "	279
" " Hugh F. Sargeant " " "	.50
" " Samuel Probst " " "	5.88
" " Rufus Burnett " " "	971
" " Francis Johnson " " "	6.45
" " John Ready " " "	3.50
" " A. Burnett " " "	20.41
" " Paul Morgan " " "	10.88
" " W. Armstrong " " "	28
" " Dr. Harrison " " "	1.25
" " Rev. Keiser " " "	1.80
" " Thos. Keenan " " "	2.13
" " John Long " " "	1.00
" " E. H. Newton " " "	1.20
" " Noah Henderson " " "	15.37
" " R. Green " " "	17.5

Amt of Money received of J. W. Elliott \$63.50  
 Probable amount of money or property or bond  
 at Brownsville Tex 27.20

State of Texas Personally appeared before the  
 County of Dallas undersigned Authority, George  
 W. Metcalf, Exor of W. F. Metcalf dec'd and being duly  
 sworn says upon oath, that, the within & foregoing  
 Inventory contains a full & complete description  
 of all the property belonging to said Estate,  
 that has come to his hands or knowledge -  
 together with a full & complete statement  
 of all the notes & accounts belonging to said  
 Estate,  
 Sworn to & subscribed before G. W. Metcalf  
 Me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1860  
 Geo W. Laws Clerk

In the name of God Amen -  
 I William J. West, formerly of the town  
 of Dallas in the County of Dallas State  
 of Texas, now temporarily residing in  
 Matamoros Mexico, being of sound  
 mind but in feeble health and  
 considering the uncertainty of human  
 life and desiring to arrange my  
 worldly affairs do make and publish  
 this my last will & testament -

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my body be buried  
 in Brownsville Texas according to the  
 rites & ceremonies of the Methodist  
 church.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that after the payment  
 of my funeral expenses & just debts  
 that all my property both real  
 and personal be and remain the  
 property of my brother George P.  
 West now a resident of Dallas  
 County Texas -

3<sup>rd</sup> I appoint my said brother  
 George P. West of this my last  
 will the sole Executor -

4<sup>th</sup> I direct that no proceedings

To  
 Chief Justice  
 John & Appraisement

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup>  
 day of August 1860  
 J. Matamoros  
 Chief Justice

Filed August 25<sup>th</sup> 1860  
 Geo. W. Laws Clerk

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in relation to this my will and  
my Estate has had in any  
of the Courts - except the filing  
of an inventory of my property in  
the Co. Court of said Dallas County -

In testimony whereof I hereto  
set my hand with a seal  
for a seal at Matamoros  
Mexico this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A. D. 1859 - Wm. J. West

Signed by the testator & acknowledged  
by him in our presence & who have  
hereto signed as witnesses at the request  
of said William J. West the testator  
and in presence of each other

J. Cunningham

A. H. Watson m.d.

R. S. Thompson