

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

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Codicil to David Bowers  
Will

I David Bowers of the County  
of Dallas, State of Texas, do  
make this my Codicil to be  
made a part of my last will  
made and signed by me on the  
15th day of June 1878, in the  
County of Dallas and State of  
Texas, and the residence of  
J. A. B. Lloyd, It is my will  
that so much of my last will  
bearing date as above writ, 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1878, be do changed,  
and I, in this my Codicil do here-  
by alter and change, my last  
will in such manner, and do  
do to substitute the name of my  
son Benjamin Bantley Bowers  
instead of ~~the name of~~ and in the place of  
my son Lawrence Dix on Bowers  
and imposing upon him ~~the~~

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my son Benjamin Franklin Bowers  
 The same obligations and conditions  
 that are in my said last will  
 dated June 18<sup>th</sup> 1878, made binding  
 upon my son Lawrence Dixon  
 Bowers, with this just and  
 obligation to wit, It is my will  
 and I do here by bind my son  
 Benjamin Franklin Bowers as  
 a condition, to inheriting by  
 my last will, day and date above  
 mentioned, that, after the death  
 of my wife Mary Bowers and  
 upon taking possession of  
 my real, personal and personal,  
 the pay, in Lawfull money  
 unto my son Lawrence Dixon  
 Bowers, the sum of five hundred  
 (\$500.00) dollars, And it is  
 further my will, that, all that  
 portion of my last, bearing  
 date 18<sup>th</sup> June 1878 which may

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be in conflict with this Codicil  
 be, and the same is hereby revoked  
 In witness whereof I have  
 signed and sealed and declared  
 this instrument as my Codicil at  
 the town of Richardson in the  
 County of Dallas State of Texas  
 on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1881

David Bowers

The said David Bowers, at Rich-  
 ardson Dallas Co State of Texas  
 on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December  
 A.D. 1881 signed said sealed  
 this instrument, and published  
 and declared the same as, and  
 for his Codicil, And was at  
 his request, and in his presence,  
 and in the presence of each  
 other have hereunto signed our names  
 as subscribing witnesses this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
 Dec 1881

W. H. Stark Jr  
 A. M. White



The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of David Bower

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, B. J. Bower  
as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 thirteen hundred Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound B. J. Bower, who has  
been appointed Executor of the last will of David Bower  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June A. D. 1883.

B. J. Bower SEAL  
W. H. Lemmon SEAL  
R. J. Arthur SEAL

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is  
the last will of David Bower 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June A. D. 1883

B. J. Bower  
W. W. Leslie  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By L. H. Hughes Deputy.

The State of Texas,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of David Bower

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, O. P. Bower  
as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 thirteen hundred Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound O. P. Bower, who has  
been appointed Executor of the will of David Bower  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June A. D. 1883.

O. P. Bower SEAL  
W. H. Lemmon SEAL  
R. J. Arthur SEAL

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is  
the last will of David Bower 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June A. D. 1883

O. P. Bower  
W. W. Leslie  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.  
By L. H. Hughes Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of  
*David Bowers* deceased.

*O. P. B. Bowers* having filed, in the County Court  
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *David*  
*Bowers* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,  
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in  
*May* A. D. 1883, 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. H. Harwood* County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office  
in the City of Dallas, this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*  
A. D. 1883.

*W. H. Harwood*  
A. HARWOOD, County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas,

By *L. H. Hughes* Deputy.

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ESTATE OF  
*David Bowers*

*David Bowers*

Bond of *O. P. Bowers*  
Filed *June 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1883.

By *L. H. Hughes* Deputy.  
*W. H. Harwood* Clerk.

Approved this *22* day of  
*June* A. D. 1883.  
*R. E. Smith*  
County Judge, Dallas Co.

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ESTATE OF  
*David Bowers*

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Bond of *O. P. Bowers*  
Filed *June 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1883.

By *L. H. Hughes* Deputy.  
*W. H. Harwood* Clerk.

Approved this *22* day of  
*June* A. D. 1883.  
*R. E. Smith*  
County Judge, Dallas Co.

State of Texas  
County of Dallas

I David Bowser of the County of Dallas State of Texas, and by occupation a farmer make this my last will. I give, devise and bequeath my Estate and property, real and personal, as follows, that is to say: I give, devise, and bequeath all my Real and property, both real and personal. (Except so much thereof as may be mine after given and bequeathed to my children) to my Wife Mary Bowser, to have and use the same during her natural life. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my deceased daughter Sarah Ann Nichols that is to say, to my Grand daughter Anna Rapsay Gale, Sister Island Nichols William Lemmons Nichols, and Charles Henry Nichols the sum of one \$100, dollar. To my Son Oliver Perry Bowser I give and bequeath the sum of one (\$100) dollar. To my Son Benjamin Franklin Bowser I give and bequeath the sum of one (\$100) dollar. To my daughter Amanda Jane Graham I give and bequeath the sum of one (\$100) dollar. To my daughter Mary Catherine Word I give and bequeath the sum of one (\$100) dollar. To my daughter Effie Texas Bowser I give and bequeath the sum of one (\$100) dollar. At the death of my wife Mary Bowser it is my Will, and I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath, to my Son Lawrence Dixon Bowser

Original  
No. 25

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

David Bowser

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will and Letters.

Issued this 5th day of

May 1888  
A. HARWOOD, County Clerk,

By L. S. Hester Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand the 5th day of May 1888 and executed the 7th day of May 1888 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.

W. H. Smith  
Sheriff, Dallas Co.

By C. P. Vaughan Deputy.

Part 3 Copies  
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


all my estate and property, real and personal,  
that is, my wife, Mary Bowen may be possessed  
of at the time of her death. Provided that he  
my son, Lawrence Dixon Bowen, live with me  
and my wife Mary Bowen to work for and  
support us during our natural lives, <sup>and</sup> provided  
further that he, my son, Lawrence Dixon Bowen  
give food, raiment, and shelter, that is to say  
provide for, and furnish a home for my  
daughters Kansas, and Effie Fines Bowen, at my  
present homestead, during the time they may live  
single. and provided further that he, my son  
Lawrence Dixon Bowen provide, and furnish  
a home for, and give ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~grandsons~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Foster~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Cloud~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Nichols,~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Charles~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Henry~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Nichols,~~ <sup>to</sup> and provided further that if my  
grandsons Foster Cloud and also Henry Nichols, consent  
and assent with, from, my son, Lawrence Dixon Bowen  
under his management and control until they arrive  
at the age of twenty years, then, and in that  
case it is my will, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> ~~hereby~~ <sup>hereby</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> that  
he, my son Lawrence Dixon Bowen give to each  
of my two grandsons above named a horse, saddle,  
and bridle, of a value not less than sixty (\$60<sup>00</sup>) dollars  
each. I give and bequeath to my daughter Kansas  
Bowen the sum of one (\$1<sup>00</sup>) dollar

I appoint my sons Oliver P. Bowen, and Lawrence  
D. Bowen, of the County of Dallas, State of Texas

executors of this my will;

In Witness whereof I have signed and sealed  
and published and declared this instrument as my  
will, at the residence of E. A. B. Floyd Dallas County  
State of Texas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1878.

David Bowen 

The said David Bowen at said E. A. B. Floyd residence  
County, of Dallas State of Texas on said 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
June A. D. 1878 Signed and sealed this instrument  
and published and declared the same as read for his  
last will, and we, at his request and in his  
presence, and in the presence of each other, have  
hereunto signed our names as subscribing witnesses  
this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1878.

James L. Floyd  
E. A. B. Floyd  
J. S. Floyd



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No 624  
David Bousis

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+ Codicil  
Attached

Filed May 3/83  
Lumber Co. Co.  
J. H. Boland, Jr.

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N<sup>o</sup> 625

Estate of *Wm.* In the Hon. County Court  
of Dallas County, Texas,  
David Bower Dec<sup>d</sup> & May Term of Probate Court  
A.D. 1883

In the trial of the above entitled cause  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1883 on  
the probate of the last will and testament  
and accompanying codicil thereto in  
the County Court sitting in probate mat-  
ters the following evidence was had  
to wit:

J. S. Floyd a witness being duly  
sworn according to law deposes and  
says under oath

I was acquainted with David  
Bower up to the time of his death.  
He lived in Dallas County State of  
Texas and died on or about the  
seventh day of April A.D. 1882. I am  
one of the subscribing witnesses to the  
will offered for probate as the last  
will and testament of said David Bower  
dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1875.  
I saw said David Bower sign said  
will in my presence which he then  
and there declared to be his last will  
and testament. That James L. Floyd  
W. A. B. Floyd and myself saw the  
said Bower sign said will as his  
last will and testament and was wit-  
nessed in said 18<sup>th</sup> day of June by  
James L. Floyd, W. A. B. Floyd and my-  
self as subscribing witnesses at his  
special instance and request and in  
his presence and in the presence  
of each other. That the said  
David Bower at the time and making

The signing of said last will and  
 testament was a married man, was  
 of sound mind and over twenty one  
 years of age. At the time said last will  
 was signed and attested by me, ~~as~~  
 said a subscribing witness I was over four-  
 teen years of age. The said James L. Floyd  
 and D. A. B. Floyd were at date of the  
 execution of said will over twenty one years  
 of age. Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1883  
 J. S. Floyd

U. R. White a witness being duly  
 sworn and under depous and says  
 under oath

I am a resident of Dallas  
 County Texas. I knew David Bower  
 at the time of his death which oc-  
 curred on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1882  
 in Dallas County Texas in which  
 County and State he lived to the date  
 of his death. I saw the said David  
 Bower sign his name to the Codicil  
 to his last will and testament offered  
 for probate in this case. It was signed  
 by him as the Codicil to his last  
 will and testament in my presence  
 and in the presence of W. H. Storke Sr.  
 at Richardson in Dallas County on  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1881  
 I signed the said Codicil at the special  
 instance and request of said David  
 Bower as a subscribing witness to the  
 same as did also W. H. Storke Sr. He  
 stated that it was his last will and  
 testament. The said David Bower was  
 at date of signing said Codicil  
 and at the making thereof

Was of sound mind and over twenty one  
years of age. The said David Buser  
died at his residence near Richardson  
in Dallas County in the State of  
Texas. I am thirty years of age  
The said W. H. Stark Sr was at  
the time said Codicil was attested  
by him over twenty one years  
of age  
Witness my hand this the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of May A.D. 1883  
A. R. White



The State of Texas  
County of Dallas  
In County Court of Dallas  
County of Dallas  
May Term 1883  
To the Honorable R. E. Bunde  
Judge County Court of Dallas County  
Texas

Your petitioners O. B. Bowers and  
Benjamin F. Bowers residents of  
the County and State of said  
represent that David Bowers  
who for many years was a resi-  
dent of Dallas County Texas died  
at his late residence about one  
mile North East from the Town of  
Richardson in said County and  
State on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April ad  
1882 At the death of said David  
Bowers he was possessed of  
~~the~~ Real and personal prop-  
erty of the probable value of forty  
five hundred Dollars and that  
prior to his death to wit, on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of June ad 1878 made  
his last will and testament  
in writing disposing of said  
real and personal estate  
in which Will ~~was appointed~~  
Oliver P. Lawrence D.  
Bowers was appointed

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Estate of  
David Bowers

Deceased

Filed May 26<sup>th</sup> 1883

Mrs. L. S. B. Bowers  
By L. S. B. Bowers

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Executors of the same <sup>and</sup> said Will  
 was signed in the presence of  
 the following witnesses James  
 L. Floyd D. B. Floyd and  
 J. S. Floyd. Subsequent to the  
 making of said Will to wit on  
 the 26th day of December AD  
 1881 at Richardson in said  
 State and County said David  
 Bowers did make a Codicil to  
 his said last Will and Testament  
 described as aforesaid in the  
 which the testator appoints and  
 substitutes the name of Benja-  
 min Franklin Bowers instead  
 of Lawrence D. Bowers and  
 imposed on him the obligations and  
 conditions that were imposed  
 on Lawrence D. Bowers in the  
 last will and Testament of  
 said David Bowers. The prop-  
 erty real and personal devised in said  
 last Will and Codicil lies and is  
 situated in Dallas County Texas  
 Witnesses to said Codicil are  
 A. R. White and W. H. Stark, Sr  
 your petitioners Oliver  
 B. Bowers and Franklin

Bowser both sons of the  
said David, Bowser deceased  
were over twenty one years of age  
and are residents of Dallas  
County Texas and not disqual-  
ified by law from accepting letters  
of Execution or Administration  
wherefore your petitioners herewith  
file with the Clerk of the County  
Court of Dallas County Texas  
said last Will and Codicil  
and ask that the same be probated  
and that letters testamentary be  
granted witness our  
hands this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
May A.D. 1883  
Oliver P. Bowser  
Benjamin F. Bowser

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Application to  
Probate Will of  
David Bowen

Filed May 31 1883  
C. M. H. Co. Clk  
A. J. Bolauzy

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