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EXECUTOR'S BOND

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of _____

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 _____ 189 _____

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the
last will of _____ *Crawford Trees* deceased, so far as I know or
believe; and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will

Anna M. Trees

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *22* day of *Feb* 189 *9*

W. M. C. Hill

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *J. Lewis* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of
Crawford Trees deceased.

Anna M. Trees

has filed, in the County Court
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *Crawford
Trees* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the *fourth*
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.

WITNESS my hand and seal, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office
in the City of Dallas, this *21* day of *February*
A. D. 188 *9*.

W. M. C. Hill
County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas.

By *J. Lewis* Deputy.

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COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Crawford Tress

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate
of Will and Letters.

Issued this 11 day of

Feb 1889.

[Signature], County Clerk.
By *[Signature]* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand the 11 day of Feb
1889, and executed the 11 day of Feb
1889 by posting up three copies of this Writ at
three public places in Dallas County, one of which
was the Court House Door of said County.

[Signature]
Sheriff, Dallas County.
By *[Signature]* Deputy.

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

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Recorded

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No.
COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S ^{oath} BOND.

ESTATE OF

Filed Feb 22 189~

S. B. SCOTT, Clerk,

By J. H. Lewis Deputy.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 189 _____

County Judge, Dallas County.

A. D. Aldridge & Co., Stationers, Printers and Binders, Dallas.

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Be it remembered that the application of Anna
Minerva Trees for the Probate of the last Will
and Testament of Crawford Trees deceased ^{coming}
on to be heard 2nd day of March AD 1889
The following evidence was adduced on the hearing
of the same

1st The Will of the said Crawford Trees was read
which is here on file and attached to said appli-
cation

2nd The citation issued by the clerk with the
Sheriff's return - showing that the same was served
in the manner required by law and for the
length of time required by law, was read.
which is here on file among the papers in this
cause

3rd Wm. C. Hoff and Joseph Kimmel
being duly sworn depose
and say upon their oaths that they and each
one of them were acquainted with Crawford
Trees during his lifetime and that said
Crawford Trees was a married man and
was over twenty one years of age on the 30th
day of August AD 1884

That on said day said Crawford Trees requested
them and each one of them to sign their names
as witnesses to his the said Crawford Trees'
Will which has been read and is on file
attached to the application herein made
That they saw said Crawford Trees sign by
making his mark his name to said Will
- and that he stated in their presence that
the same was his Will, and they and each

one of them signed their names to the same
as witnesses ^{in the presence of each other and in the presence of said James} at the request of the said Crawford
James - Affiants further say that said Crawford
James was of perfectly sound mind and of
good ^{and disposing} memory at the time (30th day of August 1884) he signed said will, and perfectly ac-
quainted with what he was doing -

Witnesses further say that said Crawford James
died 31st day of January 1889 in Dallas County
Texas, and that his principal property worth
about thirty (\$30,000) thousand dollars lies
in Dallas County Texas

Affiants further swear that the decedent
executed said will with all the solemnities
and formalities required by law, and
that and that said will was his last will
and Testament - Affiants further say that
they nor either one of them have any
knowledge of the said will or any part
thereof ever having been revoked since
its execution and that they nor either one
of them - know of no Codicil or change
of any kind having been made to said
will since the date of the same

Wm. C. Wolff
Joe Kimmel

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Sworn to and subscribed before
me ^{in open Court} this 7th day of March 1889
D. B. Scott Clerk
By J. S. Gathright Dy

The State of Texas } In the County Court - February Term
County of Dallas } A.D. 1885

To Hon. E. B. Bowen Judge of the County Court
of Dallas County Texas

Your petitioner Anna Minerva Trees a resident citizen of Dallas County Texas would respectfully represent unto your Honor that She is the Surviving widow of Crawford Trees who died at his residence in Said County on the 31st day of January A.D. 1885 - That Said decedent in his life time to wit on the 30th day of August A.D. 1884 who was then of Sound mind made a Will, revoking all former wills made by him, and executed the same with the formalities and Solemnities required by law - which Said Will was never revoked, and is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this petition, and that by the terms of Said Will he (decedent) devised and bequeathed to petitioner absolutely and in fee Simple all his (decedent's) Estate both Real Personal and mixed with the Condition or proviso Stipulated, that if any part of Said Estate so devised and bequeathed to her should remain on hand unsold or undisposed of by her at her (petitioner's) death then and in that case such remainder should be divided among his (The Testator's) children according to the terms named in Said Will It is further Stipulated in Said Will that your petitioner be the Sole Executrix of Said Last Will and Testament, and that no Bond be

required of her (petitioner) and that no action be had or taken by the County Court Sitting for Probate in regard to Said last Will and Testament, except that Said Executrix furnish the Said Court with an Inventory and Appraisal of Said property and effects, and the Probate of Said Will

Petitioner would further represent that the property Real Personal and mixed derived and bequeathed is one half of the Community property of herself and her deceased husband (transferable Trust) and is of the probable value of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)

Petitioner further represents that she is in no way disqualified from acting as such Executrix, as by said appointment she is made - Therefore the premises considered, petitioner prays that citation issue as the law directs, and that upon a hearing hereof at the next regular term of your Honors Court - that said Will be admitted to probate, and that Appraisers be appointed, and that an Inventory and Appraisal of said Estate be recorded as the provisions of said Will and the law directs - and that no further action be had or taken in reference to said Estate in your Honors Court - other than the Probate of said Will

Other than the Probate of said Will

and the recording of the Inventory
and appraisement - and as in duty
bound will ever pray

Anna Minerva Jones by
her Agent & Attorney N. C. Noeff

Inventories and Appraisement of the Community property, Real, Personal and Mixed belonging to the Estate of Crawford Jones deceased and Anna M Jones his Surviving Widow
 Real Estate. - All community property located in Dallas County Texas

Original Grantee	Abs. No.	No. Acres	Value	cts
Crawford Jones	1468	277	8310	00
J. K. Anderson	16	253	2530	00
Young E. Brown	124	543	8145	00
W. W. Merrill	876	160	1600	00
A. B. Kern	717	320	4800	00
J. A. Heuser	642	307	3070	00
Wm. Clark	283	50	250	00
A. M. James	690	160	1920	00
James Anderson	17	1 1/2	15	00
do	do	15 1/2	155	00

\$30795-00

Located in Floyd County Texas

Original Grantee	Abs. No.	No. Acres	Value	cts
Brooks & Burlison	75	640	960	00
Brooks & Burlison	76	640	960	00
Brooks & Burlison	78	640	960	00

\$2880-00

Personal Property

200 head of Cattle valued at \$1400 00
 1 Buggy & two wagons " " 100 00
 40 head of Horses & Mules " " 2000 00
 1 Jack " " 200 00
 6 Hogs " " 15 00
 Household & Kitchen Furniture " " 500 00

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The State of Texas 3
 County of Dallas 3

Before me R. A. Roberts a Notary Public in and for Dallas County Texas personally appeared R. G. Penn, J. K. P. Wilson and John Wilson who being by me duly sworn depose and say that the above and foregoing Inventory and Appraisement of the Real Personal and mixed property belonging to the Estate of Lemford Trees deceased and his Surviving widow Annie M. Trees is correct full and complete as far as the same is shown to us by the said Annie M. Trees the Executrix of said Estate

R. G. Penn
 J. K. P. Wilson
 John Wilson

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
 This 9th day of March AD 1885

R. A. Roberts
 N. T. D. Y.

List of Claims belonging to said Estate

One Note on J W & E M Cornelius for	\$ 125 ⁰⁰
One Note on H. S. Carr & B. F. Brandenburg	" 100 ⁰⁰
" " " B. F. Hawkins, W. L. Hawkins & Gilpha Mullin	= 250 ⁰⁰
" " " B. B. Allen	200 ⁰⁰
" " " William Bryant for	1000 ⁰⁰
" " " J. S. Daugherty	96 ⁰⁰
" " " Straus Bros & J. M. Ramsey	" 600 ⁰⁰
" " " John Wilson & G. S. Wilson	" 60 ⁰⁰
" " " B. S. Ish. Alex. Cochrane & D. F. Cameron	300 ⁰⁰
" " Mrs. Gilpha Mullin & B. F. Hawkins	250 ⁰⁰
" " W. D. Evans, W. D. & D. F. Cameron & Alex. Cochrane	200 ⁰⁰
" " " B. B. Johnson for	240 ⁰⁰
" " " B. B. Johnson & B. F. Johnson for	200 ⁰⁰
" " " Fred & Earnest Hilty for	300 ⁰⁰
" " " W. J. Redding	" 250 ⁰⁰

\$ 4171⁰⁰

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }

Before me R. A. Roberts a Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas personally appeared Anna M. Trees Executive of The Estate of Cora Anna Trees deceased and being by me duly sworn deposes and says that the foregoing is a full and complete Inventory and List of the property and claims of her Testator Cora Anna Trees as far as the same has come to her knowledge

anna m trees

P. No
Estate of
Crawford Jones ^{decd}
Inventory & List of
Claims
Filed March 22nd 1889
S. J. [unclear]
By J. W. [unclear]

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Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 9th day of March 1889
J. A. Robert
A. J. D. & C.

The State of Texas }
County of Dallas }

I know all men by these pres-
ents that I Crawford Press Sen. of the County of
Dallas and State of Texas, being in good health and of
sound mind and disposing memory - and in view
of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and
wishing to dispose of my worldly goods, to take effect
after my death, do publish this my last will
and testament, hereby, revoking all former wills
by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be first paid out of my
Estate

Item 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved
Anna Minerva Press all the property both Real
Personal and Mixed of which I shall die seized
or possessed of, or to which I shall be entitled to
at the time of my decease to be conveyed and held
by her absolutely in fee Simple, with power to
convey, sell and convey and dispose of as she
pleases, without any hindrance or restraint - and
if any of said Estate so devised and bequeathed
to her should remain on hand unsold or dis-
posed of by her at her death - Then it is my will that
my children now living shall share said re-
mainder as follows:

I Then it is my will that my Son David Press shall
have four thirty fifth (4/35) of said remainder in
fee Simple without remainder to any one

II And that my Son Phillip William Press shall
have a like share of four thirty fifth (4/35) of said
remainder in fee Simple without remainder to any one

III And that my son Samuel Henry Press shall have a like share of four thirty fiftths ($\frac{4}{35}$) of said remainder in fee simple without remainder to any one

IV. And that my son Crawford Press shall have a like share of four thirty fiftths ($\frac{4}{35}$) of said remainder in fee simple without remainder to any one

V. And that my son Robert Lee Press shall have

a like share of four thirty fiftths ($\frac{4}{35}$) of said remainder in fee simple without remainder to any one

VI And that my son George Washington Press shall have a like share with his brothers of four thirty fiftths ($\frac{4}{35}$) of said remainder in fee simple without remainder to any one

VII And it is my will that my daughter Beatrice Penn shall have a like share of four thirty fiftths ($\frac{4}{35}$) of said remainder for her own separate use benefit and behoof for and during her natural life with remainder to her children living and in being at the time of my death

VIII And that my daughter Catherine Ramsey shall have a share of three thirty fiftths ($\frac{3}{35}$) of said remainder for her own separate use benefit and behoof for and during her natural life with remainder to her children living and in being at the time of my death

IX And that my daughter Texanna West shall have a share of two thirty fiftths ($\frac{2}{35}$) of said remainder for her own separate use benefit and behoof for and during her natural life with remainder to her children living and in being at the time of my death

X And that my daughter Mary Ellen Butner shall

State of Michigan in hearing at the
my death

X And that my daughter Mary Ellen Butner shall
have a like share with her sister Texanna Kist of
two thirty fifths ($\frac{2}{5}$) of said remainder for her own
separate use benefit and behoof for and during her
natural life with remainder to her children living

Item I hereby name ~~my~~ ~~will~~ ~~that~~ ~~my~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~executrix~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~my~~ ~~last~~ ~~will~~
and testament

Item 4th It is my will that no bond be required of
my said Executrix - and that no action be
had or taken by the County Court sitting for Probate
in regard to this my said last will and testament
except that my said Executrix furnish the said
Court with an inventory of my said

estate and a proper and effect and
my said will and testament

Witness my hand This 30th day of August AD
1884

Attest: Signed at me at of ~~my~~ ~~will~~ ~~that~~ ~~my~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~executrix~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~my~~ ~~last~~ ~~will~~
testator and in his presence and
the presence of each other
August 30th AD 1884

Lorranford X. Press
mark

Witness
Joe Stinson
Clay C. Johnson
Dona Wolff
Wm. Le Wolff