

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

John N. Hopkins deceased.

Mary E. Hopkins has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *John N. Hopkins* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the *first* Monday in *August* A. D. 1887, 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 *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 *5* day of *July* A. D. 1887.

By *J. B. Smith* Deputy.

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State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }

I now call upon by these presents: that I John W. Hopkins, of the County and State aforesaid; being of sound mind, and at my own instance and request do hereby make this my last will and testament:

1st I bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary C. Hopkins, all my property, both real and personal of whatsoever kind or description, during her natural life, at her death, I desire the property divided equally among my children, I request that my beloved

H. W. Aldridge
 3077 38

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

John W. Hopkins

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters.

Issued this *5* day of *July* 188*7*.

W. M. C. HILL, County Clerk.

By *J. W. Aldridge* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *8* day of *July* 188*7* and executed the *8* day of *July* 188*7* 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.

M. C. Hill
 Sheriff, Dallas County.

By *M. C. Hill* Deputy.

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

3 Copies
Recorded

wife Mary E. Hopkins, be
not required to administer
on the estate, or give bond for
the faithful execution of
this my last will and tes-
tament.

3rd I appoint her executrix
of this Will.

At my instance and re-
quest, the attestants hereof,
Witness my hand and

Seal this the 6th day of June 1887

J. W. Hopkins

Attest.

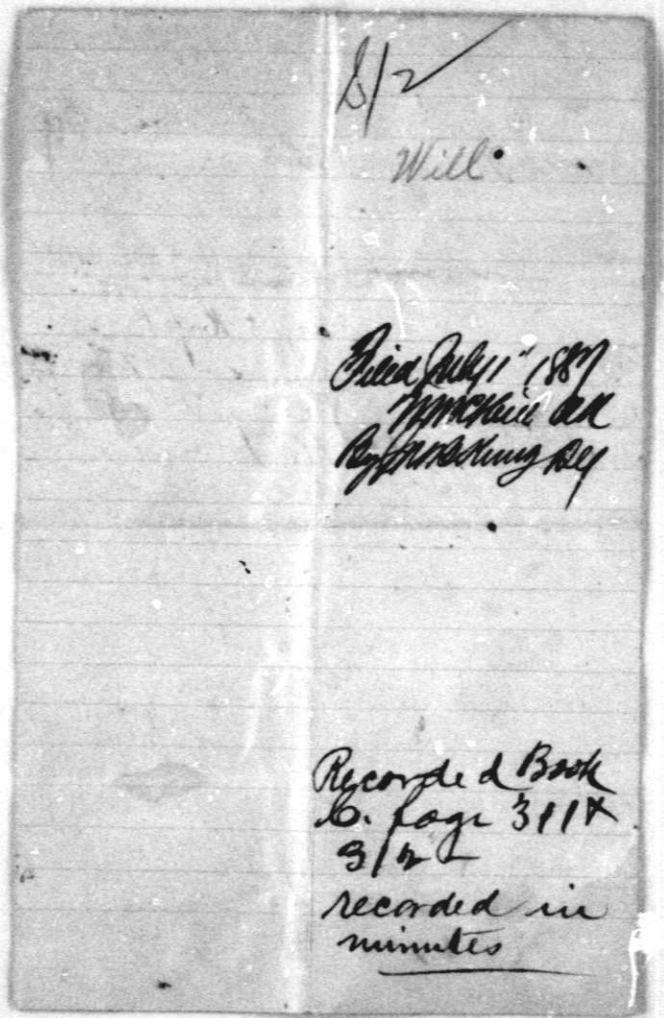
J. H. Loomis
Miles Koppke

The State of Texas }
County of Dallas }

I do solemnly
swear that this writing which
has been offered for probate

is the last will of John W. Hopkins
So far as I know or believe and
that I will well & truly perform
all the duties of Executrix of
said Will to the best of my
ability

Mary E. Hopkins
Sworn to and subscribed
before me July 7th 1887
W. M. Hester Clerk
By W. A. Studenrod



The State Texas } County Court of said County
 Dallas County } sitting for probate purposes,
 Aug. Civil Term 1887

To The Hon. E. J. Bower Judge of
 the County Court of said County, presiding

The petition of Mary C. Hopkins
 a resident of said County, respectfully represents, that J. W.
 Hopkins, late of said County,
 deceased, at his residence,
 therein, departed this life, and that
 in his lifetime, to-wit: on the sixth
 day of June 1887, the said J. W.
 Hopkins, deceased, executed in writing
 and due form of law, his last will
 and Testament, which said will ac-
 companies this application, and thereby
 disposes of all his estate, both real
 and personal, the probable value
 whereof is Six Thousand dollars,
 and therein named appointed your
 petitioner sole executrix of said
 last will and Testament; and your
 petitioner further represents that she
 is not disqualified by reason of
 the law as executrix aforesaid, whereof
 your petitioner files her application,
 together with the said ^{last} will and

testament of decedent and pray
 that citation issue as the law
 directs, and that at the next
 regular term of the county court
 to be commenced for civil purposes
 in and for said county, on the
 said will
 be admitted to probate and that
 letters testamentary thereof be
 granted to your petitioner and
 your petitioner will ever pray etc.
 Mary E. Hopkins

Nov 10/92

Estate of

Mrs. M. Hopkins

Received

Application Probate

Last Will

True Copy, at 10/92

Mary E. Hopkins

By [Signature]

Recorded

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas } In the County Court
 Dallas County

And now comes Mary E Hopkins Executrix
 of the last will of John W Hopkins dec'd
 and represents to the Court that she
 has sold at private sale for cash
 personal property belonging to said estate
 as follows

July 25 th 1888	3 cows to S Pittman	for	\$ 30.00
" " " 1 "	" " "	"	11.00
" " " 1 "	Heifer "	"	8.00
" " " 3 "	quarrels "	"	15.00
Sept 7 1888	5 steers	"	90.00
" 8 " "	8 cows & calves	"	100.00
	Total		\$ 260.00

That said stock brought their fair
 market value

Mary E Hopkins

Done to and subscribed before me
 this 17th day of October 1888

Wm A Hill Clerk
 By W A Hudson

Estate of John W Hopkins Decd

On this day came Mary B Hopkins and presents to the Court her application heretofore herein filed for the probate of a certain instrument in writing bearing date the 6th day of June A.D. 1887 and purporting to be the last will of John W Hopkins deceased and it appearing to the Court that due notice of said application has been given as required by law that said John W Hopkins departed this life on the 13th day of June A.D. 1887, that on the 6th day of June A.D. 1887 the said John W Hopkins executed said instrument in writing as and for his last will with the formalities & solemnities and under the circumstances required by law to make the same a valid will and that said will has not been revoked or annulled. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said written will of said John Hopkins decd bearing date the 6th day of June A.D. 1887 be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and established as the last will of said John W Hopkins decd. It is further ordered that the said will, the application for the probate thereof and the testimony of Melissa Hopkins

establishment of said will be recorded in
 the minutes of this Court
 which will be as follows (New
 Clerk will copy will in minutes)

~~which application is as follows~~
 which application is as follows
 (New copy application)

which testimony is as follows
 (New clerk will ~~copy~~ copy the
 evidence)

It is further ordered that Mary
 E. Hopkins be and she is hereby
 confirmed as executor of said
 last will and the clerk of this
 Court will issue letters testamentary
 to her

It is further ordered that
 J. Stevens, or Lebetter and
 also Lecknell be and they
 are hereby appointed Comptrollers
 to appraise the estate of said
 John Hopkins etc.

order
 probating will

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Entered

Mary E Hopkins Executrix of the Last Will
of John W Hopkins deceased
In Final account with said deceased
estate

Dr

1888

To Real Estate as per inventory	\$10,200.00
To Personal Estate not sold "	\$ 3,056.00
" Amt of Dale Bill of this date	\$ 260.00
" cash received of Pettib	\$ 1,020.9
" " " of Dr Cameron	45.50
Total	13,663.59

Credit,

My real Estate on hand as per inventory	\$10,200.00
My Personal Estate on hand " "	2,691.00
" two miles lot by death " "	200.00
" two hors lot " " "	60.00
" 15 head Cattle " " "	105.00
My cash paid W Thomas no voucher	45.50
My cash paid Cornbelt 9 mos bond 1	75.00
My cash paid Taxes 1887	54.30
My cash on hand to Balance	
Total	\$ 13,663.59

The State of Texas }
County of Dallas } And now comes Mary E
Hopkins Executrix of the Last Will of
John W Hopkins deceased and she says
to the court that she for says is a
correct exhibit of the execution of said
deceased's estate. That no claims
have been presented to her for
payment. That the items marked
paid above have been paid on this exhibit.

knowledge of their contents - that she has
 taken possession of the whole estate and
 managed the farm with the expenses
 incident thereto. but has kept no
 accounts whatever - that there remains
 on hand the whole of the real estate
 and the items of personalty as shown
 in the foregoing account - that she
 is the sole beneficiary under the will
 and that the foregoing account shows
 what has come to her name and with
 which she is properly chargeable

Mary E Hopkins

shown to and subscribed before me this
 11th day of October A.D. 1888

Wm A Skill Clerk

By W A Skill & Co

Inventary and Appraisement of
the Estate of John W Hopkins and

Separate Estate

149 160 acres Land of Hestcalf Survey Dallas Co valued at \$3,000
600 acres undivided in John Hopkins and 600 acres of Land 200
in two Surveys in Deftens County Texas "

Community Estate of said John
W Hopkins and Mary D Hopkins
Surviving widow and Executrix

160 acres of Land of Hestcalf Survey Dallas Co	valued at	\$3,000
640 acres Land of Blum Survey	" "	\$4,020.
49 Head of Horses	" "	\$17.15
5 Head of Mules	" "	5.00
70 Head of Cattle	" "	5.60
37 Head of Hogs	" "	1.11
2 Sulky Plows	" "	40.00
1 Pulverizer	" "	25.00
1 Binder	" "	75.00
3 Horns	" "	15.00
3 Wagons	" "	125.00
Hornhold & Kildum furniture		150.00
Total Value		\$13,576.00

The State of Texas
County of Dallas

I, Mary E Hopkins executrix
of the Last Will of John W Hopkins dec'd do
solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true
and correct inventory and list of all the
property and claims belonging to the estate
of John W Hopkins dec'd so far as
the same has come to my knowledge

Mary E Hopkins
Executrix Last Will of
John W Hopkins dec'd

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 27 day of Dec 1887

W. M. Cole

By W. M. Cole

The State of Texas
County of Dallas

Before the undersigned
attorney this day personally appeared
J. Stevens, C. V. Ledbetter

Commissioners to appraise the estate of John
W Hopkins dec'd. who being by me
duly sworn on their oaths say that the
foregoing appraisement of the estate of John
W Hopkins dec'd is accurate and just
that the figures set opposite each item in
said inventory is the appraised value
thereof as made by us.

J. Stevens
C. V. Ledbetter

Appraisers

212 No
Inventory
Estate of
John W Hopkins
deceased

Inventory & Appraisement

Filed Sept 16 1887
Will & Inventory
of J. W. Hopkins
deceased

Recorded

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Appraisement
Stewart 2.00
and better 4.00

Sum to said Subpoena
by said party
of \$100.00
by J. W. Hopkins
deceased

The State of Texas }
Dallas County }
 } In the County Court
 } of Dallas County
 } In matters of Estate
 } August Term 1887

Estate of John W Hopkins dec'd

Be it remembered that on this 11th day of August A D 1887 personally appeared in open Court Melas Hopkins who being duly sworn on his oath says that he was personally acquainted with John W Hopkins of Dallas County Texas that he is a brother of said John W Hopkins that said John W Hopkins departed this life in Dallas County Texas on or about the 7th day of June A D 1887 in Dallas County Texas. That affiant had been personally well acquainted with said John W Hopkins - all of affiant's lifetime up to his said John W Hopkins death that affiant signed the instrument in writing to him produced & shown and bearing date the 6th day of June A D 1887 and purporting to be the last will of said John W Hopkins and as witness thereto ~~affiant~~ ^(5 copies) in the presence of and at the request of said John W Hopkins and in the presence of the other subscribing witness J C Loney. - that said John W Hopkins declared to affiant that said instru

the writing was the last will of him the said
 John W Hopkins. That said John W Hopkins
 signed said Will in the presence of the
 affiant and said J K Looney. That at
 the date of executing said Will said
 John W Hopkins was above the age of
 Twenty one years to wit of the age of
 forty seven years past. That affiant
 was of the age of forty five years and
 that the said J K Looney was above
 the age of fourteen years to wit of
 the age of about thirty five or above
 years of age. That at the time of the
 execution of said Will the said
 John W Hopkins was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory.

Wm. Hopkins

Given & subscribed before
 me in open Court this
 1st day of August 1887

C. A. Demer Clerk
 Dallas Co. Texas