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Mrs. Syd Davis
Box 20
Elgin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

A copy of the Will in the Estate of Frances Ferris, deceased, No. 182 closed will be \$4.00. A certified copy of said Will \$5.00.

If you are interested in a copy of the Will please make check payable to Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk giving us the name and number of said Estate.

Yours very truly,

Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk

By

Deputy

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WORK ORDER AUTHORIZATION
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No. PC- 04025

TOM E. ELLIS
County Clerk
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXASREQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPIES
PROBATE DEPARTMENTDATE 6/12/74Certified Copies of WillCause No. 182 Estate of Frances FerrisOrdered By Julia Parris

Remarks

FEE \$ 4.00BY Edith Pope Deputy

	Copy Prepared	Delivered to Customer	Mailed
Date	<u>6/12/74</u>	<u>6/12/74</u>	
Initial	<u>EP</u>	<u>EP</u>	

Remittance Should be Made Payable to TOM E. ELLIS, County Clerk
and Mailed to TOM E. ELLIS, County Clerk, Records Building,
Dallas, Texas 75202.

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The State of Texas ³ before open court at the
 County of Dallas ³ before Ferris thereof after
 the required application made, and lawful
 notice thereof given, as appears to the satisfaction
 of the Court, came into open Court W. A.
 Ferris and produced therein
 for Probate the last Will and Testament
 of Frances Ferris and two of the witnesses
 to wit: Sarah E. Sage and Harriett
 Sage who being duly sworn depose and
 say that they saw Frances Ferris the
 testatrix sign declare and publish the
 instrument hereto attached which instrument
 is dated April 13th 1869, as her last Will
 & Testament freely, Voluntarily and
 of her own accord without any compulsion
 or whatever, that at the time of executing
 and signing said will the testatrix Frances
 Ferris was of sound mind and disposing
 memory and that deponents signed said
 Will as witnesses thereto at the Special
 instance and request of the testatrix the
 said Will aforesaid

Harriett Sage

Sarah E. Sage

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 28th June A.D. 1869.

The State of Texas } I Warren A Ferris
 County of Dallas } do solemnly swear that
 the within and foregoing instrument of writing
 which has been offered for Probate is the last
 will and testament of Francis Ferris late of
 Dallas County Texas deceased so far as I
 know or believe and that I will well
 and truly perform all the duties of Executor
 of the said will.

W A Ferris Exr
 last W & T of Francis Ferris

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day
 of June A.D. 1869.

J. L. Jones
 Cts.

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This State of Texas, I S. Jones Clerk of the County
 County of Dallas } Court of Dallas County, Texas
 hereby certify that the within and foregoing Will,
 together with affidavits attached thereto, were this
 day duly recorded in my office in Book record
 of Wills, on pages 36, 37, 38 & 39.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 official Signature and Seal at office
 in the Town of Dallas this 12th day of
 July A.D. 1869.

S. Jones
 Clerk of Dallas Co. Tex

Last Will Detained
 of ~~Wills~~
 Frances Ferris

Filed July 15th 1869
 S. Jones
 Clerk

June 28th 1869

Admitted to
 Probate and
 ordered of Record

A. B. Keiser

County Clerk

D. Co

Recorded in Book
 - on pages 36, 37, 38 & 39

of Texas

I Francis Ferris of the State and County of DeLeon
 being of sound mind at this time do declare that
 I have never made any will and that this is the
 only one ever made by me and which I now
 and publish as my last and only will

1st It is my wish that as James and Charley have
 already received each a Horse that Mary Catherine
 shall have the Horse named "Fremontian", that
 Henry shall have the Colt from the Chesnut mare
 and that Robert shall have the Colt from the Jack
 son mare, It is further my desire that the mares
 shall all three be bred and that the Colts shall
 become the property of the children Louisa Ed-
 ward Ella + Francis in order of their names
 each one of them to have a Colt.

2nd It is my wish that my estate being a part
 of Survey No 4 on White Rock Creek in the State
 and County above mentioned together with all
 the appurtenances improvements farming
 utensils household property stock cattle
 Horses and hogs shall remain undivided
 until the 1st day of April Eighteen hundred
 and seventy four, that the said estate shall
 be managed by my husband for the support
 of our children until the division above
 mentioned shall be made, Making him

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my said husband's executor of this my last
will and testament. It is my desire that all
debts shall be promptly paid, that have been
made for Medical attention Support of
the family or schooling of the Children
It is my desire that my Children shall re-
main together for the period of five years
and that they shall cultivate as much
of the farm as they can with the means
at hand and that the rest of the farm be
rented out that the rent shall be applied
to Keeping the farm in Order and the In-
flux shall be applied to raising and educating
the Children. It is my desire that the rent
of the farm together with all that the Children
may make themselves shall be applied for
the exclusion benefit of them who remain to-
gether upon the farm. It is my desire that at
the period assigned April 1st 1874 that the County
Court of Dallas County shall appoint Com-
missioners to divide the estate real and
personal according to value equally among
such of my Children as may be living
at that time. That the share shall
be drawn for in the usual manner
and that deeds shall be made
by my executor to each of the heirs,
and that the division shall be final.

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and of the same force as it would have
 been if made by myself in this my will
 It is further my desire that in case of
 the death of my Husband W. A. Ferris
 before the 1st day of April 1874. That
 Col. Thos. S. Nash of Dallas County be
 requested to act as my executor hereby giving
 him full power to carry out all the be-
 quest, and disposition of my Estate as herein
 indicated making all his acts in accordance
 with this will valid and obligatory upon my
 children. It is to be observed that the Horses
 or Colts given or to be given to the children
 in accordance to the 1st Article of this will
 are not to be esteemed as any part of the es-
 tate and the children shall and may ex-
 ercise full control of the ownership of these
 Horses and Colts as respectively given them except
 that minors shall not sell their Horses with-
 out the consent of the executor who shall
 also exercise the right of guardian to said
 children. Fanny Ferris being to make to
 write her own name to this will did au-
 thorize W. A. Ferris to sign her name this
 1st day of April 1869. In presence of

Jacob E. Sage

Harriett E. Sage
 Corbary E. Sage

Franey Ferris

The living Children of Francis Ferris
 This the 15th April 1869. An

Jamy Ferris	born	Augt	24 th	1849-
Charles Ferris	"	March	7 th	1852-
May 6 Ferris	"	Oct	14 th	1853-
Henry Ferris	"	March	22 nd	1855-
Robert Ferris	"	Augt	18 th	1856-
Louisa Ferris	"	April	30 th	1858-
Edward Ferris	"	July	5 th	1860-
Yacob Allen "	"	April	7 th	1864-
Francis Laura "	"	March	7 th	1869-

W. A. Ferris

Francis Ferris died at
 3 o'clock in the morning of
 April 21st 1869
 W. A. Ferris

Will

Francis Ferris
 April 1869

Signed in presence of
 Jane Gage
 Lucy B. Bunn
 with the Subscribing
 witnesses W. A. Ferris

Filed May 15th 1869
 W. A. Ferris
 atty

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Field Notes of a tract of Land appertaining
to the King of France. Found being a
part of Section No 4 and small part of
Section No 8 on White Rock Creek in the County
of Dallas State of Texas.

Beginning at North Corner of Section
No 4 a Stake in Grom the original witnesses
being all dead and gone but before they
had disappeared was one man taken as
follows Chain Copied Call 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 62 W 23 links.

Then 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 71 E 34 links.

Then S 45° E 54 $\frac{25}{100}$ Chains to Corner
a North from which an

Then 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 59 E 39 links.

Then 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ links.

Las Chennault Corner

Then S 53° 24' W 17 $\frac{69}{100}$ Chains to Rock
from which a Spanish Oak 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 1 $\frac{1}{100}$ Chain

Then bush N 64 W 30 links

Chennault & Daniels Corner

Then S 49° 34' W 8 $\frac{06}{100}$ Chains to Rock
from which a (at road to Beyene)

8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Spanish Oak S 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 3 $\frac{23}{100}$ Chains

do 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 1 W 2 $\frac{52}{100}$ Chains

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Come J. H. Daniels

Thence S 46° 17' E 16⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Chains to
middle of Ash Creek from which a
Spanist Oak 20⁰⁰/₁₀₀ N 11 W 48 links
Chincopin Oak 15⁰⁰/₁₀₀ N 65 W 48 links

Thence down the bed of Ash Creek with
its meanders

S 50 W 2¹/₂ Chains " S 65 W 2¹/₂ Chains "
S 30¹/₄ W 1¹/₂ Chains " N 88 W 2 Chains "
S 38 W 2¹/₂ Chains " S 49¹/₂ W 1¹/₂ Chains "
S 4¹/₂ W 2¹/₂ Chains " S 29¹/₂ W 2 Chains "
S 5¹/₂ W 2¹/₂ Chains " S 25³/₄ W 2¹/₂ Chains "
S 9¹/₄ W 1³/₄ Chains " S 73 W 2 Chains "
S 45¹/₂ W 2 Chains " S 7¹/₄ W 3¹/₂ Chains "
S 57¹/₂ W 2 Chains " S 88¹/₂ W 2¹/₄ Chains "
S 7¹/₄ E 2¹/₂ Chains " N 73³/₄ W 2¹/₂ Chains "
N 62¹/₂ W 1¹/₂ Chains " S 67³/₄ W 2¹/₂ Chains "
S 59 W 1¹/₂ Chains " S 77 W 2 Chains "
S 72 W 1⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Chains Stake in bed of said stream

from which an

Stake 11⁰⁰/₁₀₀ N 17¹/₄ E 34 links

Stake 5⁰⁰/₁₀₀ N 75 W 68 links

John Daniels, Come

Thence N 45° E 18⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Chains to Mark
from which an

Stake 15⁰⁰/₁₀₀ S 77¹/₄ E 3⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Chains

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or convey lost before the final execution of the aforesaid will

Undesigned hereby that the Chief Justice of Dallas County will grant the request herein made and undesigned will ever pray

W. A. Ferry

Surgeon and

Guardian of the
Children of Francis Ferry

To the Hon
Chief Justice of Dallas County
In and

Sworn to before me this Aug 1st 1870
J. M. Lusk

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One chain and 7 links N 45° E of this corner is
a corner of James Jackson, a North from which a
Chincopin Oak 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E 21 links Spanish Oak
16 links N 60° E 56 links.

Thence from Arundoy Corner (2 Chincopin
Oaks 5 $\frac{1}{2}$) S 60° E 10 chains to North at edge timber
from which a

Spanish Oak 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 43° W 1 $\frac{1}{100}$ chains

do 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W 5 $\frac{25}{100}$ chains

At Arundoy Corner

Thence N 68° E 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains to North edge Point
from which a

Chincopin Oak 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° W 1 $\frac{75}{100}$ chains

do 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 88 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W 1 $\frac{50}{100}$ chains

Thence N 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E 10 $\frac{82}{100}$ chains to North near
small branch from which an

Elm 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains

Span Oak 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains

At Cherraults Corner

Thence N 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 14 chains to North edge but
timber from which a

Black Walnut 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ S 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 21 links "

Ash 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 25 links "

At Cherraults Corner

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Then N 45° E 33 ²⁵/₁₀₀ Chains to North in Edge
of open Original Mistlecree 2 young Ash dead
Pean 6 In 21 E 24 links

(now mit) Span Oak 4 In N 71 ¹/₄ W 11 links

Then S 45° E 6 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Chains to the
Original North Corner of Survey N° 4 the
place of beginning. Containing four
hundred and fifty nine and ⁷¹⁰/₁₀₀ Acres
of Land

The foregoing comprising a careful
Survey and Computation of the Land ap-
pertaining to the estate of Francis Ferris
as it was at the time of his death or at the
date of the execution of his will now on
file in the Office of the Probate Court in and
for the County of Dale Co. State of Tex as
Undersigned deposing that this Statement
may be put on file with the aforesaid
will and made a part of the Record
of said Court in order that said Court
may be enabled to carry out the wishes
of the testator according to said will
The Undersigned has planted said Norths
Substantially at all the Corners where
Norths are mentioned in these field Notes
In order that no changes may take place

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Chin Copin Oak 5 In S 22 ¹/₂ E 1 ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ Chains
J. H. Daniels Corner

Then S 23° W 16 ⁹/₁₀₀ Chains to a
Post planted at Edge of bottom
on old line J. H. Daniels Corner

Then N 45° W 28 ⁰/₁₀₀ Chains to North
from which a

Gleanish Oak 5 6 6 E 37 links 10 Inches

do 2 feet N 47 ¹/₂ W 39 links

Summers Corner

Then N 8° E 15 ²/₁₀₀ Chains to North
from which a

Glean Oak 20 In N 72 E 3 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Chains

do 4 In N 65 ¹/₂ W 2 ²⁵/₁₀₀ Chains

James Jacksons Corner

Then N 47 ¹/₂° W 23 Chains to North
from which an

Elm 5 In N 25 W 26 links

Span Oak 7 In N 21 ¹/₂ E 55 links

J. J. Jacksons Corner

Then N 45° E 5 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Chains to ^{15th} North at edge
of tract and ~~which~~ North branch
from which

Chin Copin Oak 5 In N 89 ¹/₂ E 47 links

do 5 In N 41 ¹/₄ E 43 links

M. H. Hendry Corner

*Field Notes
of Land
appertaining to the
Estate of Francis Finis
469 7/10 Acres
Adia Aug 1st 1870
J. M. Law
Clerk*

Box 20
Elgin, Texas
January 27, 1965

County Clerk, Dallas County
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I would like to know the cost of a photocopy of the will and inventory of estate (if one is given) of Frances Ferris (Mrs. W. A. Ferris) who died April 23, 1869. I do not know the date that the will was filed for probate but think it was 1874.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Syd Davis
Mrs. Syd Davis

To Hon. A. Bledson Chief Justice of Dallas
County undersigned respectfully represents
that he had made application to have
the last will of Frances Ferris probated
and that by publication or public notice all
persons were having objections or all parties in
interest were notified to attend at the Court
on Monday the last day of May when under
signed hoped to present himself and testimony
to prove the genuineness of the will that on
that day White Rock Creek was overflowed
and rendered impassable and he was unable to
appear with his testimony (formally) and thus
for asks that the case may be postponed
until the next term of the probate Court
W. A. Ferris

June 1st 1869

State of Texas
 County of Dallas
 To the Hon A Blessor,
 Chief Justice of Dallas County greeting
 undersigned respectfully represents that
 he has presented the last will and
 testament of Frances Ferris late the wife
 of undersigned and desires that the
 same may be probated at the next
 term of your Hon Court
 May 15/69
 W. A. Ferris

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

You are hereby notified, to be and appear before the County Court of Dallas
 county, in the State of Texas, at the next term thereof, to be held for probate and other
 like purposes, at Dallas, in said county, at the Court House thereof, on the last Monday
 in May instant, (the same being the 31 day thereof,) then and there to
 show cause, if any you have, why ~~Letters of~~ the last will and
testament of Frances Ferris

late of said county, deceased, should not be granted to admitted to
Probate. W. A. Ferris who has this day filed with me his application
 in terms of law, praying that the same may then and there be done. This 15th day of
May A. D. 18 69.

S. H. Jones
 Clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.