

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

Case Number 1218

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The State of Texas, } Estate of M.H. Free Deceased  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, James Moroney  
and  
as Principal, 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 Six Thousand Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound James Moroney, who has  
been appointed Administrator of said estate  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1889

James Moroney (SEAL)  
M.A. Walsh (SEAL)  
Hugh Blottery (SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that M.H. Free deceased, 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 said deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1889.

M.H. Moroney  
Notary Public, Dallas Co., Texas.

The State of Texas, } Estate of M.H. Free, Deceased  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, James Moroney  
and  
as Principal, 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 Seven Thousand DOLLARS;  
conditioned that the above bound James Moroney, who has  
been appointed Temporary Administrator of said estate  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1888

James Moroney (SEAL)  
Wm. B. Harty (SEAL)  
G.E. Trotter (SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that M.H. Free deceased 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 Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1888

James Moroney  
M.H. Moroney  
Notary Public, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

*W. H. Free* Deceased.

*James Maroney* has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, an Application for letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent.

*W. H. Free* first which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the ~~Third~~ Monday in *February* A. D. 188*9*, at the Court House in the City of Dallas at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Application if they see proper.

*D. B. Scott*  
WITNESS, ~~W. M. C. HILL~~, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *17* day of *Dec* 188*8*

*D. B. Scott*  
~~W. M. C. HILL~~  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *L. B. Johnson* Deputy.

County Court, Dallas County.

Administrator's Bond.

ESTATE OF

*W. H. Free Deceased*

*James Maroney Admin*

Filed *April 27* 188*9*

*W. M. C. Hill*, Clerk.

By *L. B. Johnson*, Deputy.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188*8*

County Judge, Dallas Co.

Chase & Gibson Printing Co., Printers and Bookbinders, Dallas, Tex.

County Court, Dallas County

Administrator's Bond.

ESTATE OF

*W. H. Free Deceased*

*James Maroney Admin*

Filed *Aug 9* 188*8*

*W. M. C. Hill*, Clerk.

By *L. B. Johnson* Deputy.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188*8*

County Judge, Dallas County

A. D. Madsen & Co. Stationers, Printers & Binders, Dallas, Texas

*Recorded 1888*

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COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

*W. H. Free*

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Letters  
of Administration.

Issued this *17* day of *Dec*

A. D. 188*8*

*W. M. G. Hill*, Co. Clerk,  
By *J. B. Salomon* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *17* day of *Dec*  
188*8*, and executed the *18* day of *Dec*  
188*8*, by posting up three copies of  
this writ at three public places in Dallas Coun-  
ty, one of which was the Court House Door of  
said County.

*W. H. Lewis*  
Sheriff Dallas County.

By *L. H. Hughes* Deputy

A. D. Aldridge & Co., Printers, Dallas, Tex

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-:/ ESTATE of W. H. FREE, Deceased/:-

James Moroney Administrator.

#1200

In the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

*May 10<sup>th</sup>  
1890*

On this day came on to be heard the final report of James Moroney Administrator of the estate of W.H. Free deceased, heretofore filed herein; and it appearing to the court that said report is in proper form and that all debts and charges against said estate except court costs have been paid, leaving a balance in the hands of the Administrator of \$1532.57. And it further appearing to the court that Mrs. Rosa LaOrange, wife of Joseph LaOrange of Logansport, Indiana, is the sister and sole heir of said W.H. Free, and entitled to receive the balance of said estate; and it further appearing to the court that said Rosa LaOrange has agreed in writing that said final report is correct; and if further appearing to the court that said estate has been fully administered in accordance with the provisions of the law and the orders of this court and that said administrator has filed proper vouchers; -

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that said administrator, James Moroney, appropriate the balance remaining in his hands, first, to the payment of all costs and fees still remaining unpaid as shown by said final report, and to pay the balance to said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange or her attorneys of record, and that said administrator be discharged from his trust and that said administration be, and is hereby declared closed.

PROBATE FEE BILL.

Estate of *W. H. Free, Dec'd, Jas. Maroney Lew. Adm'r*

CLERK'S FEES.

Filing and Docketing Applications . . . . . 15  
 Issuing Notices and three extra Copies . . . . .  
 Entering Order of Appointment . . . . . 50  
 Taking, Filing and Docketing Bond, with oath . . . . . 25  
 Entering Order Approving Bond . . . . . 50  
 Final Record of above . . . . . 200  
 Issuing Letters . . . . . 50  
 Entering Order Appointing Appraisers . . . . . 50  
 Final Record of Inventory . . . . .  
 Filing and Docketing Inventory . . . . .  
 Taking Affidavits to Inventory . . . . .  
 Entering Order Approving Inventory . . . . .  
 Taxing Costs and Copy . . . . . 25  
 Filing and Docketing Application for Sale . . . . .  
 Entering Order Granting Sale . . . . .  
 Filing and Docketing Report of Sale . . . . .  
 Taking Affidavit of Sale . . . . .  
 Entering Order Confirming Sale . . . . .  
 Filing and Docketing Annual Account . . . . .  
 Taking Affidavit, 15 cents, Issuing Notice 75 cents . . . . .  
 Entering Order Approving, 50 cents, Recording . . . . . 100

JUDGE'S FEES.

Making ~~admitt~~ *admitt* *admitt* . . . . . 50  
 " *order of sale* . . . . . 50  
 Approving Bond . . . . . 50  
 " . . . . .  
 Appointing Appraiser . . . . . 50  
 Probating Will . . . . .  
 Granting Sale . . . . . Confirming Sale . . . . .  
 Approving Annual Account . . . . . 50  
 One-half per cent. com'n on *3141.77* . . . . . 1574

1824

SHERIFF'S FEES.

Posting Notices . . . . .  
 " " . . . . .  
 " " . . . . .

RECAPITULATION.

County Judge's Fees . . . . . 1824  
 Clerk's Fees . . . . . 780  
 Sheriff's Fees . . . . .  
 Appraiser's Fees . . . . .

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, } *S. B. Holt*  
 COUNTY OF DALLAS. } I, ~~W. H. Free~~ County

Clerk of said County, hereby Certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the Costs due in the above entitled cause.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, at office in Dallas, this  
*9* day of *Sept* 188*9*  
*S. B. Holt* Clerk.  
 Per *J. M. Maroney* Deputy.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dallas, Tex. 188  
 Received of \_\_\_\_\_  
 of estate of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars,  
 in full of above Bill of Costs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
 Per \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

## INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

Of the Property, Real and Personal, Belonging to the Estate of  
*W. H. Free - Deceased*

Cash on hand, proceeds of Benefit Certificate in Catholic Knights of America, after deducting expenses of Temporary Administration, including \$26.00 out of \$1799.96	
1 Share stock in Dallas Cooperage Co. per value	100.00
30 " " " Catholic Real Estate & Benevolent Associations, partly paid up & valued at	85.00
Due from Hugh Blakely & Hugh J. Blakely, surviving partners Blakely, Free & Co. as per settlement by Temporary Administrator	250.00
Note T. P. Barry dated Nov. 26, 1887, interest $12\frac{1}{2}$ due 1 year from date	713.23



Falsely April 27, 1889  
O B Scott Co Clerk  
By J S Lewis

Nov 12 1888  
Estate of M. H. Ford  
Decedent  
James Moroney  
Administrator  
Inventory & Appraisement

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *James Moroney, Administrator*

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.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this the *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* A. D. 188 *9*

*James Moroney*  
*M. J. Moroney*  
Notary Public  
By *Walter S. Fox* Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, this day personally appeared

*M. A. Walsh & Hugh Blakeney*

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 *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* A. D. 188 *9*

~~*James Moroney*~~  
*M. A. Walsh*  
*Hugh Blakeney*  
*M. J. Moroney*  
Notary Public  
By *Walter S. Fox* Deputy

State of Texas } In County Court of  
Dallas County } Said County -  
Do the Honorable Court aforesaid -  
Your petitioner, James Moroney, who resides in  
Dallas County, Texas, hereby makes application  
for letters of Administration, both temporary and  
and with full powers, on the estate of W.H. Fine  
deceased, and represents that said W.H. Fine died  
intestate in Dallas County Texas on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
That said W.H. Fine, at the time of his death, was a  
partner in the firm of Blakemey, Fine & Co, a partnership  
composed of Hugh Blakemey Sr. Hugh Blakemey Jr. and said  
W.H. Fine, said partnership having its sole place of  
business in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas,  
and being engaged in the Auction, Commission and  
Merchandise business, and having assets on  
hand the exact nature and amount of which is  
unknown to petitioner, and also being indebted  
to divers and sundry persons in various amounts.  
That said partnership business has never been  
settled and consequently, the value of the interest of  
said Fine in said business can not be stated  
with accuracy, that said Fine also did own of  
notes and choses in action of the probable value of  
\$800<sup>00</sup>, said notes and choses in action all being  
against residents of Dallas County, Texas except as  
herein stated. That said Fine also had a life insurance  
policy in the Catholic Knights of America payable to  
his legal heirs of the value of \$2000<sup>00</sup> and had no  
other estate so far as your petitioner is informed,  
and that the probable value of said entire estate  
is \$9000<sup>00</sup>. That said Fine left no heirs or legal  
representatives in the State of Texas, and that an  
account exists for an administrator on his estate  
for the purpose of settling said partnership business,  
paying its debts, collecting said notes, choses in action



no  
1200

Estate of W.H. Free, deceased, } In County Court,  
Jas. Morony, Temporary Administrator } Dallas County, Tex.  
Now comes Jas. Morony, Temporary Administrator of  
the estate of W.H. Free deceased, and presents this  
his <sup>full</sup> exhibit and account of all his acts as  
such administrator, together with a list of all  
the property of the estate which has come to his  
hands, to-wit: —

List of Property of Estate in hands of Administrator

(1) Benefit Certificate in Catholic Knights of America  
for sum of \$2000.00

(2) 1 share stock in Dallas Cooperative Co - par value 100.00

(3) 10 " " " Catholic Real Estate & Benevolent  
Association, partly paid up, & valued at 85.00

(4) Interest in firm of Blakeney, French & Co, valued at 250.00

(5) Note T.P. Bury, dated Nov. 26, 1897, interest 12%  
due 1 year from date 713.78

\$ 3148.78

Said Administrator further reports that the  
payment of said Benefit Certificate ~~was~~  
was contested, on the ground that it was not  
a just claim, that it thereupon became  
necessary to obtain the advice and assistance  
of legal counsel, and to procure affidavits  
and other evidence in support of said  
claim, all at the expense of said Administrator,  
that through the efforts of said Administrator and  
his counsel, said claim was finally collected  
in full, less the sum of \$15.00 for exchange  
from New York to Dallas, which sum of \$15.00  
was a reasonable and necessary expense in  
collecting said claim.

Said Administrator further reports that after  
fully auditing the accounts of the  
partnership firm of Blakeney, French & Co, composed

of Hugh Blakely, Hugh J. Blakely & W. O. Fine,  
it was ascertained that the interest of said firm in  
said firm, over and above liabilities, did not  
exceed the sum of \$250<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. And said Administrator  
has agreed, subject to the authority and approval  
of the court, to accept from the surviving partners  
said sum of \$250<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> in full settlement and  
discharge of said partnership claim, said  
surviving partners agreeing to pay all  
said partnership liabilities. And said Admini-  
istrator further shows that this estate is entirely  
solvent, that there are no creditors interested in  
said settlement, and the sole heir of said W. O.  
Fine, Rosa Lee Orange, his sister, who resides  
in Logansport Indiana, has in writing  
assented to and approved said proposed  
settlement and that no one else is interested  
in opposing said settlement.

And said Administrator says that a reasonable  
attorney's fee for collecting said Beneficial certificate  
would be \$50<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and that a reasonable  
attorney's fee for advice and assistance  
in conducting the balance of this temporary  
administration would be \$20<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. And  
your said petitioner prays that he be allowed  
his commissions of 5 per cent on said  
sum of \$200<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> together with said sums  
for attorney's fees.

And said Administrator prays that this account  
be approved by the court and that he be  
discharged as temporary administrator of  
said estate. Jas. McCreary

Temporary Admin. Estate W. O. Fine dec'd  
Sworn to & submitted before me this day of Feb'y  
1888

J. J. O'Neil  
Notary Public  
Ballus Co. Ind.

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--/ ESTATE of W. H. FREE, Deceased /--  
Number 1200. James Moroney Administrator.

In the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Now comes James Moroney, Administrator of said Estate, and presents to the Court his account for final settlement of said Estate.

All the debts known to exist of every kind against the said Estate having been paid, to wit: First-

List of property that has come into the hands of said Administrator belonging to said Estate:

One share of stock of the Dallas Cooperage Co. par value -	\$100.00
Ten shares of stock of the Catholic Real Estate and Benevolent Association partly paid up and valued at - - - -	\$85.00
Due from Hugh Blakeney and Hugh J. Blakeney, surviving partners of Blakeney, Free & Co., as per settlement by Temporary Administrator - - - - -	\$250.00
Note of T.P. Barry dated Nov. 26, 1837 - - - - -	\$713.73
Interest on the same - - - - -	\$85.64
Insurance in the Catholic Knights of America - - - - -	\$2000.00
Total - - - - -	\$3234.37

Second: Disposition that has been made of such property:-

By authority of Mrs. Rosa LaOrange, sole heir of said Estate, said stock in said Dallas Cooperage Co. has been sold for - - - \$40.00  
*Being a reduction from par value as in mind of \$60.00*  
The said stock in said Catholic Real Estate and Benevolent Association has also been sold for - - - - - \$85.00

The said debts against T.P. Barry, Hugh and Hugh J. Blakeney have been collected.

Third: The following debts of said Administration have been paid with the approval of said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange-

Dr. S. Eagon	\$11.00
P.W. Linskie	\$155.00
J.M. House	\$4.25
Bismarck Restaurant	<del>\$3.00</del> 18.15
Lang <sup>do</sup> Bros.	\$1.40
T. D. Craig	\$17.65
J.M. Skelton	\$4.10
J.L. Neal	\$15.25
<sup>mill</sup> McDonald & Simmons	\$14.00
Catholic Real Estate and Benevolent Association	\$10.50
Total	\$249.30

Fourth: There are no dues or expenses owing by said Estate except the court costs of temporary and permanent administration which have not yet been taxed.

Said Administrator has paid the following expenses against said Estate.

Attorneys fees for temporary administration	\$70.00
Exchange on said sum of \$2000.00 as shown by account of Temporary Administrator filed herein February 22, 1899	5.00
Certified copy of order granting administration	\$1.00
Attorney's fees for permanent administration	\$100.00
5% on \$ <del>2000.00</del> 3174.87 received <i>Adm. Cons.</i>	<del>\$100.00</del> 158.75
5% on \$ <del>4000.00</del> 2577.50 paid out <i>Adm. Cons.</i>	<del>\$125.00</del> 127.50
Fifth: The balance of said Estate amounting to \$...	3174.37

is still in my hands except advancements made to said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange as hereinafter set out.

Sixth: Mrs. Rosa LaOrange, wife of Joseph LaOrange of Logansport, Indiana, is the sister and sole surviving heir of said W.H. Free and entitled to receive the balance of said Estate for the payment of all debts and liabilities.

Seventh: Said Administrator has made the following advancements to the said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange-

Rev. Joseph Martinier, at her request, - - - - -	\$5.00
To the Catholic Orphan Asylum of Dallas, at her request - - -	\$40.00
To herself individually - - - - -	1,000.00

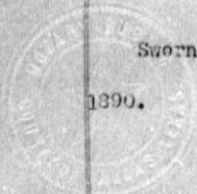
Balance remaining in the hands of the Administrator due said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange *(less court costs)*

1132.57  
~~1132.57~~

And now having fully reported his actions as Administrator of said Estate, the said Estate being fully administered, said Administrator prays that on payment of said sum of money due said Mrs. Rosa LaOrange less court costs of this administration, he be discharged from his trust as administrator and this administration be declared closed.

*James Mussey*  
Administrator.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9. day of May, 1890.



*M. J. M...*  
Notary Public Dallas County, Texas.

I hereby waive notice and citation and twenty days time and assent to the foregoing report as correct and agree that it may be approved by the court and the administrator discharged at once.

*A. O'Connell atty for Rosa LaOrange*  
*done pursuant to order of court*