

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

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STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County,--GREETING:

You are Hereby Commanded to notify Washington C. Leonard Executor of the Estate of Mary A. Leonard Deed

by reading to him this Writ, that, at the last term of the County Court of said County, an order was made, requiring him forthwith to file his Annual account, showing the condition of said Estate and to show cause, if any he have, why a fine should not be adjudged against him for his failure to return the same at the proper time, as by law directed.

Herein Fail Not, but of this Writ make due Return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at office in the City of Dallas, this the 30 day of Aug A. D. 1888

W. Maxwell Clerk,  
By W. A. Hudson Deputy.

No. 7--ATTORNEY'S RECEIPT CARD.

No. 980

Mary A. Leonard  
W. C. Leonard  
Executors

Received from the files the papers in the above stated cause.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890

Sturman & Bird

# THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

*Mary A. Leonard* deceased.

*Washington C. Leonard* has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *Mary A. Leonard* 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. 188*6*, 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 *14* day of *July* A. D. 188*6*.

**W. M. C. Hill**, County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By *N. D. Douglas* Deputy.

**NOTICE TO HEAR AND EXAMINE**

Estate of *Mary A. Leonard*

30 day of *July* 188*6*

Issued *W. M. C. Hill* Clerk.  
By *N. D. Douglas* Deputy.

Come to hand this: *14* day of *July* 188*6*, and executed

on the *14* day of *July* 188*6*, by reading within notice to the within named.

Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. Asst. & Co. Stationery and Printers, Dallas, Tex.

*Cornette hand 4-25-86*  
*1888 Washington & Stewart*  
*1888 found in this county*  
*after digest church being*  
*made for him.*  
*Relig. Affairs*  
*By J. A. [unclear]*

The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of *Mary A. Leonard*  
*Washington C. Leonard*

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 *Twenty Thousand* Dollars; conditioned that the above bound *W. C. Leonard* who has been appointed *Executor of the above named estate* shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this *3rd* day of *August* 188*6*

*W. Leonard* SEAL  
*W. C. Leonard* SEAL  
*W. C. Leonard* SEAL

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *4th* day of *August* 188*6*.

*W. C. Leonard*  
*W. C. Leonard*  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By *T. Douglas* Deputy.

*Original*  
No. *930*  
COUNTY COURT.

*Mary A. Leonard*  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters

Issued this *14th* day of *June* 188*6*

By *W. S. Hill* County Clerk.  
*T. Douglas* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *14th* day of *June* 188*6*, and executed the *14th* day of *June* 188*6*, 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.

By *W. W. Smith* Sheriff, Dallas County.  
*W. W. Smith* Deputy.

*7-22*  
*Recorded*  
A. D. Johnson & Co., Stationers and Secure Printers, Dallas, Texas.  
*7-3-02*

The estate of Mrs.

County of Dallas } In all papers submitted on the  
estate of Mary A. Leonard deceased.

You are hereby notified, that W.C. Leonard executor  
of the estate of Mary A. Leonard late of said County  
deceased has presented his final accounts of said estate  
to the Court for settlement thereof, which is now on  
file in my office and each of you are required to be  
and appear at the next regular term of the County Court  
of said County after twenty days service thereof as required  
by law to be commenced for said purpose at the  
Court house thereof, in Dallas on the first Monday in  
Nov. 1890 and then and there contest the same if you  
wish so to do.

Witness My Hand and the seal of said Court  
at office in the City of Dallas this 12 day of August  
1890

W.C. Hill  
County Clerk, Dallas County Texas  
R.S. Lewis Deputy.



County Court, Dallas County.

EXECUTOR'S BOND.

ESTATE OF  
Mary A. Leonard  
deceased

Filed Sept 10 1890

W. M. C. HILL, Clerk.

R. S. Lewis Deputy.

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

County Judge, Dallas Co.

Center & Globe Printing Co. Printers and Bookbinders, Dallas, Tex.

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City of Dallas

W. Howard Coke

Received August 12, 1890

City of Dallas  
By W. Howard Coke

Shirley Jackson

Count to hand Aug 12-1890, and executed by causing  
 to be published in The Times Herald a Newspaper  
 published in the City and County of Dallas Texas  
 for ~~public~~ consecutive <sup>days</sup> prior to return day  
 thereof to wit, from Aug 12 1890 to Sept-  
 3, 1890, inclusive, a copy of which is hereto  
 attached and made a part of Sheriff's  
 return.  
 W. Howard Coke  
 By J. C. Cason, Deputy

U. C. Galt  
 Joseph Fisher  
 James H. Moore

Dallas Tex  
 Oct 30, 1890

I hereby certify that the above copy  
 of advertisement of W. Howard Coke  
 at the rate of \$100 per day in the Dallas  
 Herald, from Aug 12 to Sept 3, 1890, is  
 correct.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, I, the undersigned  
 Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby  
 certify that W. Howard Coke, Sheriff of  
 Dallas County, Texas, has been appointed  
 Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas, and  
 that he has taken the oath of office  
 and qualified for the duties of the  
 office of Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas,  
 on the 12th day of August, 1890.  
 J. C. Cason, Deputy Clerk of Dallas  
 County, Texas.

DAILY TIMES HERALD, DR.  
 TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Times, Established, 1876.  
 Herald, Established, 1888.  
 Consolidated, Feb. 1, 1890.

## INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

Of the Property, Real and Personal, belonging to the Estate of

*Mary, A. Leonard deceased*

Land One acres 245-	7950.00
Cattle " Head 24 -	320.33
Horses " " 8 -	493.00
Hogs " " 25 -	57.55
one Reaping machine	80.00
one Mowing machine	32.00
Two wagons	61.65
one Sulkey Plow	30.00
one Cultivator	20.00
one Hay Rake	13.25
one Disk Harrow	20.50
Lin and out fit	884.00
House hold & Kitchen furniture	150.00
Break up machinery	25.00
	<u>\$9543.58</u>

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *W. C. Leonard*

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 *14* day of *Aug* A. D. 188*6*  
*W. C. Leonard*  
 By *L. Hughes* Clerk, Co. Court.  
 Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, this day personally appeared

*J. A. Crawford B. F. Mitchell & C. W. Givins*

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 *14* day of *August* A. D. 188*6*  
*J. A. Crawford*  
*B. F. Mitchell*  
*C. W. Givins*  
*W. C. Hill* Clerk, Co. Court.  
 By *L. Hughes* Deputy.



The State of Texas } In County Court  
 County of Dallas } Dallas Co. Tex. May 18th 1885  
 Estate of Mary A. Leonard } Your petitioner  
 deceased } Washington  
 Washington L. Leonard Executor } do Leonard  
 respectfully represents to your Honor  
 that Mary A. Leonard departed this  
 life on or about the day of <sup>1885</sup>  
 and that at the time of her death she was  
 a citizen of Dallas County Texas, and  
 that she died at her home in said Dallas  
 County, State of Texas. That she left property  
 both real and personal of the probable  
 value of Six Thousand Dollars.  
 Petitioner, Washington L. Leonard, further  
 represents that he is the son of decedent  
 a resident of Dallas County Texas, and  
 that he is not disqualified <sup>by law</sup> from accepting  
 letters testamentary. Wherefore petitioner  
 prays for proper citation to issue, and  
 that said will be admitted to probate  
 and that letters testamentary thereon  
 be issued to petitioner, and for general  
 and special relief.  
 Washington L. Leonard

The State of Texas,  
County of Dallas

Now at this time

in open Court at the present ~~session~~ of the  
County Court of Dallas County, Texas,  
after the required application made  
and citation thereof lawfully given  
as appears to the satisfaction of the Court  
came Washington C. Leonard, Executor  
of the last will and testament of Mary  
A. Leonard - deceased late of said County  
of Dallas & State of Texas and produced  
in said Court for Probate the said last  
will and testament and the subscribing  
witnesses thereto - to wit: Jas. H. Looney  
& H. K. Archer who being duly sworn  
depose and say that they saw Mary  
A. Leonard the testator on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of February A.D. 1884 sign by making  
her mark that is that they saw Jas. H.  
Looney sign by the direction and in  
the presence of the said Mary A. Leonard,  
and heard her declare and publish the  
instrument in writing before now  
shown bearing date the day and year  
aforesaid as her last will and testa-  
ment freely - voluntarily and of her  
own will and accord and without  
any compulsion or influence  
whatsom, that at the time of executing  
said will the said testator was 74  
years of age was of sound and perfect  
mind and memory, and that affiants  
were above the aged 70 or 75 years  
and that the said will was  
witnessed by ~~the~~ in the presence of

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Estate of Mary A.  
Leonard  
deceased  
Washington C. Leonard  
Executor

Application to Probate  
will.

Filed June 14 1886  
at Dallas Texas  
By L. Hughes J.

Recorded  
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said testator at her special instance  
and request and in the presence of  
each other

J. K. Loney  
Notary

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886

Willie Lee Collet  
By L. H. Hughes

Copy of Will  
made by me  
Aug 3 1886  
Willie Lee Collet  
By L. H. Hughes

Records

The State of Texas }  
 Dallas County }

I Mary S. Leonard,  
 of said County of Dallas, being  
 of sound and disposing mind  
 and memory, and being desirous

to do all that I lawfully can  
 while I have strength so to do,  
 do make this my last will and  
 testament, hereby revoking all  
 others heretofore by me made.

1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath unto  
 my beloved son Joseph A. Leonard  
 (100) One hundred acres of Land  
 off of the west end of my  
 farm, the same being a part of  
 my homestead, together with all  
 and singular the rights, members,  
 and appurtenances to the same  
 in any manner belonging.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath unto  
 my beloved Son Washington C.  
 Leonard, the remainder of my  
 farm and homestead (140) one  
 hundred and forty acres of Land  
 more or less, including my residence,  
 and all other improvements thereunto  
 belonging, together with all and  
 singular the rights, members and  
 appurtenances to the same in any

manner belonging.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved, Daughter-in-Law- Mattie M. Leonard, Wife of Washington C. Leonard, all of my personal property of any and every description.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved Son John R. Leonard, (\$1.00) One dollar in money.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved Son Jackson L. Leonard, (\$1.00) One dollar in money.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Wright, (\$1.00) one dollar in money.

My reasons for calling you, John R. Jackson L. and Sarah Elizabeth, no more than one dollar is, because you have already received your part of the estate, and a better part, i. e., has now left, a unain for Washing and Joseph.

Signed, declared and published by - Mary A Leonard as her

Last will and testament in  
the presence of us, the  
attesting witnesses, who have  
hereto subscribed our names  
in the presence of the said  
A. Leonard, at her special  
instance and request

This February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884.

Mary A. <sup>his</sup> Leonard  
<sub>mark</sub>

Witnesses

Jas. H. Loney  
W. H. ...

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Will of Mary B  
Reynolds -

Filed June 14 1886  
Will How took  
By D. Hughes S

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G. Poyes 266/87

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In Re }  
 Estate of Mary A Leonard }  
 Dec } Dallas County  
 Now Comes W. C. Leonard - Executor of  
 the last will and testament of Mary A  
 Leonard Dec.

Your executor would respectfully  
 state that there were no debts due and owing  
 by said testatrix at her death - except medical  
 bills & subsequent burial expenses - all of which  
 have been paid by this executor out of his  
 own funds and for which he makes no  
 charge against said estate - Your executor  
 would further report, that by the last will  
 and testament of the said Mary A Leonard  
 she willed all of her estate, to Joseph A  
 Leonard - Matthew M. Leonard, and the ex-  
 ecutor - and that the portion of said estate  
 to which your executor is entitled he has  
 received - that portion to which the said  
 Joseph A Leonard is entitled to receive under  
 said will has been paid him, by this your  
 executor - his receipt therefor is herewith filed  
 marked Exhibit (A) and made part hereof.  
 That portion of the estate to which Matthew  
 M. Leonard is entitled to receive under said  
 will has been paid him, his receipt therefor  
 is herewith filed marked Exhibit (B) herewith  
 filed and made part hereof.

Your executor  
 would state that said estate is now fully  
 wound up, and distributed as required by  
 said will and there is no further necessity for  
 administration of said estate

He asks that due



and proper notice of the delay of this, his  
final settlement, to give as required by  
law, and that the final settlement be ap-  
proved by the Court, and that he be dis-  
charged as executor of said estate, and  
that the same be declared finally settled  
and wound up the will was pray  
Honorable Court  
Atty for W. Leonard

Mr. C. Leonard says that matters and things  
stated in his foregoing final settlement  
are true

W. C. Leonard  
Subscribed & sworn to before me by W. C.  
Leonard this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889.  
S. P. Dean  
Co. Clerk Dallas Co  
Texas

Attest  
Elias of May A  
Leonard Not

Final Settlement of  
Mr. C. Leonard Executor  
of said estate

Filed Feb'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1889  
S. P. Dean  
Co. Clerk Dallas Co Tex

Examined and approved  
and Executor finally  
discharged upon  
payment of debts  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1890  
H. B. Cosby  
Co Judge

Record  
Not used