

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

Case Number 2965

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EXECUTOR'S BOND.

The M. F. Exline Co., Manufacturing Stationers, Dallas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

ESTATE OF

*J. C. Stanley, Deed*

Know All Men by These Presents, That we,  
as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dallas, and his successors in  
office, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound \_\_\_\_\_, who has  
been appointed \_\_\_\_\_,  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

Witness our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_  
[SEAL]  
[SEAL]  
[SEAL]

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the last will of  
*Mrs J. C. Stanley* deceased, so far as I know or believe;  
and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will. *Mary Susan Ward*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22* day of *May* 190\_\_\_\_  
By *R. H. Lee* Deputy. *Jack M. Gaston*  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *J. C. Stanley* Deceased:  
*Mary Susan Ward* has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State  
of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said  
*J. C. Stanley* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which Application will  
be heard and acted upon by said Court, at the next term thereof, to be held at the Court House  
in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, State aforesaid, and commencing on the First Monday in  
*May* A. D. 190\_\_\_\_, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate  
shall appear and contest said Application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS JACK M. GASTON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City  
of Dallas, this *24* day of *May* A. D. 190\_\_\_\_

JACK M. GASTON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy.

*Original*  
No. *4330*

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

*S. C. Stanley*

Deceased

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters

ISSUED

This *24* day of *March* A. D. 190*8*

JACK M. GASTON,

County Clerk

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy

*R-88*

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND THE *24* day of *March* A. D. 190*8*, and executed the *25* day of *March* A. D. 190*8*, by posting up three copies of this writ at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House door of said County, and no two of which were in the same town or city.

*A. L. Ledbetter*

Sheriff Dallas County

Deputy

By *W. H. Colburn*

*Posting 3 notices*

No. \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S BOND

ESTATE OF

*Wm S C Stanley*  
*Deed*

Filed *May 22* 190*8*

*Jack M Gaston*  
S. P. SCOTT, Clerk.

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of Court, Dallas County

*R-234*

The state of Texas. 0  
County of Dallas. 0

I, S. C. Stanley, of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1. It is my will and desire that all my just debts, including expenses of last sickness and funeral expenses, be paid by my executrix hereinafter named, as soon after my death as may be practicable.

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my grandson Lewis A. Clark, the sum of five Dollars, to be paid by my executrix as soon after my death as may seem practicable, she to be the judge of its practicability.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my step-daughter, Mary Susan Ward, all the property real personal and mixed and not herein before disposed of of which I die seized and possessed and wherever the same may be situate to be here absolutely.

Item 4. I hereby appoint my said step-daughter, Mary Susan Ward, to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament, I direct that no bond be required of her as such executrix, and that no other or further proceedings be had in the probate Court, in the administration of my estate, than the probating of this will and filing an inventory of my said estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of C. W. Stanley and J. A. Power witnesses, this the 6 day of <sup>August</sup> ~~July~~ 1907.

S. C. Stanley

The above instrument was signed in our presence by Mrs. S. C. Stanley, as her last will and testament, and we, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other signed the same as attesting witnesses, this 6 day of <sup>August</sup> ~~July~~ 1907.

C. W. Stanley  
J. A. Power

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No. *17*  
*Est. 17*  
*J. C. Stanton*  
*Chair*  
FILLED  
MAR 24 1908  
*R. H. Lee*  
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The State of Texas,	0	Pending in County Court,
NO. _____	0	Dallas County, Texas.
County of Dallas.	0	May term 1908.

Now comes Mary Susan Ward, hereinafter styled applicant, and files this application for the probate of the written will of S. C. Stanley, dec'd., and for letters testamentary on said will, and shows to the court; That S. C. Stanley departed this life in Dallas County, Texas on the 18th day of February 1908 leaving a written will which is hereto attached and herewith filed.

That at the date of the death of said testator she had her domicile and fixed place of residence in Dallas County, Texas.

That at the date of her death said testator was seized of an estate, consisting of real and personal property, of the probable value of \$2000.00 all of which was situated in Dallas County, Texas.

That by the terms of said will this applicant, Mary Susan Ward, is appointed independent executrix of said will without bond and that said executrix resides in Dallas County, Texas.

That said executrix and applicant is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary herein.

Wherefore said applicant prays that notice of this application be given as required by law and that on hearing hereof said will be admitted to probate and that letters testamentary thereon be issued this applicant in accordance with the provisions of said will.

And she will ever pray &c.

*John P. [Signature]*  
Attorney for applicant.

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No

Estate of

J. C. Stanley dec'd

Application to Revoke  
Provisional Order

FILED

MAY 24 1958

JACK M. [Signature]

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No. 1980

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of Dallas S.C. Stanley Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of S.C. Stanley Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court C.W. Stanley

who, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said Will, says: I was well acquainted with S.C. Stanley

deceased, during ~~his~~ lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about thirteen five years before ~~her~~ death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate as ~~her~~ last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1908

and bearing date on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1907, was made by the deceased on said last named date at her home in Dallas County Texas in presence of myself C.W. Stanley and J.A. Power

the other subscribing witness; all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and ~~she~~ declared the said Will so made by ~~her~~ to be ~~her~~ Last Will and Testament, and thereupon signed my name as a witness, together with J.A. Power at the request of the said testator,

in ~~her~~ presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said instrument was seventy years of age; the said S.C. Stanley departed this life on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1908

about six months after making said Will, in the County of Dallas in the State of Texas, where and at which time ~~her~~ residence and principal estate was situated.

C.W. Stanley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May A.D. 1908, in open court.

Jack M. Gaston Clerk  
County Court Dallas County, Texas.

By [Signature] Deputy

No. \_\_\_\_\_

# PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Term, 190\_\_\_\_\_

ESTATE OF

*Wm. S. Stanley*  
Deceased

FILED

The *22* day of *May* A.D. 190*8*

AND RECORDED

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 190\_\_\_\_\_

in the Probate Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_

County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

*Jacob M. Gustin*  
County Clerk

By *R. W. Lee* Deputy

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## Inventory and Appraisement

OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF

*S. C. Stanley, Decedent*

### Real Estate

<i>1/2 of 98 acres Prairie Land</i>	<i>Value 980<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>1/2 of 62 " Bottom Ranch</i>	<i>" 160<sup>00</sup></i>

### Personal Property

<i>1/2 interest in 2 Mules</i>	<i>150<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>" " " Horses</i>	<i>75<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>" " " 14 head of Cattle</i>	<i>25<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Household Goods, Meat, Lard, etc.</i>	<i>50<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Farming Implements</i>	<i>20<sup>00</sup></i>
	<i>\$ 320<sup>00</sup></i>

### List of Claims due said Estate.

*1 Note, Vendor Lien, for \$100<sup>00</sup> dated 12/5 1903  
 (No. 1st promissory) - 60<sup>00</sup> paid Aug 5 1907 payable Sept 1st 1908  
 bearing interest at the rate of 10 percent  
 from date, executed by J. J. Butler*

*1 Open account on Hiram Hines for about  
 \$119.<sup>00</sup>*

No. 4330

COUNTY COURT

ESTATE OF

*S. C. Stanley*

Inventory and Appraisement

FILED

15 day of June 1908

*Jack M. Gaston*  
County Clerk

Deputy

*J. H. Lee*  
By

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 15 day of June 1908

*William H. Jones*  
County Judge

*R-1250*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *Mary Susan Ward Beckwith*

of the above named Estate do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Inventory of all the property, real and personal, belonging to said Estate that has come to my knowledge, *under*

*of Claims and assets estate*  
Witness, B. P. Jett

*Mary Susan Ward*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *June* A. D. 1908

*B. P. Jett, Notary Public*  
*Dallas County, Texas*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

*J. A. Powers, J. H. Stanley and C. W. Stanley*  
Appraisers of the above named Estate, heretofore appointed by the Court, and each being duly sworn,

says that the above and foregoing is a just and true Appraisement of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.

*J. A. Powers*  
*J. H. Stanley*  
*C. W. Stanley*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *June* A. D. 1908

*B. P. Jett, Notary Public*  
*Dallas County, Texas*

Estate of  
NO. 4880.

S. C. Stanley, Dec'd.

May 22nd. 1908.

This day coming on to be heard the application of Mary Susan Ward for the probate of the Will of S. C. Stanley, Deceased, and for letters testamentary on the estate of said decedent; and it appearing to the Court that citation herein has been served and returned in the manner and for the length of time required by law: and it further appearing on the testimony of C. W. Stanley, one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument offered for probate, that S. C. Stanley is dead, that she departed this life in Dallas County, Texas, on the 18th day of February 1908. That at the date of the execution of the written instrument offered for probate as the last will of S. C. Stanley, Dec'd., the said S. C. Stanley was more than 21 years of age and was of sound mind and that the said written instrument was executed by said testator as her last will with all the formalities and solemnities and under the circumstances required by law to make it a valid will. And it further appearing that said will has not been revoked by said testator, that at the time of the death of said testator she was seized of an estate in Dallas County, Texas. That by the terms of said will the applicant herein, Mary Susan Ward, is appointed executrix of said will without bond and without any further proceedings in the Court than the probate of said will and the filing of the inventory and list of claims of said estate and that said Mary Susan Ward is not disqualified by law from acting as such executrix. It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the written instrument offered for probate as aforesaid be and the same is hereby admitted to probate as the last will and testament of S. C. Stanley, Dec'd. and the clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas is hereby ordered to issue letters testamentary to the said Mary Susan Ward in accordance with this order upon her qualifying according to law. *add app*

*Clause*