

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

Case Number 916

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# THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

deceased.

William Winniford has filed, in the County Court  
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of H. J. Wui -  
deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,  
which will be issued at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the first  
Monday in May, A. D. 1886, 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 8 day of May  
A. D. 1886.

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

R. S. Guy  
Deputy.

\$110 00

Dallas Tex Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1882

Six months after date I promise to pay F. W.  
Wade or bearer one hundred & ten dollars for  
value recd.

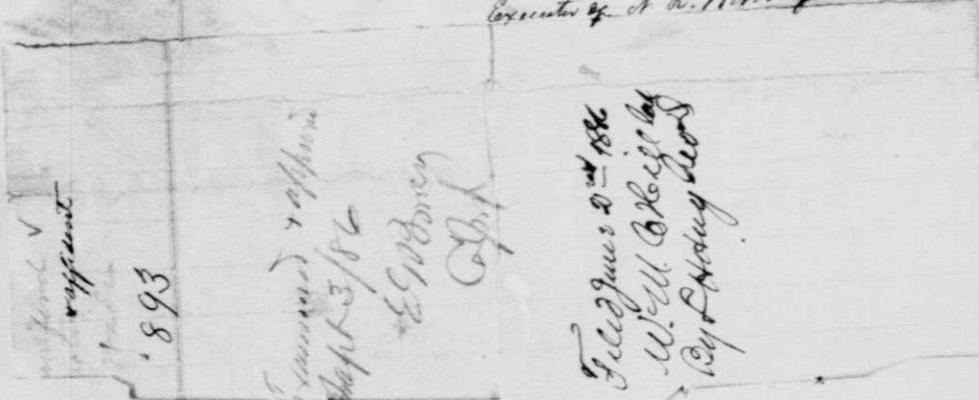
A. R. Winniford

The State of Texas } Before me L. H. Taylor a Justice  
County of Dallas } of the peace on & for precinct no. 5  
in Dallas County Texas on this day  
personally appeared R. S. Guy atty at Law for F. W.  
Wade, the owner of the note above to whom this is at-  
tached the same being signed by A. R. Winniford and  
he, the said R. S. Guy being by me duly sworn on  
an oath states that the above attached promissory note  
of one hundred & ten dollars bearing date Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1882  
due six months after date with legal interest from and  
after maturity is a just claim against the estate of  
of said A. R. Winniford deceased, that all legal offset,  
payments & credits known to affiant have been allowed  
and that he, affiant, is cognizant of all the facts  
~~contained~~ in this affidavit.

R. S. Guy  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
May A.D. 1886. L. H. Taylor  
J. P.

I do hereby allow the within promissory note as a  
just claim against the estate of A. R. Winniford  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 1886

W. F. Guinniv  
Executor of A. R. Winniford



Received Lancaster Tex Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1886 of Mrs A. R. Winniford  
widow of A. R. Winniford deceased, one hundred dollars as a  
compromise in full demand of a note belonging to — Wade,  
the same placed in my hand for collection by  
W. F. Guinniv, which note is now filed in the Probate  
Court of Dallas Co. Texas.

R. S. Guy.

Original

No. 893

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
A. R. Winniford  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate  
of Will and Letters

Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
Oct 1886.  
W. M. C. Hill, County Clerk.  
By C. L. Dugay Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.  
Came to hand the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1886, and executed the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1886, 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.

John Smith  
Sheriff, Dallas County.  
By Louis Jacoby Deputy.  
A. D. Ridgeway & Co., Stationers and Steam Printers, Dallas, Texas.

Recd \$3.00  
Recorded

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas

John W. Fitzhugh  
a resident Citizen of Dallas  
County Texas Being Clearly  
Sworn says that he was  
present when A R Winniford  
at his Residence in Dallas  
County made and executed  
his last will and testament  
that the said A R Winniford  
Called an affiant to witness  
his signature to the same  
that the instrument here  
with is the identical instrument  
that said A R Winniford signed  
as his last will and testament  
that the said Winniford  
is now deceased, having  
died on the 14 day of  
Nov & 1885 - That at  
the date of the execution  
of said last will & testament  
he was of sound and  
disposing Mind. That one  
of the signature to said  
will is my signature and  
signed at the request of  
said A R Winniford  
Witness my hand this April 26<sup>th</sup>  
1886 - John W. Fitzhugh

Subscribed & Sworn to this  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1886

W.W.C. Clerk  
By L. H. Lee Asst.

The State of Texas } In County Court, Dallas  
County of Dallas } County, Texas. Term 1886.

To the Hon E. J. Brown Judge of said court:-  
 Your Applicant, William Miniford, shows  
 that he left his town on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November  
 1885. A. R. Miniford died testate in said state and  
 county. That decedent's heirs are Mrs Alice McCuan  
 & Mrs Mary Roper who live at Big Springs in Howard  
 County Texas, and Elbert, Henry, Frank and Eula  
 Miniford who reside and live in Dallas County, Tex.  
 That decedent's estate consisting of personal and real  
 estate is situated in said Dallas County and the probated  
 value of the estate is about \$5000.00. That your  
 applicant William Miniford is constituted  
 names and appoints executor of the last will  
 testament of said decd. & lives in Ellis County, Tex.  
 and is not disqualified by law from qualifying  
 and accepting the trust. That said Frank and Eula  
 Miniford are minors.

Premises considered, applicant asks citations on  
 the heirs according to law and that said decedent  
 A. R. Miniford last will and testament be, by  
 your honor admitted to probate, said testate be  
 ing of sound and disposing mind when he  
 made the same, and the same never having been  
 revoked and that applicant be permitted to  
 qualify as executor, as aforesaid for  
 which he prays etc

William Miniford  
 Executor atty's

✓ Mr. J  
 Wm. Miniford  
 Henry Miniford  
 Frank Miniford  
 Eula Miniford  
 Last will

Filed April 26 1886  
 Wm. Miniford  
 Big Springs, Tex.

Recorded in  
 Will Book C  
 Page 241

J. A. R. Winniford a farmer residing within the County of Dallas in the State of Texas, being sound in mind and memory, but weak and frail physically, being duly impressed with the transitory nature of all earthly things, do hereby and herein make, ordain, establish and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament; that is to say: After the payment of all my just debts of the residue of all my property seized, owned and possessed by me at the time of my death I do hereby and herein give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha J. Winniford one half of all my real estate located in said Dallas County Texas being apart of the A. R. Winniford Survey, said land or real estate to embrace my present dwelling home, stable and out houses, also one tenant house the same now occupied by R. P. Clark, also including some pasture land and believed to be about one hundred acres. To have and to hold the above described premises together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances unto her, the said Martha J. Winniford during the term of her

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Estate of A. R. Winniford  
second.

Application to probate  
Last Will and Testament.

Filed George August 8, 1886  
All U. S. Clerk  
By L. H. Auglemon

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Executor N. R. Winniford Atty.

natural life. Second: I do hereby and pur-  
ing, devise and bequeath the remainder of said  
estate, at and after the death of my said wife,  
the said Martha J. Winniford, to my children,  
Elbert Winniford, Alice McCreary, Henry Winni-  
ford, Frank Winniford and Eula Winniford,  
to be divided in equal portions, and to their heirs  
and assigns forever. And whereas my children,  
the said Frank and Eula Winniford are mi-  
nors not having attained to twenty-one years, it  
is therefore my desire and will that the said  
Elbert Winniford, Alice McCreary & Henry Winni-  
ford, shall take charge of the said portions of  
the said Frank & Eula in said remainder, after  
the death of the said Martha J. Winniford and  
control the same for the use and benefit of the  
said Frank & Eula during the minority of the  
said Frank & Eula. Third: I do hereby give, de-  
vise & bequeath the remaining one half of my  
said real estate, the same being located in said  
Dallas County, Texas & including two tenant  
houses, one now occupied by John Fitzburgh,  
the other by John Connor, to my said children,  
the said Elbert Winniford, Alice McCreary, Hen-  
ry, Frank & Eula Winniford and to their heirs  
and assigns forever. Fourth: It is my desire and  
will that the said Elbert Winniford, Alice Mc-

Breary & Henry Winniford shall have the control  
& joint management of the portions of the said  
Frank & Eula Winniford in and to the said half  
of my realty lost above mentioned during the  
minority of the said Frank & Eula Winniford.  
Fifth: whereas, the said Elbert Winniford, alias Mr.  
Breary ~~has~~ & Henry Winniford have executed a  
joint deed of gift in which is conveyed to the  
said Frank & Eula Winniford a two-fifth ( $\frac{2}{5}$ ) un-  
divided interest in & to certain tracts of land  
conveyed heretofore by Samuel Watts to the  
said Elbert Winniford, Mary Roper, alias Mr.  
Breary & Henry Winniford, which land is more  
fully described in the said conveyance made by  
said Watts to said parties, the same being on file  
& duly recorded in the County Court of said Dallas  
County. It is my desire & will that my said wife,  
the said Martha J. Winniford, do have & maintain  
full & complete control of the said undivided  
two-fifths ( $\frac{2}{5}$ ) <sup>interest</sup> conveyed to said Frank & Eula Winni-  
fورد as aforesaid for the use & benefit of the said  
Frank & Eula during the minority of the said Frank  
& Eula Winniford. Sixth: whereas my daughter, the  
said Mary Roper has received heretofore her full  
share of my estate I here bequeath her the sum  
of Five (\$5.00) dollars to be paid to her by my  
executor out of my said estate as soon as he can  
conveniently do so. Seventh: It is my desire & last  
will, that should the said Frank & Eula Winniford

or either of them die or depart this life before having attained to their majority then in that case whatever of my said estate that shall vest in them by the terms of this my last will, shall vest in their surviving brothers & sisters to be held by the latter in equal portions, except that the said Mary Roper shall take no part of said last mentioned estate. Eighth. Whereas, my unfortunate daughter Lucy Winniford is incapable of taking charge of any inheritance being a lunatic, & physically extremely frail. It is my desire and will that my said wife & children shall take charge of her, manage & control her as they may think best, and supply her wants & necessities during the term of her natural life. Ninth. I do hereby make, constitute & appoint my Brother William Winniford as Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. Tenth. It is my will & desire that my said Executor, the said William Winniford, shall not be required to execute any bond whatever as my said executor, so far as his management of my said estate is concerned. Eleventh. It is my desire & will that this instrument shall be filed, proved & probated in the Court having jurisdiction of the same, but that no further action be taken by the Court in the matter, that so soon as the same is proved up as required by law, my said executor shall be permitted by the Court to withdraw this my will from the Court & proceed to carryout

to provisions in accordance with its terms as to  
him may soon best for all concerned. Twelfth.  
As my said Executor shall not be required by the  
Court to execute any bond as aforesaid, it is also my  
will that he be further exonerated from filing any  
inventory of my said estate in the Court in-  
so far as he desire to do so.

In witness hereof I have signed & sealed  
a published and declared the foregoing  
instrument as my last will and Testament  
at my home in said Dallas County, Texas on  
this twenty day of October A.D. 1885.

N R Wimniford <sup>[seal]</sup>

We the undersigned witnesses, at the home  
of the said N. R. Wimniford, in the County of  
Dallas in the State of Texas, on this twenty day  
of October A.D. 1885, do hereby declare that we saw  
the said N. R. Wimniford sign & seal the foregoing  
instrument & heard him publish & declare the same  
as & for his last will. And we at his request  
& in his presence & in the presence of each  
other have hereunto written our names as sub-  
scribing witnesses, on this day & year aforesaid  
the intention as "Being now more than twenty-one years  
old," "without expense" "Interest", were made w<sup>th</sup> said  
instrument before it was signed by said N. R. Wimniford.

R. S. Guy  
John M. Gilley  
A. C. "G" C. C. C.

Mrs J.W. Stark

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We are in receipt of your request for certified copy of:  
Will-- Estate: N. R. Winniford Cause #893 (dispose of No. 916)

\$5.00 Plain Copy or  
\$6.00 certified copy  
If you will forward fee of \$6.00 certified copy  
to this office, we  
will be glad to send copy at once.  
Please return this note with fee.

Thank you,  
TOM E. ELLIS COUNTY CLERK  
By: *Tom E. Ellis* Deputy

Dear Sir,

I would like to know if there is a will on file  
for Norvell R. Winniford. He lived in Lancaster  
(Dallas County), Texas and died November 19, 1885.

If there is a will, I would be most grateful  
if you would let me know how much it will cost to  
have a copy made.

I am enclosing a stamped addressed envelope  
for your convenience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*June Winniford Starkey*  
(Mrs.) June Winniford Starkey

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CERTIFIED COPY INFORMATION Will

INSTRUMENT:

Estate: N. R. Winniford

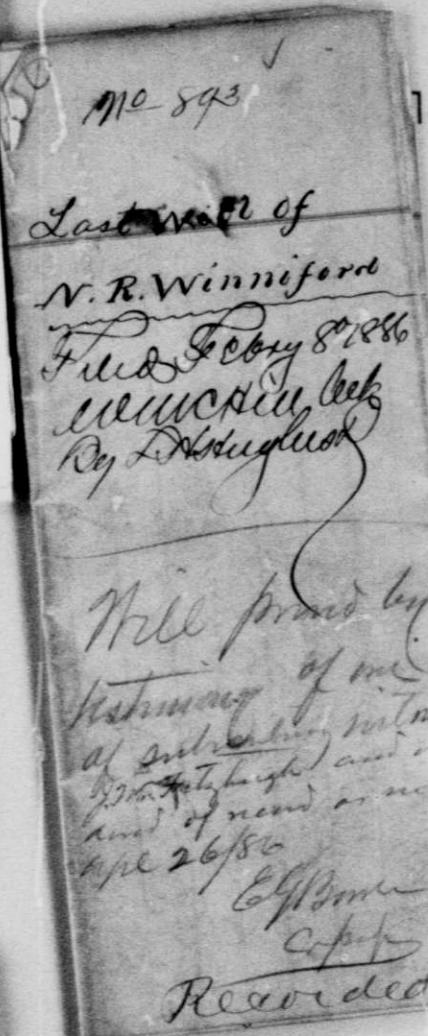
VOLUME:

PAGE:

CAUSE # 893 (disposed of No. 916)

AMOUNT: \$ 5.00 Plain Copy-- \$ 6.00 Certified Copy EP

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Am's 3-20-70

9212 Bentham Ct.  
Dallas, Texas 75227  
March 19, 1970

County Clerk  
Courthouse  
Dallas, Texas

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for Norvell R. Winniford. He lived in Lancaster  
(Dallas County), Texas and died November 19, 1885.

If there is a will, I would be most grateful  
if you would let me know how much it will cost to  
have a copy made.

I am enclosing a stamped addressed envelope  
for your convenience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Jane Winniford Starkey*  
(Mrs.) June Winniford Starkey

CERTIFIED COPY INFORMATION Will

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5.00  
TOM E. ELLIS  
County Clerk  
Dallas County, Texas  
REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPIES

Date 3-27-70

Please prepare

One plain ~~certified~~ copies of Will

Styled: H. R. Winniford

Ordered by: Mrs. J. W. Starkey  
Return to: ~~Business Court~~Address: Dallas, Texas 75227  
(Street) (City) (State)

Remarks:

By: Erma Diana Jenkins, Deputy

Location of Instrument AND DETERMINATION OF FEE:

Type of Instrument: Will

Fee \$ 5.00

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| Date    | 3-27-70 |       |               |                         |                | 3-27-70 | 78035 |
| Initial |         |       |               |                         |                | RJ      |       |



Mrs. Jackie W. Starkey  
9212 Bentham Ct.  
Dallas, Texas 75227

Address: Dallas, Texas 75227 (State)  
(Street) (City)

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Bruce Diana Jenkins, Deputy

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Type of Instrument: Will Fee \$ 5.00

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