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State of Texas
County of Dallas

Know all men by these presents that I
R. A. Reeves of said County of Dallas do make, declare
and publish the following as my last will and testam-
ent hereby revoking all wills and testaments by me
at any time heretofore made.

Item First. I direct that all my just debts
be paid. Item Second. I appoint, ^{and} Tom Otway
to be my executor of my will and direct that no
bond or security of any kind be required of him.

Item Third. I direct that no other action
shall be taken in the County Court or in any
other Court exercising probate jurisdiction in
relation to the settlement of my estate than the
probatyng and recording of my will and the return
of an inventory, appraisement and list of claims of
my estate.

Item Fourth. My executor is authorized to bring
and defend suit for the protection of my estate, to
collect, compromise and adjust all claims without
suit, to release claims and to do such other acts as
he may deem proper in the settlement of my estate.

Item Fifth. I give to each of my sons, Otway,
Charles and Reuben the sum of two thousand dollars
and I authorize my executor to sell enough of my real
estate to pay and satisfy said sums or one or more of
my sons may take his portion in real estate at cash
value without a sale, instead of money.

The above provision in favor of my sons is intended to make their portions equal with the portions I have heretofore given to my daughter Mary Wood and to my son Willie D. Reeves in his lifetime.

Item Sixth I give the balance of my estate to my daughter Mary Wood and to my sons, Otway, Charles and Reuben in equal shares and to my two grand children, Mary and Mills Reeves, child ren of my deceased son Willie D. Reeves, together one share and if either of my said grand children should die before marriage or before arriving at the age of twenty one years, I direct that her or his part shall go to the survivor.

My executor is authorized to make farther sale of my estate if he finds it necessary to make partition and to carry into effect the provisions of my Will. Given under my hand this 28 day of April 1904
Witness R. A. Reeves

Signed, declared & published by R. A. Reeves as his last will & testament in the presence of us the attending witnesses who have hereto subscribed our names in the presence of said R. A. Reeves at his special instance & request in the presence of each other. This 9th day of May, A.D. 1904

J. H. Caldwell
David Murray

*The Southwestern
Historical
Quarterly
The Junior
Historian
The Handbook
of Texas*

2971
*The TEXAS
State Historical Association*

UNIVERSITY STATION

AUSTIN 12, TEXAS

August 6, 1949

County Clerk
Dallas County
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

The Historical Association is preparing a reference book on the history of Texas to be called the Handbook of Texas. I am writing some of the material to be included in the book and have a sketch to do on the life of Reuben A. Reeves. He was originally from Palestine lived in Jefferson for a while and in 1874 moved to Dallas from where he was appointed by Governor Coke as an Associate Supreme Court Justice. He held this position for two years--until the constitution of 1876. That is the latest information we have on this man and would appreciate if you would check your records for further information. Perhaps his death date is recorded on some property transaction or his will.

As he was a well-known attorney it seems odd that I cannot find more information on the man. If he continued to reside in Dallas after his term as Supreme court justice it would seem that he would be a member of the Dallas Bar Association. However, he is not included as a member in the earliest report of theirs that is available here at the University--that of 1861. Perhaps you could refer my request to the Bar Association president in Dallas, if you cannot find any information.

I certainly will appreciate any help you may be able to give me and hope that I will hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Clinton P. Hartmann
Clinton P. Hartmann
Box 1840, Univ. Station
Austin, Texas



1897
*The Oldest Learned Society
in Texas*

August 16, 1949.

Mr. Clinton P. Hartmann
Box 1810 Univ. Station
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

The will of R. A. Reeves was filed in Dallas County on April 17, 1908. The Application to Probate states that he died on January 30th, 1908. I am sure this is the Reuben A. Reeves you are trying to locate. The will names a son Reuben Reeves and the Inventory and Appraisement shows that he owned a farm in Anderson County at the time he died.

Your letter does not state what information you are seeking, but will be glad to give you any information I can about the estate.

Yours very truly,

Minnie McMillan, Clerk
Probate Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of R. A. Reeves Deceased:
Oliver C. Reeves has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State
of Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said R. A. Reeves
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. 1908, 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 18 day of April A. D. 1908

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

By M. Bledsoe Deputy.

EXECUTOR'S BOND.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF DALLAS, } ESTATE OF R. A. Reeves

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 _____ 1908

[SEAL]
[SEAL]
[SEAL]

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the last will of
R. A. Reeves deceased, so far as I know or believe;
and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will. Oliver C. Reeves

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1908
By [Signature] Deputy. Jack M. Gaston
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

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Original
Not 44
In the County Court

ESTATE OF

R. A. Reeves

Deceased

Notice of Application for Probate of
Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 18 day of Apr. A. D. 1908

JACK M. GASTON,

County Clerk

By W. H. Hallum Deputy

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SHERIFF'S RETURN

A. D. 1908, and ex-

A. D. 1908, 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.

O. L. Leath
Sheriff Dallas County

By W. H. Hallum Deputy

CAME TO HAND THE 18 day of Apr
18 day of

Posting 3 notices 35

No.

COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S BOND

ESTATE OF

R. A. Reeves

Filed

May 5 1908
Jack M. Gaston
S. B. SCOTT, Clerk.

By

W. H. Hallum Deputy

Approved this

day of

190

County Judge, Dallas County

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List of Claims
Inventory and Appraisement

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

R. A. Reeve deceased

One check drawn by J. W. Lindley & Co by R. P. Lindley dated Dallas Tex Jan 6, 1908 (the No of check being 3277) on The Eastern National Bank to the order of R. A. Reeve for \$19.⁸⁰

One check by Kirby & Smith per M. W. Kirby dated Dallas Tex Jan 15, 1908 (No of check being 3198) drawn on the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas Tex for \$119.⁴⁵

claim against the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas (for money deposited with said bank) \$543.⁶⁶

account against J. W. Lindley & Co dated May 4, 1908 for amt in their hands collected for said Reeve and his estate \$67.⁰³

account against Kirby & Smith for money in their hands for amt collected by them for said Reeve and his estate \$360.³²

No. _____
COUNTY COURT

ESTATE OF
R. A. Reeves
List of Claims
~~Inventory and Appraisement~~

FILED
day of _____ 1908
FILED
MAY 7 1908
County Clerk.
By *JACK M. [Signature]* Deputy.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED
This *7th* day of *May* 1908
William F. [Signature]
County Judge.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *R. A. Reeves* individual - Executor
of the above named Estate do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and complete
claim ~~Inventory and Appraisement~~ belonging to said Estate that has come to my knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *7* day of *May* A. D. 1908
Jack M. [Signature] Clerk County Court
By *W. H. [Signature]* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 1908
By _____ Clerk County Court
Deputy.

No. 4344

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of Dallas

R. A. Reeves

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of R. A. Reeves

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court

J. H. Piersall

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 R. A. Reeves

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about 12 years

before his death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate

as his last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the 17th day of April A.D. 1908

and bearing date on the 28th day of April A.D. 1908 ^{is the original.}

~~was declared to be his last will & Testament on May 7 1908 at~~ the deceased ~~or his personal representative~~ ^{in the presence of myself}

J. H. Piersall and David Murray

the other subscribing witnesses; 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 he declared the said

Will so made by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,

together with David Murray at the request of the said testator,

in his presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said

instrument was about 80 years of age; the said R. A. Reeves

departed this life on the 30th day of January A.D. 1908

about four years after making said Will, in the County of

Dallas in the State of Texas, where and at which time his residence and

principal estate was situated.

J. H. Piersall

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of May A.D. 1908, in open court.

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

By R. H. Lee Deputy

No. _____

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

Term, 190 _____

ESTATE OF _____

Deceased

FILED

The

5 day of *May* A.D. 190*8*

AND RECORDED

The

day of _____ A.D. 190 _____

in the Probate Minutes of _____

County, Volume _____

Page _____

Jack M. Gaston
County Clerk

By *R. H. Lee* Deputy

PROBATE CLERK - 1908

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The State of Texas
County of Dallas

In the matter of the estate of
R. A. Reeve deceased

In County Court pertaining
to Probate business

To the Hon. H. F. Lively County Judge of
Dallas County pertaining to estates of deceased persons

Your petitioner

Otway L. Reeve who resides in Hunt County Texas respectfully represents to your Honor that on January 30th 1908 in the City and County of Dallas Texas where he then and had for many years resided, R. A. Reeve died. That he was at his death more than twenty one year old and of sound mind and was the time of the making of his last will and testament which is here produced more than twenty one year old and of sound mind.

That he left an estate consisting of real and personal property (money) of the probable value of twenty thousand dollars

That he left a last will and testament which is herewith produced in court

That petitioner who resides Otway L. Reeve who resides in Hunt County Texas is named as executor in said will

That petitioner is not disqualified by law from accepting letters of executorship

Wherefore petitioner prays that said will be probated and letters of executorship issued to him and for all necessary orders

Otway L. Reeve by his attorney
Jeffmond

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No
In the matter of the Es-
tate of R. A. Reeves
deceased

Application to probate
will by Otway L.
Reeves

FILED

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~~OTWAY L. REEVES~~

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Estate of R. A. Reever
deceased
No 4344

Now on this May 5th 1908 comes on to be heard the application
of ~~Attorney~~ ^{Attorney} Reever herein filed for the probate of
the last will and testament of R. A. Reever deceased
which is produced in open court having been filed
herein on the 17th day of April 1908 and it
appearing to the court that said R. A. Reever was at
the time of executing said will more than twenty one year
of age and of sound mind and that he died on
January 30. 1908 in the city and county of Dallas Texas
where he then resided and that the court has per-
quisition of his estate that the citation required by
law has been served and returned in the manner
and for the length of time required by law and
that said testator executed said will with the
formalities and solemnities and under the circum-
stances required by law to make it a valid will and that
the same has not been revoked; and that the applicant ^{without bond} Attorney
Reever is named as independent executor ^{of} said will
and that said will has been proved as prescribed by law

And that said Attorney Le Reever is not disqualified by law
~~and that said~~ It is therefore considered by the court and
the court so finds that said ~~with~~ written instrument pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of R. A. Reever
deceased and which is dated the 24th day of April
1904 and is witnessed by J. H. Pickrell and David
Murray as witnesses is the last will and testament
of R. A. Reever deceased and it is ordered adjudged
and decreed by the court that the same be established
established as such and that said will be ad-
mitted to probate as the last will and testament of
R. A. Reever deceased and that said will will
together with the application for the probate thereof and
all the testimony in the case be recorded in the minutes
of the court. Further ordered and decreed that the said
Attorney Le Reever do and he is hereby appointed and
confirmed as independent executor of said will
~~as without bond or provided in said will~~
And that M. W. Kirby, J. A. Smith and J. W. Lindley be
and they are hereby appointed appraisers to appraise the estate
of said deceased.
Further ordered that letters testamentary be granted
to said Attorney Le Reever and that the clerk issue such letters upon
the said Reever taking the oath prescribed by law

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Est R A Reeves
deed

Reeve probatory
will

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Inventory and Appraisement

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

R. A. Reeve deceased.

The Reeve independent executor

1st One lot in the city of Dallas Texas in Block 79 according to the map of said city said lot being in dimensions as follows viz 53 $\frac{10}{12}$ feet by 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet by 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet said lot fronts on Wood street and is on the north side of said street
 Valued at \$5000⁰⁰

2nd One lot situated in city and county of Dallas Texas in Block 281 of said city and being in dimensions as follows viz 55 feet by 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet by 45 feet by 56 feet and being the same lot & conveyed to R. A. Reeve by Frank Reeve by deed dated July 18, 1899 and recorded in Vol 234 page 600 deed records of said Dallas county
 Valued at \$5000⁰⁰

3rd One lot situated in city and county of Dallas Texas in Block 281 of said city and being in dimensions as follows viz 56 feet by 45 feet by about 42 feet by 45 feet and being the same lot conveyed by Frank Reeve to R. A. Reeve by deed dated August 8, 1899 and recorded in Vol 237 page 108 deed records of said Dallas county
 Valued at \$650⁰⁰

4th one lot in the city of Dallas Dallas County Texas in Block 287² of said city and being the same lot conveyed to P. H. Reeves by Frank Reeves by deed dated July 16th 1902 and recorded in Vol 285 page 120 deed records of said Dallas County ^{\$1250}
 Valued at \$1250

5th one lot in the city of Dallas Dallas County Texas in Block 291 of said city and being the same lot conveyed to P. H. Reeves by Frank Reeves by deed dated October 8, 1902 and recorded in Vol 309 page 163 deed records said Dallas County ^{\$1800}
 Valued at \$1800

6th one lot in the city of Dallas Dallas County Texas in Block 281 of said city and being the same lot conveyed to P. H. Reeves by Frank Reeves by deed dated August 18th 1902 and recorded in Vol 312 page 378 deed records said Dallas County ^{\$400}
 Valued at \$400

7th ~~two~~ two Lots in the city of Dallas Dallas County Texas
and being Lots No Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block
Twenty (20) of Bernard + Akard's Addition to the City of
Dallas and being the same lots conveyed to R. A. Reeves
by Frank Reeves by deed dated October 28, 1903 and re-
corded in Vol 317 page 506 and under said Dallas
County

Valued at

^{+ 1850 =}
\$1250⁰⁰

8th One Lot 91 feet front on North East side of San Ja-
cinto street and running back S.E. between parallel lines
184 feet and being 92 feet from Hall street and in Block
No 507 of the City of Dallas Dallas County Texas, the two resi-
dences on this lot are No 540 and 544 San Jacinto street

Valued at

^{+ 2000 =}
\$4000⁰⁰

9th One lot in the city of Dallas Dallas County Texas and
being Lot No 6 Block 280 of said city fronting on the
North side of Elm street

Valued at

^{+ 9000 =}
\$9000⁰⁰

Inventory and Appraisement

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

~~Inventory and Appraisement~~

~~OF THE REALTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF~~

10th 165 acres of land part of the Jesse Libcom Survey Abstract A-
26 situated in Anderson County Texas "H 13"
Valued at \$400.00

Total appraised valuation of all above real
estate is \$23550.00

cash money on hand \$7395.00

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No.

COUNTY COURT

ESTATE OF

Inventory and Appraisement

FILED

day of 1908

County Clerk.

Deputy.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 7 day of May 1908

William H. King
County Judge.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

O. B. Reeves independent Executor

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.

O. B. Reeves

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 7 day of May A. D. 1908

Jack M. Guston Clerk County Court.
By *W. H. King* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appears

J. A. Smith and J. W. Lindsey

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. Smith
J. W. Lindsey

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 7 day of May A. D. 1908

Jack M. Guston Clerk County Court.
By *W. H. King* Deputy.