

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

Case Number 2362

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State of Texas  
Dallas County

Know all men by these presents that I John Skelton of the County of Dallas in the State of Texas, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my children, or to their descendants in case of death, all my estate both real and personal of whatsover name or character of which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may then be entitled, in just such shares and parts as shall be in accord with the Statutes of Descent and distribution under the laws of the State of Texas viz to my children then living equal parts and shares and to the children of any child of mine <sup>who may have died prior to my death</sup> the share to which their parents would have been entitled as above set out.

2<sup>d</sup> That the shares of each legatee respectively shall be charged with all the advances made to them by me heretofore or at any time hereafter, that the share of my son Joe Skelton shall be charged with the sum of Fifty Dollars and interest as shown by his note held by me

3<sup>d</sup> I direct that a credit of the sum of One hundred Dollars be given upon a note for the sum of Five hundred Dollars held by me against the estate of my deceased son W. S. Skelton the same being one half of said W. S. Skelton's



Share and interest <sup>in</sup> and to the estate  
of my deceased wife the mother  
of said W. S. Sketton, which descended  
by operation of law to the widow  
of said W. S. Sketton he having died  
leaving no children and said widow  
is entitled to said credit upon  
said note.

4<sup>th</sup> I direct that the share of the  
children of my deceased  
daughter ~~under~~ Mrs Matilda  
Ball be charged with the sum  
of two hundred Dollars the  
same being the share of the said  
Matilda Ball in and to the  
estate of my deceased wife the  
mother of said Matilda Ball  
which has been advanced to and  
received by the said Matilda  
Ball deceased.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and direct that the Courts  
do have and exercise no further  
control and power over my estate  
save and except to probate and  
record this my last will and testa-  
ment and to receive and approve  
the inventory of said estate.

6<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my son J. M.  
Sketton my sole executor of this  
my last will and testament, and  
it is my will that he execute  
the same without bond.

Witness my hand December 23/1899

John X Sketton  
his mark

We Geo. S. Vivian and Chas J. Morris  
both residents of Dallas County in  
the State of Texas hereby subscribe  
the above and foregoing instru-  
ment at the request of John  
Skilton who signed the same  
in our presence, We signing  
below as witnesses, His  
signature in his presence  
and in the presence of each  
other. This December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899

Geo. S. Vivian  
Chas J. Morris.

Will

**FILED**

APR 18 1909

A. S. JACKSON,  
CLERK OF COURT.  
*H. Stewart*  
DEPUTY.

*Recorded A. 269*

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of John Skelton Deceased:

J. Skelton has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said John Skelton 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. 1902, at which time and place all persons interested in said Estate shall appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS: A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this 18 day of April A. D. 1902

A. S. JACKSON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By L. Stewart Deputy.

NOTICE GENERAL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to notify J. M. Skelton Administrator de bonis non of the Estate of John Skelton Deceased

by delivering to him a true copy of this writ, that at the July 1906 term of the County Court of said County an order was made, that you appear before the County Court Dallas County Texas, within 10 days after the service hereof, and show cause why a new bond should not be filed

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at my office in the City of Dallas, this 7 day of

July A. D. 1906

By W. B. Walden Deputy

CLERK.

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No. 3213  
COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
John Skelton  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters.

Issued this 18 day of April 1907  
A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk.

By A. Stewart Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.  
Came to hand the 18 day of April  
1907 and executed the 18 day of April  
1907 by posting up three copies of this Will 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.

J. Johnson  
Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas.  
By J. Witt Deputy

Pasting 3 notices \$3.00  
Recorded 5/30/09

Original 49  
No. 3213

ESTATE OF  
John Skelton  
Deed

NOTICE TO H M Skelton

Issued 7 day July  
1906  
F R Shanno Clerk.  
By W B Walden Deputy.

Came to hand on the 7 day of  
July 1906, and executed on  
9 day of July 1906  
by delivering a true copy of within notice to  
H M Skelton the within  
A L Ledbetter Sheriff, Dallas County.  
By R N Laws Deputy.

FEEs:  
Serving Notice, . . . . \$ 75  
Mileage, . . . . 4 . . . . \$ 20  
Total, . . . . \$ 95

Laws

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## THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to notify

*N. M. Sketton*  
 Administrator de bonis non  
 of the Estate of *John Sketton Deed*

by delivering to him a true copy of this writ, that at the *July* <sup>1906</sup> Term of the County Court of said County an order was made directing and requiring *you* to prepare and file in said Court, within *10* days from date of service hereof, *your* Annual Report or Exhibit, showing the condition of said Estate.

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 *7* day of

By

*W. B. Warden*

Deputy.

*July* A. D. 190*6*

F. R. SHANKS,

Clerk County Court, Dallas Co., Texas.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of

*John Sketton*  
 Deceased.

*N. M. Sketton* has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State aforesaid, an application for Letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent *John Sketton*.

which application will be heard and acted upon by said Court at the next term thereof, to be held at the Courthouse in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas and State of Texas, and commencing on the first Monday in *March* 190*4*, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate shall appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS: FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *16* day of *Feb* 190*4*

FRANK R. SHANKS,

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By

*W. B. Warden* Deputy.

Original 49  
No. 3213

ESTATE OF  
John Skelton  
Deed

NOTICE TO FILE REPORT.

Issued 7 day of July  
1906 FRANK R. SHANKS, Clerk.  
By W. Walden Deputy.

Came to hand on the 7 day of  
July 1906 and executed on  
the 9 day of July 1906  
by delivering a true copy of within notice to

the within named A. M. Skelton  
A. L. Ledbetter  
Sheriff Dallas County.

By R. H. Lawrence Deputy.

FEES:	
Serving Notice . . . . .	\$ 75
Mileage . . . . .	20
Total . . . . .	\$ 95

JESSE WILLIAMSON, PRINTER, DALLAS.

Recorded - 89  
5-301 citati Reord  
No. 3213

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
John Skelton.  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Letters  
of Administration.

Issued 16 day of July  
1904 FRANK R. SHANKS,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By W. Walden Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 17 day of July  
1904 and executed the 17 day of July  
1904 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.

A. M. Skelton  
Sheriff Dallas County.

By J. F. Witt Deputy.

Posting 3 returns \$3.00

# PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } IN RE ESTATE OF  
COUNTY OF Dallas } John Skelton dec'd

**Proof of Last Will and Testament of** John Skelton **Deceased.**  
Chas. D. Murray

This day personally appeared in open Court

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 John Skelton deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about thirty 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1902, and bearing date 20<sup>th</sup> day of Decr A. D. 1879, was made by the deceased on said last named date at Dallas Dallas County Tex in presence of myself Geo S Vivian and

Geo S Vivian the other subscribing witness; 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 Geo S Vivian and

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 executing of said instrument was about 79 years of age; the said John Skelton departed this life on the 6 day of Decr A. D. 1902, about Two 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.

Chas D Murray

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 20 day of May A. D. 1902 in open Court.

[L. S.]

A Jackson Clerk,  
County Court, Dallas County, Texas.  
By L Stewart Deputy.



THE DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 1978

No.

IN THE COUNTY COURT.

IN RE ESTATE OF

*John Skelton*  
Deceased

PROOF OF WILL.

Filed this *20* day of *May* A. D. 1 *902*

and recorded the ..... day of ..... A. D. 1 .....

in Probate Minutes of ..... County, in

Volume ..... Page .....

*A. Jackson* Co. Clerk.

*J. J. Jaceas* County.

By *H. Stewart* Deputy.

*Recorded 7/27*

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IN RE THE ESTATE OF

In the County Court

*John Shelton* Deceased } Of *Tarrant* County, Texas  
Term, A.D. 1902  
*May*

To the Honorable *Ed S Lauderdale* Judge of the County Court  
of *Tarrant* County;

YOUR PETITIONER OF *J M Shelton* would respectfully show to the Court  
that *John Shelton* is dead; that he died on or about the *6<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *Decr* A.D. 1901, at *Dallas, Tarrant County* in the  
State of *Texas*; that said deceased at the time of his death was a resident of the County  
of *Tarrant* in the State of Texas.

That he left estate in *Tarrant County* consisting of *Real Estate & Personal*  
property; that the nature and probable value of said estate are as follows, to-wit:

<i>One House &amp; Lot in Dallas Tarrant County</i>	<i>\$ 1000<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>one House " " " Boyle's Cove " "</i>	<i>500<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Notes</i>	<i>550<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>and Watch and Personal Property</i>	<i>50<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Cash on hand</i>	<i>442<sup>00</sup></i>

That deceased left a written Will, bearing date *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Decr* A.D. 1901, in the  
possession of *John Alcott* which your petitioner believe and  
therefore allege to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and which is herewith filed, marked Exhibit

"A," and made a part hereof; that  
the person named in said Will as executor the *J M Shelton* reside at *Tarrant*  
*Dallas County, State of Texas*

That said *J. M. Shelton* is not disqualified  
by law from accepting letters *Testamentary* upon said estate.

Wherefore, petitioner pray that citation issue herein, as the law provides, and that upon a hearing and the  
proofs adduced said Will be admitted to probate, and that letters *Testamentary*  
issue to petitioner, and that all other necessary and proper orders be made in the premises.

DATED *April* A.D. 1902

*J M Shelton*  
Petitioner

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No.

In the County Court

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

*John Shelton* Deceased

Application for Probate of Will

FILED

This

*18* day of *June* A.D. 1902

*A. Jackson*

Clerk County Court

*Dallas* Co., Tex.

By

*A. Stewart* Deputy

Recorded 8-4

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**INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT**  
 OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF

*John Skelton deceased*

<i>1/2 of lot 6 in block 789 City of Dallas Texas</i>	<i>1000<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Lot 3 in Brownstone addition to the town of Wylie Texas</i>	<i>500<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Our note with Skelton dated Sept 1-1897 assured by</i>	
<i>of Skelton \$500<sup>00</sup> with a credit thereon <sup>of 100<sup>00</sup></sup> <del>of 100<sup>00</sup></del></i>	<i>487<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Wares and household goods</i>	<i>50<sup>00</sup></i>
<i>Cash</i>	<i>412<sup>48</sup></i>
	<i>2442<sup>48</sup></i>

No. 3213.

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

*John Skelton dec'd*

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

MAR 10 1904

County Clerk,

By

*W. M. ...*

Deputy.

RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
This 10 day of March 1904

*E. L. ...*  
County Judge.

Essex Williamson, Printer, Dallas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

*J. H. M. Skelton administrator de bonis non with will annexed*  
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

9<sup>th</sup> day of *March* A. D. 1904

*John D. Paschall* Clerk County Court,  
Notary Public

*in and for Dallas County Texas*

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared  
*John P. Gillespie, A. S. Jackson & H. A. Rhea Jr*  
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.

*John P. Gillespie*  
*A. S. Jackson*  
*H. A. Rhea Jr*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

10<sup>th</sup> day of *March* A. D. 1904

*John D. Paschall* Clerk County Court,  
Notary Public

*Dallas County Texas*

The State of Texas.           0     In County Court,  
County of Dallas.           0     Dallas County, Texas.

To the Honorable Ed. S. Lauderdale, Judge of the County Court  
of Dallas County, Texas.

Now comes H. M. Skelton, hereinafter called applicant, and shows to  
the Court that John Skelton departed this life in Dallas County, Texas

on or about the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
that he left a will by which J. M. Skelton was named as sole executor.  
That said J. M. Skelton departed this life in Dallas County, Texas, on  
to wit: the 16th day of January 1904. That the said John Skelton, dec'd.,  
as aforesaid was possessed at the date of his death with an estate in  
Dallas County, Texas and in Collin County, Texas of the probable value of  
\$2000.00. That said estate consisted of both real and personal property.

That said estate is still unsettled, that there is a necessity for  
further administration on said estate to collect outstanding debts due  
said estate and settle and partition said estate among the persons enti-  
tled to share in the same. That this applicant resides in Dallas County  
Texas, is the grandson of said decedent, John Skelton and is not disqual-  
ified by law from accepting letter of administration on said estate.

Wherefore he prays that citation issue herein as required by law and  
that he be, on hearing hereof, appointed administrator of the estate of  
said John Skelton, dec'd., with the will annexed. And he will ever pray &c.

*F. D. Crosby*  
Attorney for applicant.



THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS,  
In the County Court,

do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, this 10th day of August, 1932.

CLERK OF COUNTY COURT

No 3213  
Estate of J. M. Skellin, Dec'd.

Application for  
Appointment as  
Administrator with  
Will Annexed

*J. M. Skellin*

Filed 8/16/32

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, this 10th day of August, 1932.

CLERK OF COUNTY COURT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS,  
In the County Court,

do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas, this 10th day of August, 1932.

CLERK OF COUNTY COURT

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

# BOND AND OATH OF EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR

The State of Texas,

County of Dallas.

In the County Court

March Term, A.D. 1904

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Harry M. Skelton as Principal,  
and American Bonding Company of Baltimore as Sureties, are held and firmly bound

unto the County Judge of the County of Dallas

in the sum of Five Thousand

CONDITIONED, that the above bound

Harry M. Skelton

who has been appointed Administrator

with will annexed of John Skelton dec'd

DOLLARS;

shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS OUR HANDS This

9th

day of March A.D. 1904

Examined and approved this

10

day

Harry M. Skelton Principal

Principal

American Bonding Company of Baltimore Surety

of

W. D. Lamberson A.D. 1904

E. D. Lamberson

County Judge Dallas County, Texas

By J. B. Adams Vice-Pres Surety

[Signature] Asst. Secy Surety

## OATH

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR That

perform all the duties of Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of said John Skelton dec'd

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME This

10th day of March A.D. 1904

John D. Paschall

Notary Public

Dallas Co. Texas

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3213.

Case

No.

In the County Court

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

*John Skelton*  
Deceased

BOND AND OATH

OF

*Mary Mitchell*  
AS

Administrator ad interim

FILED

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1

FILED AND RECORDED

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1

in the Probate Court of  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS  
County, in volume \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_  
*M. H. [Signature]*

County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Co., Texas

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

DORSEY Printing Co., Dallas

Recorded in 3-243

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

John Skelton deceased

1/3 lot number six (6) Block <del>Five</del> <sup>Sixty</sup> Hundred Eighty nine of city of Dallas with house thereon in <del>Dallas</del> <sup>in</sup> <del>county</del> <sup>in</sup> Dallas Texas	1000 <sup>00</sup>
Lot number three (3) Block B B Brown - Burns addition to town of Wylie Collin County Texas	500 <sup>00</sup>
One watch - Bed clothing	50 <sup>00</sup>
Cash in hands of	442 <sup>00</sup>
One Note 400 <sup>00</sup> 4 1/2% int 2 years	480 <sup>00</sup>
" " 60 <sup>00</sup> " " 3 "	66 <sup>00</sup>

No. 3113

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

John Suckow

Inventory and Appraisement.

Filed 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1902

By Jackson  
County Clerk  
Pittman  
Deputy.

Examined and Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1902

Ed Lunderdale  
County Judge.

(A. 430) ~~7812~~  
John Williamson, Printer, Dallas.

Recorded 7/6/02

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS, }

J. M. Suckow

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1902

J. M. Suckow  
Clerk County Court.  
By [Signature] Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS, }

Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared

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. D. Aldredge  
E. Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1902

O. P. Bowser  
Notary Public  
Dallas County Seal

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In the matter of the estate of  
Jno. Skelton.  
Dec'd.

In the Probate Court of  
Dallas County, Texas.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Your petitioner, THE AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, would show that it is a surety on the bond of Henry M. Skelton, who is the duly authorized and acting administrator in the cause of the estate of Jno. Skelton, deceased, and prays that said Henry Skelton, may be required to give a new bond in this cause, and that the said AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY OF BALTIMORE may be discharged from all liability for the future acts of such ~~administrator~~ <sup>Administrator</sup>, and to this end it prays that citation issue as required by law, and that upon final hearing this Court do order their final discharge as prayed for.

AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY OF BALTIMORE.

By Meador & Douglas  
Managers.



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No 3213  
H M Keltan admr  
Est  
John Keltan Decd  
Application to  
be relieved on Bond

FILED

JUL 6 1886

FRANK R. CHAMBERLAIN, Secy.  
C. K. Walden  
Deputy

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