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By *W. H. Lewis* Deputy.

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J. G. Graves, being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

1st I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife,

Mary F. Graves, all the property, real, personal and mixed, of which I may die seized or possessed, or may hereafter become entitled to, to manage, control, sell and dispose of, as she may think for the best interest of herself and our beloved children, William H. and Mimmie S. Graves.

2nd It is my will, that my said wife, shall rear, educate and provide for our said children as best she can, without charge to them.

3rd It is my will that whatever may remain, of the property herein bequeathed to my said wife, shall at her death, be equally divided between my beloved children, William H. and Mimmie S. Graves.

4th It is my will, that should either of my said children die before its majority, the one surviving shall have the interest of both. And in the event both of said children should die before their majority, then my said wife shall dispose of the property herein bequeathed at her death as she may desire.

5th It is my will, that the Courts of the County take no action in regard to my estate further than the probate of this will and the filing of an inventory of property, and that my executrix hereinafter named be not required to give bond.

6th I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary F. Graves executrix of this my will and testament.

Liston Texas May 2nd A.D. 1884.

Witness G. W. Givens
J. G. Gill

J. G. Graves

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E. J. Graves

his Will

Filed May 26, 1884

W. U. Woodcock

Clk. & Notary Public

W. U. Woodcock

o P. Woodcock

Recorded in Book
E. Graves 161-213

The State of Texas
County of Dallas

I, Henry F. Graves do solemnly swear that the within writing which has been offered for probate is the Last Will of E. J. Graves and so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said Will of said E. J. Graves.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 3rd day of July A.D. 1884
W. U. Woodcock
By J. R. Rawlins Cpy

The State of Texas In the County Court
County of Dallas Dallas County
In Matters of Probate
To the Hon R E Burke County Judge of Dallas County

Your petitioner Mary H. Graves respectfully represents
that heretofore to wit on the 7th day of May A.D.
1884 H. Graves departed this life in the County
of Dallas and State of Texas; that said H. Graves
left a written Will bearing date the
2nd day of May A.D. 1884 and by said
Written Will disposed of all the estates
Real personal and mixed owned by
him - which said Will is herewith filed
and referred to as a part hereof; that by the
terms of said Will of said H. Graves your
petitioner is constituted executrix thereof.
That said H. Graves was, at the date of his
said death and for several years prior thereto,
a resident of the County of Dallas and State of
Texas - that your petitioner is the widow of said
decedent and resides in the County of Dallas
and State of Texas and is not disqualified
from acting as Executrix of the said Will
of said H. Graves. etc.

Wherefore she prays that due notice hereof
be given as required by law and that
said Will be admitted to probate and
your petitioner be confirmed as Executrix
of said Will and for general and
Special relief and as in duty bound
she will ever pray &c

Corumbes & Hains
attys for Petitioner

The State of Texas } In the County Court of
 County of Dallas } Dallas County.
 In matters of Estates
 August Term 1886
 To the Honorable E. H. Bower County Judge of the
 County of Dallas

Your petitioner Mary L. Graves respectfully represents that she is a resident of the County of Dallas and State of Texas. That herebefore to wit on the 7th day of May A.D. 1884 G. J. Graves a resident of the County of Dallas and State of Texas departed this life in Dallas County leaving a written will bearing date the 2nd day of May 1884 and thereby disposed of all his estates and therein named your petitioner as executrix thereof. That your petitioner is the widow of said decedent and not disqualified from acting as executrix of said Will.

That herebefore to wit on the 26th day of May A.D. 1884 your petitioner filed said Will together with her petition for the probate thereof in this Honorable Court and thereafter to wit on the 16th day of August A.D. 1884 said Will was duly admitted to probate and ordered of record said order and judgment being duly entered upon the Minutes of the County Court of Dallas County but by oversight said Minutes were not signed by the Hon. R. E. Barker County Judge of Dallas County at that time. That said Will so filed is made a part hereof.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that due notice hereof be given and that said Will be admitted to probate and for letters Testamentary &c.

Leona B. Graves
 Atty for Petitioner

Of 739

Estate of
 G. J. Graves.
 Decedent

Petition to Probate
 Last Will.

Filed May 26th 1884
 Will entered
 By L. H. Hughes Secy.

Recorded

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }
 In matters of Probate

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of Aug. AD 1884 personally appeared in open Court Wm. J. Gill who being duly sworn in open Court testified as follows that he was personally well acquainted with G. J. Graves. that said G. J. Graves was a resident of Dallas County State of Texas, that said Graves is dead. that he died in Dallas County State of Texas in the month of May AD 1884. that the instrument in writing here shown the witness bearing date the second day of May AD 1884. and purporting to be the last will of said G. J. Graves occurred is so far as your petitioner knows and believes the last will and testament of said G. J. Graves. that on or about the day of the date of said instrument said G. J. Graves signed the same in the presence of witness and of G. W. Smith of Dallas County and declared to affirm and said Smith that the same was his said G. J. Graves last will. that affirm and said G. W. Smith signed said instrument in writing as witnesses thereto at the request of and in the presence of said G. J. Graves and in the presence of each other. that affirm was well acquainted with said G. J. Graves and had known said G. J. Graves for about four years. that at the date of the execution of said will the said G. J. Graves was above the age of twenty one years that

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Estate of G. J. Graves dec'd

Petition to Probate
 Last Will

Mary J. Graves - Exr

Filed June 30 1884
 W. J. Gill
 By F. S. Hughes

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Said H. Graves was about thirty five years of age. in the opinion of affiant. that at the time of the execution of said will the said H. Graves was of sound and disposing mind and memory. that at the date of the making of said Will and the signing of the same as a witness thereto affiant was in the fifty fifth year of his age that the other subscribing witness to said Will was above the age of twenty one years to wit about sixty years of age. that affiant was not related to said H. Graves. and is not related to any one interested in the estate of said decedent

W. J. Hill

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
on this 16th day of Aug 1884
with my official signature.

R. G. Bunker
Clerk

Re-sworn to and subscribed in my presence by W. J. Hill
this 27 of Nov 1886.

E. J. Brown
Clerk

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Estate of
G. S. Graves - Dec'd

Proof of Will

Filed Aug. 16th 1884
Court Clerk
By L. H. Hughes

Recorded with
will.

No 739

Estate of G. F. Graves dec'd

And now at this time the application of Mary F. Graves for the probate of a written instrument purporting to be the last will of G. F. Graves dec'd and bearing date the 2nd day of May 1884 coming on to be heard and it appearing to the Court that due notice of said application has been given and no one appearing to contest the same And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that at the date of the making of said instrument in writing the said G. F. Graves was above twenty one years of age and was of sound mind, that said G. F. Graves departed this life in Dallas County on the 7th day of May 1884, and that said Graves was a resident of Dallas County - that said instrument in writing purporting to be the last will of said G. F. Graves was executed with the formalities and solemnities and under the circumstances required under the law to make it a valid will and that said will has not been revoked; and the Court being satisfied from the evidence that said last will of said G. F. Graves bearing date the 2nd day of May 1884 should be

admitted to probate -

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed
 by the Court that said admitted instrument
 bearing date the 3rd day of May 1884
 be and the same is hereby admitted
 to Probate as the Last Will of said G. J.
 Graves deceased -

(Here clerk will read the will -
 the application to probate the same &
 the contents of W's bill -

It is further ordered that Mary H.
 Graves be and she is hereby confirmed
 as executrix of the last will of G. J. Graves
 and that Letters Testamentary issue
 to her.

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Enter this as of Nov
27/86 by order of Court

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