

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

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1835

1834

Oct 11	To 2 Horse Carriage	124	3
	1 Horse Saddle	4	25
	1 Sack Sult.	11	00
	bread		11 25
			11 00
	By Cash for Sult.		3 25

~~Received of~~
 Received Payment
 E. W. Wood

\$ 3.25
 0.95
 3.60

1836 - B. M. Cook for balance of James Jackson's
 Part of Gold & Donalson
 9 20 stepped Lowell to \$ 180
 Paid payment
 Gold & Donalson
 by E. W. Wood

One day after date
 Harrison Walker
 value recd this
 I promise to pay
 four Dollars for
 April 17th 1850
 J. B. McCormack

Aug 11 to 1 days services in copying and
preparing of said notes.
Received payment in full. W. R. H. 1856
Aug 11. 1857

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, greeting:

You are HEREBY COMMANDED to cite

May Anthony and

of the heirs at law of James Anthony deceased

to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the county of Dallas, at its next term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the 25th day of

August A. D. 1856, then and there to show cause, if any she can, why

~~partition & distribution of the estate of the said James~~
deceased should not be made, and to state if the names
of said heirs deceased, and if any of them are not
in due possession of the same, who are required by law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

Wm. Knapp and H. W. P. and Official Seal, this 29th

day of August A. D. 1856

W. R. H.

Clerk Co. Cl. D. C., Texas

\$1000
1856

On or before the first day of Sept
1855 - I have paid to pay of the said
of bond and should receive the
this sum of money, in
the first term of the Court of Dallas
at the house of the said James Anthony,
of Dallas -
1855 -
Paid this 29th day of August
Wm. Knapp
Clerk of the Court

Cross to James Woodruff
 for land in deed of fifty acres
 R. W. Maddie
 Pay for James's salary
 Nov 19, 1855 R. W. Maddie
 Office expenses
 Paid to principal 96.00
 Mar 24, 1856 MS

County Court
 25 Citation
 Mary Armstrong

Opened 29th July 1852
 J. W. Peak clerk
 Original

Can be seen at August
 1856 Examined by James
 a copy with Mary Armstrong
 on, this 8th August 1856
 W. B. Carter Deft
 Siff

544 fee \$1.00

\$12.11

End day after I promise to pay
Samy Armstrong Ten Dollars for
value received this 26th of Nov. 1849
James W. Chapman Harrison ^{July} Heateley
mark

Dallas Tex. Dec. 8. 1853.

The State Creek Administrator
1854.

To John W. Williams, Esq.

The balance due on the State Creek
July 31st 1854

\$ 200
Full
\$ 200
200
Full

July 31, 1854 By Cash to L.

Receipt Payment in full

John W. Williams

Received of Mary Armstrong Executrix
of the Estate of Samy Armstrong Thirteen & ¹⁴/₁₀₀
dollars in full of his State & County Tax for
the year 1853 April 5th 1854
The E. C. Williams, A & C, D, C

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The State of Texas
County of Dallas

County Court
Held Term, 1856-

Hon. James M. Patterson Ch. J. etc -

The complainant of Martha A. Cook vs. Mr. Cook her husband of the county of Dallas State of Texas - Your petitioners respectfully represent, that heretofore, to wit, on the 1st day of December 1853, James Armstrong dec'd & then by Armstrong his wife of the county State aforesaid did sell unto Martha A. Cook one of your petitioners, a certain tract or parcel of lands & aids with water into bond to your petitioner to make title to the same, which bond is herewith filed as a part of this petition & sets forth & describes the lands sold, but that James Armstrong departed this life without having made such title; Your petitioners therefore pray that the Administration of said James Armstrong dec'd, may be required to make title to the said tract of lands, agreeably to the bond of the decedent: And, as in duty bound they will ever pray etc

Martha A. Cook
vs. Mr. Cook

By Craddock & Lane their
Attys -

The State of Texas & the Probate Court
County of Dallas August Term A.D. 1856

Now come John Pursey and Francis & his wife
and for answer to the Rejoinder of R M Cook and
Mortimer & his wife deny that any arrangements
have ever been made or either of them by Jas
Armstrong are during his life and this they
are ready to verify

By their Atty
John Elrod

The State of Texas & the Probate Court
County of Dallas August Term A.D. 1856

Now come Alexander & Thomas and Mary &
his wife and for answer to the Rejoinder of R M
Cook & Mortimer & his wife deny that they or ei-
ther of them have ever received of and from
Jas Armstrong are during his life any
thing for money that they should
for the & their answer to protest of Pursey and
wife and this they are ready to verify

By their Atty
John Elrod

Probate Court }
October Term }

Dallas County Tex. Oct. 22. 1837.

Wm of M. Patterson & Co. Dallas Co. Tex.
Lefy

Now come Mary Armstrong & M. M. Corbitt
Administrators of the Estate of James Armstrong decd
and respectfully represent to your Honor
that the Cattle belonging to the said Estate &
which we had an order of your Honor Court
to sell on the 15th day of August last were
not sold on said day there being but two
bidders on the day and at the place appointed
for the sale. The sale was legally advertised &
there being but two persons that attended the con-
templated sale the Administrators deemed
it to the interest of the Estate that said property
should not be sold on said day.

We therefore ask of your Honor Court an order
to sell the same at private sale for Cash.

As in duty bound we will ever pray
Mary Armstrong & M. M. Corbitt
Administrators

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We would further state that during last spring (viz) about the 13th March One of the horses of said Estate & a Brown Mare of R. M. Cooke's strayed away & were gone for several weeks & that in obtaining them we paid out in Cash as follows (viz.)

To Alex. Cockerell ferrisges	.50
.. Blacksmith for shoeing horse to ride	1.00
.. Mr. Harris for 1 night's Lodging &c.	1.00
.. James Boyd 4 miles from Waxahatchie	
for taking up & keeping said horses about Ten days	5.00
	\$7.50

The vouchers for the same we have not, as the bills were made at different places & for small sums. Under the premises we would ask your Hon. Court to allow R. M. Cooke half the above expense viz \$3.75 & that the residue be paid by the Estate of James Cunningham Sr.

Alexander & Thomas
John & Wm & Wm

May Term 1855

Suit to set will aside

Mary Armstrong & others

Now at this time Comes the Plaintiff by their Attorneys,
Margers & Good and the Defendant Sarah Le Armstrong
Minor, by her Guardian ad Litem, E.P. Nicholas and
the other Defendants by their Attorneys, Leavenworth & Wells,
and the Defendants objections to Plaintiffs Petition,
being considered, the same are overruled, and the
Plaintiffs motion to strike out the amended names
of the defendants, coming on to be heard, the same
was by the Court overruled sustained; and this
Cause coming on to be heard, a jury, by consent is
waived and this Cause submitted to the Court, who
after hearing the evidence and argument of Counsel,
being satisfied that the Law and the facts of
the Case are with the Plaintiffs it is therefore
Adjudged and decreed by the Court that the last
will of James Armstrong deceased, in Plaintiffs
Petition be and the same is hereby declared null
and void, as to all the bequests therein mentioned
except as to the two legacies in the Codicil to said will,
appended and except as to so much of the remainder of
the Estate of the said James Armstrong deceased as being
added to the amount of the two legacies mentioned
in the Codicil will amount to the one fourth part of his
entire Estate, after the payment of all the liabilities
of said Estate,

It is further ordered, Adjudged and decreed that
the said will be declared good and valid as to the
bequests contained in the Codicil, to the same James
W. and Nascent W. Beards of One hundred Dollars
and a good suit of Cloths to each of them when they
arrive at the age of twenty one years.

It is further ordered, Adjudged and decreed that the said

deceased, a will estate in and to so much of the estate
 of the said James Armstrong deceased as being added
 to the Legacies bequeathed to the said James W. Nesbit
 & David Will bequeathed to the one fourth part of the
 whole estate of the said James Armstrong deceased,
 after the payment of all the liabilities of his said
 estate, it is further ordered, adjudged and
 decreed that the remaining three fourths of the
 estate of the said James Armstrong deceased
 after the payment of all the liabilities of said
 estate, be and the same is hereby vested in the
 other lawful heirs of the said James Armstrong
 deceased, in equal shares to each, subject to partition
 and distribution by the Hon. the County Court
 pertaining to the estates of Augustus Pearson of
 Dallas County, and it is hereby ordered and
 decreed that a copy of this decree be certified by the
 Clerk of this Court to the said County Court of Dallas
 County as evidence of the action of this Court upon
 the contest as to the validity of the will of the said
 James Armstrong deceased, at the instance of any
 of the parties to this suit, it is further ordered,
 adjudged and decreed that the said Mary
 Armstrong executrix of the last will and testament
 of the said James Armstrong deceased pay the
 cost of this suit out of the effects of said estate
 in due course of administration.

Ad. Armstrong

Copy of

The Act of Sec. Armstrong

Dated 30th June 1855

W. H. Frank

Figgs

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas
 J. C. Brown Clerk of the District
 Court within and for the County & State aforesaid, do
 hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true & correct Copy
 of the Judgment in the foregoing entitled Cause
 as appears of Record in my Office
 Witness, C. C. Brown & Clerk & the
 Seal of said Court this 25th June 1855
 C. C. Brown Clerk

The State of Texas
County of Dallas ¹⁸⁵³ Know all men by these presents that we
James Armstrong and Mary Armstrong Heirs at law of
Joseph A Armstrong dec'd all of the County of Dallas
and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Martha
A Cook of the County and State aforesaid in the penal
sum of one Hundred and Seventy four dollars, for the
payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind
our selves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly
and severally, firmly by these presents - Signed and Sealed
using a scrawl for Seal this 7th day of ~~Sept~~ 1853.

Whereas the above bounden James Armstrong and Mary
Armstrong have this day given granted bargained and
sold, and for the natural Love and affection we have
for our daughter Martha A Cook, and for the further
consolidation of Eighty seven dollars to us in hand paid
the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ~~we~~ give
grant bargain sell quit claim and release unto the
said Martha A Cook and to her heirs forever the follow-
ing described Lot Tract or parcels of Land, It being
Survey No 285 letter C for 242 acs of Land, on the
Waters of Elm Fork, made by virtue of the Headright
Certificate of Joseph A Armstrong No 184, issued on the
15th day of November 1850 by Thomas W. Ward Comptroller
for Peter's Colony - Beginning at the N E Corner of
Section 22 of Township No 2nd North and of Range 2nd and
West, and the N W Corner of P. S. West's survey
thence ~~to~~ with the West boundary of said survey
855 Yards to a stake in the North boundary of
Thos. Keman's survey - thence west with said
boundary 1600 Yds to a stake the N W corner of said
survey; thence North 855 Yds to a stake, an Elm
3 in and an Elm 5 in trees North 45° E 3 1/2 Yards -

thence East 1600 W to the beginning -
Now shews the consecration of the above obligation
are such, that if the said James Armstrong and Mary
Armstrong, shall will and truly make or cause to be
made unto the said Martha a Cook her Heir or
assign, a good and sufficient and in law for the above
described premises, and the improvements thereon and the
appurtenances, when and so soon as a Patent shall issue
from the State of Texas for the same, or when the
Colonists generally in Texas Colony shall be enabled
to procure Patents or titles to the Land to which they
are entitled as such Colonists, then the above obligation
to be null and void, otherwise to be and remain
in full force and effect -

James Armstrong
Mary Armstrong

The State of Texas,
County of Dallas,
a Notary Public in and for said County James Armstrong
and Mary Armstrong whose signatures appear to the
 foregoing Bond for title, with both of whom I am
acquainted who acknowledged the execution thereof to be
their own true act for the purposes and consecration
therein specified - and the said Mary Armstrong being
by me examined separately and apart from her said
husband, and having the contents and objects of said
conveyance fully explained to her acknowledged that
she had executed the same of her own free will and
accord without the fraud force or persuasion of her
said husband and that she wished not to retract
the same -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my official seal this
7th day of December 1853
John Fleming Notary Public

State of Texas
County of Dallas
I hereby certify that the within
and foregoing Bond for Title was
duly recorded by me on the 7th day of Decem-
ber 1853 at 3 O'Clock P.M. in Record Book
of said Bonds &c for said County 'D' on Pages
578 & 579

Given under my hand & official
seal the day & date above written

J. H. Peak. Clerk. &c. &c.

The State of Texas County Court,
County of Dallas Feb. Term 1853 -

Don. James M. Patterson Ch. J. etc -

The Complaint of St. M. Cook of
the county of Dallas state of Texas, who says that
heretofore to wit, on the 4th day of December 1852,
James Armstrong dec'd & Mary Armstrong of the
county estate aforesaid did sell unto your pe-
titioner a certain tract or parcel of land which is des-
cribed in the bond herewith filed as part of this pe-
tition, and did enter into bond to your petitioner to
make him a title to the same, but that the aforesaid
James Armstrong departed this life without having
made such title; your petitioner therefore prays
that the Administration of said James Armstrong
dec'd may be required to make title to said land unto
your petitioner, agreeably to the title bond of the
deceased which bond, as is shown above, is herewith
filed as a part of this petition; and, as in duty bound,
your petitioner will ever pray
St. M. Cook
By Brockwell Slings his
Wife -

Administrators Sale:

In pursuance of an Order of the Hon. The Probate Court of Dallas County, made at the December Term 1835 of said Court, we will offer for sale to the highest bidder at Public Auction, between the hours of 10 o'clock & 4 P.M. on Saturday 26th January, instant, at the residence of the late James Armstrong dec'd 8 miles North of Dallas, the following property of the Estate of said decedent.

(Viz)

About 600 bushels of Corn
" 175 " " Wheat
" 40 " " Oats
& " 3 " " Milled Seed,

Terms of Sale.

On all sums of more than Five Dollars Four Months Credit will be given, the purchaser giving Note with approved security. Five Dollars and under Cash.

January 1st 1836.

H. M. Cooke & Mary Armstrong,
Admsrs.

Wm Garner Esqr. Dr.

To James Armstrong

1848	To repairing 2 hind wheels	8.00
May 4 th	To filling 2 fore wheels	10.00
"	To setting 2 Tires	1.50
		<hr/>
	By and low 3 pigg	10.00
		<hr/>
		29.50

\$30.⁵⁰ Recd Dallas Texas April 16th 1856
of R M Burke & May Armstrong adms of the
Estate of James Armstrong decd the sum of
Twenty and ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars on acc of costs of Court
due in said cause If It Peak ctk ctk

\$109.⁰⁰ Recd Dallas Texas April 16th 1856
of R M Burke & May Armstrong adms of the
Estate of James Armstrong decd the sum of
One hundred & ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in full of all costs of
Court due in the District Court of Dallas
County - If It Peak ctk ctk

1855- Estate of James Armstrong decd
To H. Gale Sr
June 22nd 23rd For 3 days services as apprais-
ing property of said Estate & Returning Inven-
tory of the same. @ \$4 per day \$4.00

Received payment in full
June 26. 1856. H. Gale

The State of Texas County Court
County of Dallas August Term 1856

Now Comes R. M. Cook &
Martha A. Cook his wife & for answer
to the protest of John Rensy & his wife
Frances A. Rensy to the application
of the administrators for partition
of the land & mysons of the Estate of
James Armstrong died - say That
it is true that they received the 5th
100 acres of land, but they say that
said land is overrated by ~~the~~ said
protest & they say that said land is
not worth to these respondents
more than \$250⁰⁰.

That it is not true that they received
9 head of Cattle worth \$81 - but say
that they received 6 head of Cattle worth
\$42⁰⁰ - That they received the man
saddles & Bridle but that they were
not worth more than \$80⁰⁰ That
they received but one Bee hive at
\$25⁰⁰ - It is not true that they received
"Provisions Beds Bedding & other articles
\$150⁰⁰, But admit the receipt of a
Bed & furniture worth \$20⁰⁰ and all
of which amount to \$394.50 -
And they ask & charge that the
Cattle advanced to Mr. Thomas &
his wife were equal in number and

value with those received by their
respondents & that the said Thomas
& wife received as an advancement
a saddle & bridle worth twenty dollars
And they also charge that the
said Bursay & wife also had advan-
ments in money & property to wit
of the value as follows

For expenses & trouble moving them
from Kille buck Arkansas \$100.00
For boarding Mrs Bursay & two chil-
dren two years 200.00
300.00

All of which they pray may be
brought into hotch-pot and de-
ducted from the distributive share
of each & they will ever pray for

Correctly & truly
For Respondents

The State of Texas in County of Dallas
 County of Dallas July 26th 1857-

Hon. Jas. M. Patterson Chief Justice of

Now come Mary Armstrong &
 Robert M. Cook, Admins of the estate of James
 Armstrong deid, and file their annual
 showing of the condition of said estate.

Said Admins in ac current with said estate

Realty on hand as per last annual showing \$374,000
 All this is disposed of as will be
 seen by the records -

Debt on hand as per last annl showing \$385,000
 All these are disposed of as will be
 seen by the records -

Other personalty on hand as per do do \$52,994
 This is disposed of as will be
 seen by the records -

Bal. notes on hand at last annl showing \$221,94
 By cash "Hess Meyer" note \$18,000
 " " John Dennis " 17 90
 " " "H. H. Sawyer" " 27 32
 " " J. R. Smith's " 44 22
\$219,44

By David Buffkines etc on hand \$250

To Cash on hand per last annl showing \$299,67
 To " on notes as above 319,44
\$519,11
 Annl cash on hand - 5 97
 To wh. in the Meyer note \$525,08
 Carried over

To Cash Cash book over - 535.08
 To inh. on the Lanier note 871
 Cash on hand $\underline{\$533.79}$

By paid Jas. M. Patterson	A	\$ 30.09	
" " H. C. Hillman	B	15.05	
" " J. H. Cole	C	10.00	
" " L. C. Miller	C	16.05	
" " W. H. Peck current	D	8.10	
" " J. M. Brantley	E	125.00	
" " J. H. Harris	F	2.00	
" " Philman Duffines	G	2.00	
" " Thomas Sanders	H	1.00	
" " Tom Bunker	I	6.00	
" " Jas. A. Smith	J	8.99	
" " W. H. Peck	K	12.50	
" " L. M. Seward	L	6.00	
" " inh. on the Pradice note		6.35	
" " Brackets Sheep		135.97	363.85
But. Cash on hand -			$\underline{\$169.94}$

To Cash of J. A. Smith			
" " S. H. Gilbert			9.31
" " J. B. Floyd			6.50
" " H. C. Hillman			32.33
" " Ellis G. Thomas			10.80
Whole Cash on hand -			$\underline{\$228.88}$

To three year old or found offspring of
 " 1 Cow scalp do do "

The following is the amount of claims on
 hand of Admin's uncollected -
 Note on L. M. Seward $\$65.60$
 " " Tony J. Armstrong 115.00
 Cash on hand $\underline{178.60}$

Account of S. B. Walker	3869
" " J. B. Floyd	3195
" " H. J. Armstrong	6275
" " W. B. & D. Witt	69398
" " R. J. West	26255
Arith claims on hand -	<u>\$126797</u>

Cert of which is respectfully submitted
 on oath, this 27th day of July 1857 -
 Subscribed & sworn to R. W. Cooke
 before me this 27th July 1857 Admox
 W. H. Masten Secty

Annual Skawing
Book Reminders
Admin

Car. J. Armstrong

Filed July 27th 1857
W. H. Masten clk. for
Approved this 28th
day of July 1857
J. M. Patterson
Chief Justice
D.C.D.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Know all men by these presents, THAT *Mrs. Mary Armstrong & Wm. Cooke* as principal, and *R. H. West* and *James A. Smith* as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of the county of Dallas, in the sum of *Twenty Thousand* dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, signed and sealed with our seals, the seals being scrawls, this *9th* day of *June* A. D. 1855.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden *Mrs. Mary Armstrong & Wm. Cooke* has been appointed by the Chief Justice of Dallas County Administrator of the Estate of *James Armstrong deceased*. Now, if the said *Mrs. Mary Armstrong & Wm. Cooke* shall well and truly perform all the duties required of them by law, under said appointment, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, to be and remain in full force and effect.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong LS
Wm. Cooke LS
R. H. West LS
James A. Smith LS

Mrs. Mary Armstrong & Wm. Cooke do solemnly swear, that *James Armstrong* deceased, died without leaving any lawful will, so far as ~~they~~ know or believe; and that *Wm.* will well and truly perform all the duties of Administrator of the estate of *said James Armstrong* deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, this *9th* day of
June A. D. 1855.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong
Wm. Cooke

Wm. H. West Clerk Co. Cl., D. C., Texas.
By Edw. Beaudin
Hefsky

May Armstrong +
H. M. Cook - Adm^r

Do  Bond

Chief Justice

Filed June 9th 1855
Edw. Beaman
Clerk

Approved this
25th day of June
1855
of Mr. Peterson
Chief Justice
D.C.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *May & Thomas* one of the
Miss at Law of James Armstrong deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the County of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *29th* day of

August A. D. 1856; then and there to show cause, if any *She* can, why
Pardition + distribution of the Estate of said deceased should
not be made, and a sale of the personal
property of said Estate be made as prayed for in the petition
of the Administrator of the Estate of the said James
Armstrong deceased as required by said Law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

29th day of *August* A. D. 1856.

W. H. Peak Clerk Co. Ct. D. C., Texas.

County Court
of ³ Citations
May & Thomas
Specs 99th July 1856
W. H. Peak Clerk
Original
came to hand August
1856 executed by leaving
a copy with Mary
& Thomas this 1st
August 1856
W. H. Peak Clerk
Sally fee \$1.00

The State of Texas
County of Dallas Know all men by these presents that
we James Armstrong and Mary Armstrong both of the
County of Dallas and State aforesaid are held and
firmly bound unto R. M. Cooke of the County and State
aforesaid in the penal sum of Four hundred dollars
for the payment of which well and truly to be made
unto the said R. M. Cooke his heirs or assigns we
herby bind ourselves our heirs Executors, administrators
jointly and severally firmly by these presents, signed
and sealed using a scrawl for a seal this 7th day of
December 1853.

Whereas the above bounden James Armstrong and
Mary Armstrong have this day sold unto the said
R. M. Cooke, the following described Lot tract or parcels
of Land lying situate and being in the County of
Dallas and State of Texas, which was located by virtue
of the homestead Certificate of said James Armstrong
issued to him by His Honor Commissioner for
Texas Colony, and which he obtained by virtue of
his emigration to and settlement in said Colony as
a settler, and contains one Hundred and ninety five
acres of Land, ^(more or less) included in the following bounds - and
for which said Cooke has this day paid to said
James and Mary Armstrong the sum of Four
hundred dollars the Receipt whereof is hereby acknow-
ledged - to wit. Beginning at a stake in the
North boundary of James H. Crenshaw's survey
a postred stake being 12 In long $N 9^{\circ} E 4 \frac{1}{2} W$ and a
bearing for the stake being 18 In long $S 24^{\circ} O 3 \frac{1}{2} W$
said stake being 475^{ft} N^W West of the N^E corner of
said survey - thence North 680^{ft} N^W to an Elm
14^{ft} inches, and a stake being 5 In - thence West
1620^{ft} N^W to the West boundary of said survey to a

traverse - Thence South 68° 05' to the NW corner of
said Chenoweth's survey, it being the old survey corner
in a thicket, a South 2 In from which a children
0 In bears S. 50° West 16 Wagon - Thence East 430 05'
to the river on all 1620 05' to the beginning -

Now the Conditions of the above obligation are such
that if the above bounden James Armstrong and Mary
Armstrong their heirs or legal Representatives shall
will and truly make or cause to be made unto the
said A. M. Cook his heirs or assigns a good and
sufficient deed in law for said land, and improvements
whenever and so soon as a Patent shall issue from
the State of Texas for the same, or as soon as the
Colonists generally in Texas Colony shall be able
to procure Patents or titles to the land to which they
are entitled as such colonists, then the above obligation
to be void else to be and remain in full force & effect

Witness our hands and seals for seals this 7th day of
December 1853. James Armstrong
Mary Armstrong

the State of Texas
County of Dallas this day James Armstrong and Mary Armstrong
personally appeared before the undersigned a Notary Public in and for
said county, to me well known, who acknowledged the execution of the
foregoing Bond for title, for the purpose and considerations therein
specified - and the said Mary Armstrong being by me examined
separately and apart from her husband and having the contents &
object of the foregoing instrument of writing fully
explained to her declared that she executed the same of
her own free will and accord without the force or
persuasion of her said husband and that she
wishes not to retract the same - Witness my hand
and official seal this 7th day of December
1853

John Edwin Notary Public

State of Texas - I hereby certify that the within
Dallas County and Foregoing Title Bond was
and recorded by me on the 7th day of February
1853 at 11 O'Clock A.M. in Record Book
D of the Records of said County on Page 576
577 + 578.

Given under my hand & official seal
the day & date above written

J. N. Park. C. C. C.



Mrs Mary Armstrong for
 To Wm Jenkins
 1854
 Aug 15 - To 3⁵⁹/₁₀₀ bushels wheat raised after Feb. 1852
 Recd payment in full by 3⁵⁹/₁₀₀ bushels
 wheat at \$1.25 per bu \$4.62
 Feb. 15th. 1856. Wm Jenkins

Estate of James Armstrong dec'd - for
 To George Huffines
 1853 - June To use of Horses & wagon 3 days & assisting
 two days at threshing wheat \$5.00
 Recd four (4) bushels of wheat as payment in full
 of the above account. Feb. 9. 1856. George Huffines

Est James Armstrong
 by R. M. Cooke
 To Gold & Donaldson
 1855
 Aug 31 } 1 pair Tuffett shoes 1.75
 June 3 } 1 ps Onabury 30 @ 13 3.90
 3 yds Kuey @ 35 \$ 1.25
 Recd Payt from R. M. Cooke \$ 7.00
 Gold & Donaldson

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State of Texas In County Court
Dallas County February 25th AD 1856

It is ordered by the court, that citation issue to
May Armstrong & N M Cooke Administrators of
the Estate of James Armstrong deceased, to
appear at the next term of the County Court for
the County of Dallas on Monday the 31st day of
March next, to show cause if any, why they
should not as such Administrators aforesaid, make
execute & deliver unto N M Cooke a good and
lawful conveyance to a certain tract of Land,
and comply with the provisions of a certain Deed
Bonds executed by said Decedent to said Cooke
and answer the petition of said N M Cooke
heretofore filed in said Court and against
said Administrators.

(By Order of the Court)

Given under my hand & official
Seal this 4th day of March 1856

J. H. Park et al & Co's

County Court
vs Citation

Mary Armstrong
vs The Cooke Admrs

Specs 11th March 1856

J. H. Cook et al

~~Copy~~
Original

came to hand same day issue
Executed by leaving a copy
Mary Armstrong this
13th March 1856

W. Carter Deft
5/11

The State of Texas County Court
County of Dallas Spring Term 1855

Wm. J. M. Patterson Esq. &c

Your petitioners Mary Armstrong & Matt McCook
who were in the County & State of Texas
Respectfully Represent that James McCook
late of said County & the Husband of
the said Mary departed this life some
time in the Spring of 1854 that prior
to his death he made a will giving
his Estate both Personal & Real to his said
wife during her natural life and after
his death to be distributed among
the heirs of his body as their joint and
several heirs to wit at the Spring Term
of the District Court for Dallas County
said will was pronounced valid in its
most material provisions wherefore it
becomes necessary that an administrator
shall be had upon said Estate There is
belonging to said Estate Real & Personal property
of the probable value of \$10000.00
of which or thereabout is Real Estate. The
petitioners Consistently Your petitioners pray
for letters of administration upon said
Estate and they will Comply &c

J. W. Crutcher
atty

State of Texas } Probate Court
Dallas County } October Term 1856.

Hon. J. M. Patterson C. J. H. C. Texas

Now comes Nancy Jane Armstrong one of the heirs of James Armstrong said and respectfully asks your Hon. to set aside to her use out of the property of the estate of said decedent the following property at its appraised value (viz)

1 Negro Girl Eliza valued at	\$470.34
1 Iron Gray Horse (Blue)	100.—
1 Side Saddle	3.—

Amounting in all to ———— \$573.34
October 10th. 1856.

Nancy J. Armstrong
(by N. M. Cooke)

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The State of Texas
County of Dallas
This Indenture Make and
interdate into this twentieth day of January in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty by and between William Cox and
Mary Cox his wife of the County of Dallas
State of Texas of the first part and James
Armstrong of the County and State above written of
the second part, Witness,

That the said party
of the first part, for and in consideration of
the sum of five hundred dollars to them in
hand paid the Receipt whereof they do hereby
acknowledge, have granted bargained sold
and conveyed, and do by these presents
grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto
the said James Armstrong his heirs and
assigns forever from all incumbrance
whatsoever the following described Lot Tract
or Parcel of Land, situate lying and
being on the S.W. side of White Rock Creek,
and on Survey No. 21, of 1880 Acres, in the
County of Dallas and State of Texas and
bounded as follows (to wit):

Beginning at the
South Corner of a Tract of 399 Acres
belonging to Ellis C. Thomas a State in Texas
from which an Elm is in lat. $28^{\circ} 53' 10''$ N. 17°
East, and an 11^{th} in lat. N. $57^{\circ} 46'$ W. $17\frac{1}{4}$ or
thru N. 45° E. two thousand and eighty rods
(2080 rods) to a stake in the meadow of White
Rock Creek, thence down said creek with the
meadow, so far as will make five hundred
and eighty five rods (585 rods) on a straight line
to corner which is a Walnut standing on the

2^d 1/2 Bank of the Creek, 10 in diameter,
Thence S. 45.° W. Nineteen hundred and fifty
varas (1950 varas) to come in Prairie from which
an Elm 11. in hrs. N 18.° 15.° W. 946 varas.

Thence N. 45.° W. five hundred and sixty five
varas (565 varas) to the beginning,
Containing by Measurement and Estimation
the amount of Two hundred acres.

To have and to hold the above described
premises together with the improvements
thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto
belonging, unto the said James Armstrong
his heirs and assigns forever, and the said
Mary Cox wife of the said William Cox one
of the parties of the first part, do hereby
of her own free will and accord, without the
fear force persuasion or coercion of her said
husband, freely and voluntarily relinquish
all her right of dower or interest of any
kind whatever of in and to the aforesaid
described premises and improvements
unto the said party of the second part
his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said
parties of the first part, further covenant
and agree with the said party of the second
part his heirs and assigns, that they will
and their Executors and Administrators
shall warrant and defend the title to the
above and foregoing described premises, &c.
unto the said James Armstrong party of
the second part his heirs and assigns
against the claim or claims of any and
all persons claiming or to claim the same

or any part thereof by through or under
them the party of the first part or otherwise.

In testimony whereof the said party
of the first part have hereunto set their hands
and seals (seals being used therefor) this
thirtieth day of January A.D. 1850

Signed, sealed and
delivered in the presence of

William Cox
Mary Cox
Mark

It is remembered that upon
the 30th day of January 1850
County of Walla Walla this thirtieth day of January A.D. 1850
personally appeared before the undersigned a Notary
Public in and for the County and State of Oregon
William Cox and Mary Cox his wife who
are personally known to me to be the individuals
signing and sealing the above and foregoing
 deed of conveyance, and acknowledge the signing
and sealing of the same to be their act and
deed and done for the purposes therein
specified, and the said Mary Cox wife of
the said William Cox, aforesaid being by me
examined separate and apart from her said
husband and the contents of the within and foregoing
 deed having been by me explained to her at length
that she signed and sealed the same of her own free
will and accord without the fear force persuasion or
coercion of her said husband, and for the purposes therein
specified. In testimony I have hereunto

At My Office in Dallas, Texas
this 29th day of January 1858
I have signed the above
written instrument
in presence of
Mary Cox
Wm. H. H. H. H. H.
Notary Public

Wm. H. H. H. H.
Mary Cox
Wm. H. H. H. H.

Filed May 12th 1858
Wm. H. H. H. H.
Notary Public

Filed Sept 29. 1856
W. H. H. H. H.

Record No. 140

State of Texas
County of Dallas
I hereby certify that the within
acknowledgment, therewith annexed, were filed in
my office on the 31st day of January A. D. 1858 at
11 o'clock A.M. and by me duly recorded same day
at 2 o'clock P.M. in Book 13 on pages 246 & 247
To testify which, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my seal of office, the day and hour
last above written.

W. H. H. H. H.
Notary Public

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *Sarah C. Armstrong* one of
the Heirs at Law of *James Armstrong* deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the County of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *25th* day of
August A. D. 1856; then and there to show cause, if any *she* can, why
partition & distribution of the estate of said decedent should not
be made or not rendered to said Court, and a sale of the personal property
of said estate be made as prayed for in the petition of
the administrators thereof as required by said Law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

29 day of *July* A. D. 1856.
W. W. Peat

Clerk Co. Ct. D. C., Texas.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *Martha A. Locke* one of
the Heirs of *James Armstrong* deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the County of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *25th* day of
August A. D. 1856; then and there to show cause, if any *she* can, why
partition & distribution of the estate of said decedent should
not be made or not rendered to said Court, and a sale of the personal
property of said estate be made as prayed for in the petition
of the administrators thereof as required by said Law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

29th day of *July* A. D. 1856.
W. W. Peat

Clerk Co. Ct. D. C., Texas.

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County Court
98 3 Citation

Sarah Ann Mumby

Spued 29th July 1856
W. W. Peak et al

Original

Came to hand 2nd August
1856 Executed by leaving
a copy with Sarah to
arrange on the 8th
August 1856

W. W. Peak Deft
S. H. H.

S. H. H. fee \$ 1.00

County Court
98 3 Citation

Maria A. Cooke

Spued 29th July 1856
W. W. Peak et al

Original

Came to hand 2nd August
Executed by leaving a
copy with Martha A.
Cooke this 8th August
1856 W. W. Peak Deft

S. H. H.

S. H. H. fee \$ 1.00

In the name of God, Amen,

I, James Armstrong, considering the uncertainty of life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Armstrong all the property that I have, or may acquire or be entitled to, whether real, personal, or mixed, to use and enjoy all said property, real, personal and mixed, with the power to dispose of the same in any manner she may choose during her natural life. Second At the death of my said wife I will that my youngest daughter Sarah Le Armstrong have the home stead place upon which I now reside

Third It is my will and desire that at the death of my said wife, my three daughters Susanah A, Nancy J, and Sarah Le Armstrong, each receive the sum of five hundred dollars

Fourthly, I will and desire that at the death of my said wife all the property, real, personal and mixed shall be equally divided between Francis E. Burdoy, Martha A. Cook, Mary E. Thomas, Susanah A. Armstrong, Nancy J. Armstrong and Sarah Le Armstrong, except the home stead

as aforesaid to my daughters Sarah C
Armstrong, and also except the sum of
two hundred dollars will as aforesaid to
each of my daughters Susanah & Nancy J.
& Sarah C Armstrong, which said home-
stead and said sum of five hundred dollars
specifically will as aforesaid, shall not
be counted against those whom they are
given in the general devise of my
copy, but they the said Sarah C, Susanah
& Nancy J Armstrong shall
be entitled to an equal share of
all my property, exclusive of the special
legacies above will to them respectively
I appoint my wife Mary Armstrong
Executrix of this my last will
and Testament, whom it is my desire
I would not give any kind of security
for the discharge of her duty or such,
also I appoint her guardian of all
my children who are minors, and it
is further my will and desire that
the County or Probate Court of Hall County
nor any other County shall have
nothing to do with my will or property
further than to probate and record
the same

Given under my hand & seal this 9th
9th day of December A.D. 1853
James Armstrong

The foregoing will was signed by the Testator
James Armstrong in our presence and
at the request of the said Armstrong,
we signed our names as witnesses thereto
and that the subscriptions bearing the name of
of Sarah C Armstrong were made
before signing this will. Not M B Buford
Saml B Poyer

Read and
It is further my will that Samuel H and
Abner B Barrett shall each on
arriving at the age of twenty years
receive from my estate the sum of one
hundred dollars each, and a good suit
of clothes
Attest Dec 9th 1853 James Armstrong
Not M B Buford
Saml B Poyer

The State of Texas Personally appeared in Open Court
 County of Dallas Nat. W. Burford one
 of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Last Will
 Testament of James Armstrong Decd; and made oath
 in the form of Law that he saw the said Armstrong
 the Testator therein named, sign, seal and deliver, and declare
 the same to be his Last Will and Testament; signed with
 his signature and sealed with his own hand, and
 acknowledged the same fully. For the purpose and
 ends therein specified. Nat. W. Burford

Subscribed and sworn to in
 Open Court this 2^d of
 May 1854
 Elizabeth M. Tenney Secy

James Armstrong
 Last Will &
 Testament

Filed 15th of May 1854
 J. G. Cook Secy

Admitted to Probate
 this 26th of June 1854
 J. W. Armstrong
 At Law Secy

Proved

The State of Texas in County Court
County of Dallas for Probate business
May Term 1854

To the Hon Chief Justice of
Dallas County

The Petition of Mary Armstrong
would respectfully show to your
Honor that some time in the month
of March 1854, James Armstrong late
of Dallas County departed this life
leaving a written Will, in which
you Petitioner was appointed the
Executor of the last Will and
Testament of the said James
Armstrong.

The premises considered your
Petitioner prays that notice issue, and
that at the next term of the County
Court for Probate business the will
of said James Armstrong be admitted
to probate & be recorded &

Mary Armstrong
by Benjamin T. Good
her attorney

The State of Texas County Courts
County of Tarrant Su. Term, 1853-

Arr. Jas M. Patterson Ch. 9. 40

Now come Book 47
Amstutz Adams of the estate of
Amstutz Adams and ask an order of
sale to sell at four months credits about
600 bushels of corn, ^{about 170 bushels of wheat + 3 bu. millstuffs} 40 bushels of oats, the
property of said estate. And they would
further say that say that the sale of said
property is necessary in order
to pay the debt of the estate —

Amstutz & Book
Adams by
Scribner Atty -

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The State of Texas
County of Dallas

To the Sheriff of Tarrant County, Greeting

You are hereby commanded to cite Frances
C. Bursey, one of the Heirs at Law of James
Armstrong deceased to be and appear before
the Honorable the County Court for the County
of Dallas, at its next term to be holden at
the Court House in the town of Dallas on
Monday the 25th day of August A.D. 1856 then
and there to show cause, if any she can,
why Partition & distribution of the Estate of
said deceased should not be made ~~and~~
sale of the personal property of said Estate
be made as prayed for in the Petition of
the Administrator & Administratrix of
the Estate of the said James Armstrong
deceased, as required by Law

He will fail not, but will return make, as
required by Law. (By order of the Court)

Given under my hand & official
Seal this 29th July 1856

W. H. Peak Clerk Co. Ct. & Co. Tex.

I executed the within Process by leaving
a Copy with Francis T. Emery the 30th
day of August 1856
Wm. H. Jackson
J C

County Court
of Citations

Francis & Bursey

Spurs 29th July 1856

J. H. Peck ckt

Copy

Please serve the within
& return
to this

J. H. Peck ckt

Came to hand Aug 8 1856
J. B. York Sheriff

Notice

Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cook have filed in my Office their Petition to the Court County of Dallas County praying for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of James Armstrong deceased, which will be granted at the next term of said Court to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas on Monday the 28th Inst if no legal objections are made.

Dallas Texas
May 17th 1855



J. J. Park et al
Co At R Co Texa

Received of R. M. Cook Six & $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars in full of his State & County Tax for the year 1856
Jan 20th 1857

Thos. C. Williams. A. T. C. D. C.

Received of R. M. Cook & Mary Armstrong Administrators of James Armstrong Fifteen & $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars in full of his State & County Tax for the year 1856
Jan 20th 1857.

Thos. C. Williams. A. T. C. D. C.

James Branch Texas Oct 11 1854

Hon. J. M. Patterson C. J. S. C. Texas

Dear Sir,

Permit me to inform you that Alexander A. Thomas applied on to day for the Double Barreled Shot Gun belonging to the Estate of James Armstrong Sr. & valued at 8th and wishes the same set apart to him at the next Term of your Hon. Court.

Very Respectfully

Yours.
R. M. Cooke

1856

June

Estate of James Armstrong Sr.
To Geo. W. Hughes Jr.
To G's Exp. Harvesting Wheat @ \$1.50 per day \$6.75

Received payment in full George W. Hughes
do. 21. 10. 56.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *Eusan A. Armstrong* due of
the Heir at Law of *James Armstrong* deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the County of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *28th* day of
August A. D. 1856, then and there to show cause, if any *she* can, why
Partition & Distribution of the Estate of said deceased should
not be ~~not~~ ~~made~~ ~~in said Court as made~~, and a *sale of the personal*
property of said Estate should not be made as prayed for
in the petition of the Administrator thereof as required by ~~said~~ Law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

29th day of *July* A. D. 1856.

W. H. Peck

Clerk Co. Ct. D. C., Texas.

Received, September 2nd 1856 of *R. M. Cooke*
& *May Armstrong* Administrators of the Estate
of *James Armstrong* dec'd in full of the
bequest or legacy left me by said *James*
Armstrong in his Last Will & Testament
One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars.
The Twenty five Dollars above named in
lieu of the suit of clothes bequeathed
me by said last will and testament as
aforesaid. And I hereby release said Ad-
ministrators and their successors from ^{any} further
demands upon said Estate of *James Arm-*
strong dec'd.

\$125

James M. Barrett

95 $\frac{2}{3}$ Citation
 Susan Armstrong

Spent 29th July 1856
 W. H. Peak etc

Original

Came to hand in August
 1856 Executed by leaving
 a copy with Susan A.
 Armstrong this 8th
 August 1856

W. H. Barton Deft
 SATT

SATT fee \$1.00

Estate of James Armstrong \$
 1856 To D. G. Miller \$10
 July 9 To Threshing 160 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels wheat at
 10 cents per bushel \$16.05
 Received payment in full.
 July 10 1856 Daniel Miller

The State of Texas County Court,
County of Tarrant July Term, 1886

Hon. James M. Patterson, Ch. Justice &c. -

Now at this time of the court,
come Mary Armstrong & Robt M. Cook
Admins of the Estate of James Armstrong
Dead & present this Annual Showing
marked "Final Showing" by which
it will appear that they have
fully administered said estate &
have conducted & carried on the
same to the best advantage -

But there is now on hand a
crop of wheat of 160 1/2 bushels
a crop of oats & a crop of
corn yet ungathered -

And your petitioners would be
proudly represented that so much
of the crop of last year as would
sustain the stock, ^{which} was consumed
for & in that purpose beside
8 tons of hay & 230 lbs of corn
worth \$46-33 - The cultivated land
of said farm was about sixty
acres, two of which was rented
to one Mr. Kato & it will be
seen that the result of last year
operations, which was begun
under the Examinership of the
said Mary Armstrong, was,
as will appear from the Showing,
\$733.58 & under the present Crops

And your petitions would represent
that they found ¹⁸⁵¹ ~~some~~ bushels
of wheat out of the crop of last
year & that a list of ^{property} ~~strays~~
killed, dead, worn out, broke, &c.
appear in the showing humane
find, & that there is still in hand
of said personal property \$29.99.
That the total amt of notes, gals
and bonds is \$249.89 of which a
list out of date & worthless is
returned of \$27.95 & one, that of
William Myers & others is in
judgment in the District Court
of this County - it is on John Lewis
is now in suit - of \$17.90

The premises considered your
petitions pray for an order
of sale of the balance of the
coops, on hand, ^{& personal property} on a credit of
six months - that Commissioners
be appointed to partition the
land & negro belonging to J^r
Estab returning the Mary Armstrong
Francis E. Bury, Mary E. Thomas
Martha A. Cook, Susan A. Com
strong Nancy J. Armstrong & Sarah
E. Armstrong (who is a minor)
And the said Mary Armstrong is
owner all right to said prop-
ty by virtue of the last will
& testament of the said James
Armstrong & asks that her share
of the common property on
the land be set apart to her &

that as she is the head of a fam-
ily her part of said land be
set out so as to include the
homestead, & that a life estate
be am third of the slaves be
set over to her, but she says
that if the balance of the heirs
of said estate will agree, she
will take an equal share of
said negroes with the balance
of said heirs toward our court
in her absolute right -

They would represent that the
claims against said estate are
not all yet discharged but the
money notes & good, receipts
on hand will be entirely suffi-
cient to pay of the residue & they
ask for an order to pay off
the special legacies, ^{of James P. Barrett, Thomas P. Barrett} under said
will & for general relief
Crosby & Plump
attos

1856
John B. Bury &
Trabing & Bury
Sarrant Co
Tulsa

John Bury &
Trabing & Bury
Sarrant Co
Tulsa

M. Armstrong
R. M. Cook
To } Showing
Estate Armstrong

Filed 38th July 1856
W. H. Bent cler.

Mr. David Huffines.
1853 To Estate of James Armstrong dec'd Jr
Feb. To 5 bushels Oats. 4/ per bu \$3.50

78.10
Rec^d of Mary Armstrong 78 in book admin^r
of James Armstrong \$8.10 in full of the Clerk
fees in said cause to date this 12th Aug
1856
J. H. Peak et al. ex. adm^r

Received April 11th 1857 of R. M. Cooke
Six Dollars in full of my fees for
three days services in appraising the
property of the Estate of James Armstrong
dec'd in September A.D. 1856. G. M. Rowd.

Received, Dallas, Texas, March 30th, 1858, of
Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke Administrators
of the Estate of James Armstrong dec'd Party
five and $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars in full of the balance
due me as my distributive share of said
Estate.

$\frac{5.46}{100}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Jane Armstrong

State of Texas, } Probate Court.
Dallas County } November Term 1856.

To The Hon. J. M. Patterson,
Chief Justice
Dallas Co
Tex.

Now comes Mary Armstrong at
this Term of your Hon. Court and
on behalf of Sarah C. Armstrong, a
minor heir of James Armstrong, decd.,
would ask your Hon. Court to set
aside to the use of said Sarah C.
Armstrong, a certain negro girl be-
longing to said Estate of James Arm-
strong, named Mariah, valued by
J. H. Gale, W. B. Boales and G. W. Recorde the
Commissioners appointed to appraise the
property of said Estate at Four Hun-
dred (\$400) Dollars, believing it to be
to the interest of said minor to have
the said girl set aside to her use and
benefit.

November 5th, 1856.

Mary Armstrong

1855 - Estate of James Armstrong Sr
March. To John Wix Jr
To Ring 500 Board (cash) \$1 81/2

State of Texas } Before me Joshua
County of Dallas } McComb, a Justice of the
Peace in and for the county &
state aforesaid personally appeared
John Wix who after being duly
sworn deposes and says that the
above Account of One and 81/2 Dollars
is just due and unpaid and that
all just credits, offsets, and payments
known to affiant have been ac-
counted for.
John Wix

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 6th day of August 1855.

J. McComb
J. P. & C

We have no objections to the payment
of the above Account
August 18, 1855. R. M. Cooke & Mary Armstrong
Administrators.

Approved this 28th day
of July 1856
J. M. Patterson
Chief Justice

Rec'd of R. M. Cook fourteen dollars
the balance of my fee as atty in the
estate of Jas Armstrong. This 30th
March 1858. Brockwell & Co

Received Dallas Texas March 30th 1858 of
Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cook Administrators
of the estate of James Armstrong be it that
Hundred and fifteen and $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars in full
of my distributive share of said estate.
J. M. Patterson

J. M. Patterson

Rec'd of R. M. Cook & Mary Armstrong
Adms of J. Armstrong dec'd twenty
dollars & nine cents in full of my
fee as chief justice up to date
this 20th day of Jan'y 1857
J. M. Patterson
Chief Justice

-56
Jan. 10th received of R. M. Cooke by
the hand of P. H. Cooke two dollars for
auctioning off 4 lots of land the property of
James Armstrong dec'd. Thos. W. Harris

The State of Texas
County of Dallas
June Term 1855

John J. McArthur, Sheriff &c
Shelton C. Roberts, Clerk & Henry Livingston
Administrators of the Estate of James Livingston
Deceased, & with the present the Last Will
& Testament of said Deceased together with
an certified copy of a judgment of the Dis-
trict Court for the County of Dallas & State
of Texas passed at the Spring Term of said
Court 1855 Sustaining in part said will,
and ask leave of the Court to file said
will & certified ^{of judgments} and have them annexed to
said administration, and they will ever pray &c

Committed
at the

Final Settlement.
 MARY Armstrong and E. M. Cook, Administrators, of the Estate of James Armstrong deceased, have filed in my office their final account current with said Estate; together with their petition for distribution of the balance in their hands, between the legal heirs of said Estate, and farther to be discharged from further liabilities in said Estate. This is therefore to notify all persons interested to come forward at the next term of the Hon. County Court of Dallas county to be held at the Court House in the town of Dallas on the last Monday in March, A. D. 1855 and show cause if any why said Estate should not be finally closed as prayed for in said petition.

This 25th day of February, 1855.
 W. K. MASTEN, C. C. D. T.

State of ~~Texas~~ ^{Texas}
 County of Dallas

I personally appeared before the undersigned authority, John H. Simdells, one of the publishers of the Dallas Herald a newspaper published in the town of Dallas, County of Dallas, State of Texas, who makes oath in due form of law, that the above annexed notice was published in said newspaper for three successive weeks Sun and of on the 6th day of March A. D. 1855.

Subscribed before me this 24th March 1855.
 W. K. Masten, Clerk

Robert H. Cook &
 Mary Armstrong
 Admrs
 James Armstrong
 Petition

Filed 25th June 1855
 J. H. Peak, clk

Publication granted
 25th June 1855
 J. M. Patterson
 Sheriff Justice
 D. C. D.

Correct
 etc

Rec^d Dallas Tex March 20th 1856
 R. M. Cooke Administrator of Estate of
 Jas Armstrong dec^d Feb 28, 45 in full of
 Court Cost & Prorities Due to date
 W. H. Master clk

Rec^d Dallas Texas January 19th 1858 of R. M.
 Cooke Admr of the Estate of James Armstrong
 fifty Dollars clks fees in said cause
 W. H. Master clk

Estate of James Armstrong dec^d
 To Mrs Bowles
 1856 Sept. For 3 days services as appraiser
 & partitioner of said Estate @ 20 per day \$6.00
 Received payment in full of
 R. M. Cooke & Mary Armstrong admrs.
 July 27. 1857.
 Mrs Bowles
 per Elizabeth

Estate of James Armstrong, Jr
 To G. H. Cole
 1856
 Sept. For 3 days services as Commissioner
 in appraising and dividing the prop-
 erty of said Estate at 20 per day \$6.00
 Received payment this the 9th April 1857
 John H. Cole

Estate of James Armstrong Sr
 1856 To Philoman Keuffner Jr
 July 10 To 1 day's work threshing wheat \$1.00
 " " " " of Wagon & Horses 1.00
 \$2.00

Recd payment in full
 July 10. 1856 Philoman W. Keuffner

Estate of James Armstrong Sr
 1856 To Thos. Sanders Jr
 July 10 To 1 day's work threshing wheat \$1.00

Recd payment in full
 July 10. 1856 John Sanders
 by Philoman W. Keuffner

Recd of M. M. Cook two hundred &
 twenty ~~dollars~~ ¹⁰⁰ dollars in full of
 all my claims against the Administr-
 trators of James Armstrong deceased.
 This 30th day of March 1858
 Alexander A. Thomas

R. Dallas Texas April 2nd 1858
 of M. K. Masten Clerk of the County Court of Dallas
 County \$266.75 dollars amount of Distribution
 of the proceeds of the Estate of James Armstrong
 dec'd
 John Bursey

1853
 June 8 To 1 day's services in apprais-
 ing property and returning survey 2.00
 1856. July 9. To 5 bushels Corn 75 cts per bu 3.75
 " 6 mos rent on same .19
 " Balance overpaid on lot of sheep
 bought Aug. 11th. 1853. 3.05
 \$8.99

Received payment in full.
 Feb. 12. 1857. James A. Smith

Kind of R. M. Cook two hundred
 & eighty eight ^{1/10} dollars, the balance
 of his ^{debt} claim against the Administration
 of James Armstrong deceased. This 5th
 day of March, 1856. J. R. Masten clk

On or before the first day of
 Sept 1855 - I have received of John
 E. Craven one hundred dollars for
 services in the case of
 Burley & Armstrong set aside
 the bill of James Armstrong & May
 1855. J. R. Masten

Interest on the above for 1/2 months
 Jan 12th. 1856. \$2.23

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215th } One day after date I promise to
 183 } pay to Sarah C. Armstrong or order
 Two Hundred and Eighteen & $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars
 for value received with Twelve per cent
 per annum interest from date till
 paid. Mary Armstrong

Estate of James Armstrong dec'd

1835.	To J. W. Barrett	Jr.
May	To 2 days Harvesting @ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per day	\$4.00
	" Cash loaned said estate	2.00
		\$6.00

Received payment in full of
 Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke Administrators of
 said estate.
 June 24. 1836. James W. Barrett

Received, Dallas, Texas, January 19th, 1838
 of Mary Armstrong and R. M. Cooke Admin-
 istrators of the estate of James Armstrong
 dec'd Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars
 (\$350) in part payment of ~~my~~ the inter-
 est Frances C. Burssey in said estate of
 James Armstrong. John Burssey

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110.00
 Hall as For
 Mrs Mary A Armstrong & Co

For Estate
 J. W. Caruth & Co

Oct 12/55	3 for shoes 20¢	6.00	
" 2 "	oil 150	3.00	
" 9 "	Stony 35	3.15	
" 2 "	Blind Pinks 125	2.50	
Nov 13	" 10 lbs nails 12¢	1.25	
28	" 1 for shoes	2.00	
Jan 20/56	CR 5 1 st each for Cook		1.25
" 31 "	gas history 15	5.65	
" 25 "	lbs nails 12¢	3.13	
" 12 "	" " 12¢	1.50	
	Amt of bill	\$ 28.18	
	Left above	1.25	
	Amt due W.C. & Co	\$ 26.93	

40.00
 24.93
 15.07

Paid pay of W. Caruth & Co
 Dallas Tex
 June 26/56 -

10	16.90	16.90
	12.55	29.45
		17.75

Est Jas Armstrong
To W W Peat Dr
To ack & Recd 1 Dec

\$1.25

The State of Texas & Personally appeared
Dallas County & before the undersigned
authentic W W Peat and made oath
that the above ~~Receipts~~ ^{is} true and
correct and that all legal debts credits
and payments known to affiant have
been allowed

Sworn to & Subscribed W W Peat
before me this 25th Aug 1856
E. C. Keenan com
H. C.

1855
Estate of James Armstrong Dr
To Stratton & Butler
June. To Threshing (242) Two Hundred and
forty two bushels wheat at 12 1/2 cents
per bushel. \$30.25

Received payment in full.
May 10th 1856. J. D. Stratton J.
Butler by J. W. Butler

The State of Texas County Court
County of Dallas August Term 1856-

Mary Armstrong &
Robt M. Armstrong
as adm^r of
Estate Jas Armstrong
Partitions

Now Comes Alexander Thomas
& Mary E his wife John Bursney & Francis
& Bursney his wife Robt M Cook & Martha
A his wife, Susanna A Armstrong
Nancy S Armstrong & Elizabeth Ann
strong by her Guardian ad-litem
his at law of the said James
Armstrong & distributees of his
estate and agree that the follow
ing ^{are the only} advancements made
during the life time of the said
James Armstrong and ~~to~~
& which they bring into hotch-pot
in the partition of said Estate -

To Mary E Thomas - \$46.50
" Martha A Cook - 659.00

All of which is here signed
and acknowledged in the
Court

Alexander S Thomas
R M Cook
John Bursney
J A Armstrong
N S Armstrong
John S Cook

The State of Texas } County Court
County of Dallas } Sept Term 1856

Hon James M Patterson Chf
Justice Dallas County.

The undersigned Commrs.
appointed at the last term of the
Court to partition the estate of Jas.
Armstrong decd. do now come and
make their Report as follows

They have set apart to Mary
Armstrong one half of the real
estate less \$18.50 - and as her
share of said real estate they
have set apart to her the tract
of 300 acres ^{as an old homestead piece of ground} including the homestead
& which we appraise at. \$1600.00

They have also set apart to her
a life estate of one third of the
Slaves, & also one fourth of
said Slaves including the cost
of the legacies of James W Barnett
\$125.00 & Roswell B. Barnett \$80.13
making the sum total of \$2139.16
consisting of the following negroes
to wit. Boy Gels \$1000 - Boy Jo.
\$429.16 - Savina \$500 - her child
Fanny \$200

And they find it wholly im-
practicable to partition the

balance of said property &
return the same into Court
under the following apprais-
ment & recommends that it
be sold - to wit -

262 acrs land (elm forest)	\$524.00
318 do do do do Timber	1113.00
1 Negro boy Sam	650.00
1 Girl Eliza	470.86
1 Girl Hannah	400.00
	<u>3157.86</u>

And they find the following
Common personally & appraise
it as follows -

1 York steer & York	\$50.00
1 Cow (Pink) & Calf	13.00
1 Cow (White) & Yearling	20.00
1 do (Black) & Calf	12.00
1 do (Cherry)	12.00
1 do (White face) & Calf	13.00
1 do (Duney) & Yearling	18.00
1 do (Spot) & Calf	15.00
1 pair Steers Logan & Hoan	16.00
1 Black & White sheep (China)	9.00
1 Red & do do Red	9.00
1 Red Bull Yearling	5.00
1 Gray horse (Blue)	120.00
1 Bay do John	85.00
6 Head hogs	12.00
125 bu Corn more or less 75¢ per bu	93.75
3 Stacks Mullet hay \$10 each	30.00
1 Double barrel shot gun & do	8.00

1 Lot Carpenter's tools	10.00
1 X Cut Saw	5.00
4 hrs, 1 edge, & piece steel	3.00
2 Bells	2.50
1 Small log Chain	1.50
2 Flows & Guring & Swinglines	10.00
2 Sythes old & worn out	.50
1 pr saddle bags	2.00
2 Side Saddles ea \$3.00	6.00
1 Broken axe	.25
1 Look Cooking utensils	5.00
1 pr Smoothing Irons	1.00
1 Grind Stone	4.00
1 Lot wheat supposed to be 109 bu	145.00
12 Sacks worn out - 10¢	1.25
1 Wagon much worn	40.00
1 Lightning Rod	10.00
part Stack oats	7.00
	254.00
	520.75
	574.75

XX All of which is the part
fully submitted.
W. H. Master

Presented & subscribed
before me this 29th Sept, 1886
W. H. Master clerk
John Moore

519.50
455.25

Report of
Commissioners
Partition
James Armstrong's
Estate

Filed Sept. 29th
1856,
N. K. Masten clk
Approved this 29th
day of September
1856
J. M. Patterson
clerk justice
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State of Texas } Probate Court
 Dallas County } November Term 1856.

Now of M. Patterson, Chief Justice
 Dallas County Tex.

Now came Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke
 Administrators of the Estate of James Arm-
 strong. Decd and with the leave of The Court
 make the following Sale Bill of Property of
 said Estate made October 11th. 1856.

Viz	(Purchasers' Names)	
1 Cow and Calf (White Face)	G. W. Records	\$13.05
1 " " "	J. B. Floyd	13. "
1 " & Calf (Bliss)	G. W. Records	9.50
1 " " "	J. B. Floyd	13.15
1 Cow (Quince)	Ellis Thomas	8.00
1 Heifer Calf	Henry Gale	7.00
1 Cow (White)	J. H. Gilchrist	10.50
1 Heifer (Paid)	A. A. Thomas	5.50
1 Cow & Calf (Spot)	G. W. Records	13.10
1 White Oxen (Lagan & Hoan)	" " "	15.55
1 Red Bull	H. Gale	5.00
6 Hogs	J. B. Floyd	6.05
1 Lt Cows	Z. C. Williams	8.00
125 Bushels (more or less) Corn	et. J. Armstrong	\$262.50
1 & best Saw	H. Gale	2.50
1 Broad Axe	" "	1.50
1 Small Hatchet	J. B. Floyd	.60
1 Tying Square	Paid A. A. Thomas	.25
2 Old Axes	J. B. Floyd	.10
1 Small Drawing Knife	Paid W. Stockton	.50
2 Chisels	H. Gale	.30
1 3/4 Auger	" "	1.00
1 5/8 " " " Paid	A. A. Thomas	.60
1 3/4 & 1 1/2 in auger	Paid G. Gilchrist	.30
	amt. over	\$197.85

	Purchaser's Name	Amount Over	
1 Saw	A. B. Floyd	30	
1 Jack Plane	Paid (A. A. Thomas)	40	
1 Hand Saw	Paid (C. C. Shain)	60	
1 Pair Smoothing Irons	(Ellis Thomas)	80	
1 Crinidator	J. C. Williams	3.00	
1 Lightning Rod	A. B. Floyd	5.25	
2 Old Saws	Jane Armstrong	.25	
20 Bushels Wheat	\$1.02 per bu. G. W. Records	20.40	
20 "	" \$1.03 " J. C. Williams	20.60	
20 "	" \$1.03 " S. H. Gilbert	20.40	
15 "	" (more or less) \$1.04 per bu. " "	15.60	
12 Sacks	12 lbs Ea. " "	1.50	
1 Broken axe	C. C. Shain	5	\$287.40

The above sale was made in accordance with a decree of the Hon. Probate Court of Dallas County at the September term 1856 on a credit of six months.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 24th day of November 1856

R. M. Cooke Adm'r.

J. K. Masten ckkcccc

Mary Ann Cook
 & Adm'r Cooke
 Under her direction
 at said Sale
 Witness her hand
 this 24th Nov 1856
 J. K. Masten ckk
 J. K. Masten
 24th day of Nov
 1856
 J. K. Masten
 Adm'r
 1857

197.85
188.50

State of Texas } Probate Court.
Dallas County } October Term. 1856

Now comes Susannah A. Armstrong
through one of the heirs of James Armstrong
here and respectfully asks of your Honor to
set aside to her use out of the property of the
Estate of James Armstrong the following prop-
erty at its appraised value. (Viz)

1 Negro Boy Sam	650.—
1 Side Saddle	3.—
Total amount	\$653.—

October 10th. 1856.

Susannah A. Armstrong
(by R. M. Cooke)

The State of Texas County Court

County of Dallas } June Term 1853

To the Hon J. M. Patterson Cof. S. G. L. & C.

Your commissioners appointed at the last term of your Hon. Court, make the following inventory and appraisement of the Estate of James Armstrong decd. As follows, to wit.

	1 st Common Property	Valued at
	1 Brown Steer Yearling	5 00
	1 Red Brindled " " Bull	5 00
	1 White & Red Speckled " " Steer	5 00
	1 Red Heifer " "	5 00
	1 Black & White Faced Heifer Yearling	5 00
	1 Red and " " "	4 00
S.	1 Brown Roan Steer 2 years Old	7 00
	1 Red Heifer " "	15 00
	1 Light Brown Heifer " "	8 00
	1 " " " " " " "	9 00
	1 Yellow Sided white backed cow & calf	15 00
	1 Spotted Cow & calf " "	20 00
	1 Brindled Speckled " " "	10 00
	1 White & Red " " "	15 00
	1 Brown White backed " " "	15 00
	1 White " " " "	15 00
X	1 Yellow Faced White faced Steer 2 1/2 yrs	15 00
S.	1 Brindled " " "	15 00
S.	1 Brown & Spotted " " "	20 00
S.	1 Yellow Ox (same)	5 00
	1 Yoke of Oxen (Team & Dan)	65 00
	20 Head " Sheep " " "	60 00
About 50	" " " " " "	50 00
S.	1 Bay Horse (Apple)	100 00
	1 Iron Gray " (Blue)	110 00
S.	1 Sorrel Mare & calf	75 00
	1 Blind Horse " " "	15 00
S.	2 Diamond Bar Ploughs with long teeth	18 00
S.	2 Bull Tongue " " "	3 00
S.	1 Large Log Chain " " "	2 00
	1 Small " " "	2 50
	Am't. carried to next page	726 50

Amt brought over		\$26 50
1	Bench & Screw	1 00
1	Cutting Knife & Box	2 00
1	Grindstone	2 50
1	Barry Plough	5 00
1	Lightning Rod	11 00
1	Crank Screw	50
1	Lot Old Irons for wagon Bed	3 00
1	" Wagon makers Tools	4 00
2	" Tools 8.75 on hand	36 25
1	" Old Chains	3 00
1	Piece Steel	1 00
1	Lot Old Irons	5 00
4	" Tires	2 00
3	Bells	3 00
5	Hoes	1 25
1	Sythe & Cradle	2 50
1	" " "	50
1	X cut Saw	4 00
70	Lbs Wool (Unwashed)	25 1/2 17 50
50	" " (Washed)	30 15 00
27	Sacks Muck worn	9 10 2 70
40	Lbs Ginned Cotton	4 10
1	Lot Old Gear	3 00
2	Side Saddles \$4 Each	8 00
1	Mares	3 00
1	Cotton Serial worn out	35
1	Grass	50
1	Lot Cooking Utensils	5 00
1	Large Pot (Cracked)	1 00
1	Lot Wooden Ware	4 00
7	Gals Stone " " 20¢	1 40
1	Spinning Wheel " "	3 00
1	Pair Saddle Bags	1 00
1	Lot Tin Ware	2 00
1	" Table Mrs A	5 00
1	" 3 Waiters (Yspanned) "	1 00
1	Thermometer Books	1 00
1	Pair Patent Spring Balances	1 00
1	Lot Books Mrs A 7.50	10 00
1	Large Family Bible Mrs A	4 00
1	Lot Sharps Utensils	50
1	Brass Sundialick " "	50
1	Pair Andersons " "	1 00
1	Iron Shovel " "	25
Amt carried over		8708 70

Amount brought up		\$908 70
1	Gold Clock	5 00
1	Looking Glass	75
3	Small Boxes for	50
1	Sugar Chest	2 00
1	Double Barreled Gun	5 00
1	Rifle	2 50
4	Beds, Bedsteads, & Furniture Mrs A 15.00 ea	60 00
1	Trunnel Bedstead Mrs A	4 50
6	Chairs " "	6 00
1	Wheat Fan	2 00
242	Bushels Wheat Mrs A 42.50 15.00 11.40	338 90
250	Lbs Bacon Mrs A 20.00 16.00	40 67
1	Pair Sheep Shears Mrs A	75
1	" Studyards	1 00
4	Bee Hives Dind. \$2 Each	8 00
1	Buggy & Harness Mrs A	25 00
1	Plow Plough	4 00
1	Wagon	40 00
2	Old Yokes	5 00
200	Acres of Land on White Rock Creek The Homestead	200 00
318	" Timbered Land on Elm Fork	754 00
262	" Prairie " " " "	38 756
2	Smoothing Irons Mrs A	1 40
1	Satchel Mrs A	75

Separate Property of Decedent		
1	Negro Woman (Sarina) age 45 years	650 00
1	" Boy (Joe) " 14 " salivate	550 00
1	" " (Sam) " 10 "	600 00
1	" " Girl (Elija) " 6 "	400 00
1	" " " (Maria) " 3 "	300 00
1	" " " (Sammy) " 7 months	200 00
1	" " Boy (Elija) " 21 years	1200 00
		3850 00
		85052 32
		908 70
		88 35
		463 32
		1 40
		75
		1462 42
		3740 00
		3850 00
		9052 92

A list of claims due the Estate of

James Armstrong deceased and which are the Common Property of the said James Armstrong and Mary Armstrong.

- 1854 1 Account against David Keuffner 2 50
- " Balance on John Lane's Debit Note payable to Jas. Armstrong dated 25 months after date
- 1855 1 Account against Mrs. Greene 4 50
- " " " " William Byrd 5 00

The following list of claims are also the Common Property and seem to be out of date.

- 1 Note of hand drawn by John D. Keiffner in favor of Harrison Hatch dated Feb. 25, 1855, payable at one day 4 00
- 1 Note of hand drawn by Harrison Hatch or in favor of James Armstrong dated Nov. 26, 1847, and due one day after date 10 00
- 1 Note of hand drawn by J. A. McComack in favor of Harrison Hatch dated April 27, 1850, and due one day after date 4 00
- 1 Account against James W. Lamer Esq. dated May 5th, 1848. 9 50
- 1 Account against James Kennedy dated Nov. 12, 1847. The Balance due upon which account is now but forty five cents 45 27 95
- Balance on J. L. Smith's note dated Oct 14th, 1855 and payable to R. M. Cooke six months after date 4 83

83
458 68

The State of Texas) Before the undersigned
County of Dallas) authority personally
appeared Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke Clerk
of the Estate of James Armstrong deceased and
made oath that the Annexed Inventory contains

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The State of Texas } Before the undersigned
County of Dallas } authority personally
appeared Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke Receiv-
ers of the Estate of James Armstrong deced. and
made oath that the annexed foregoing contains
a just true & correct ~~appraisal~~ appraisement of the prop-
erty belonging to said decedent's estate so far
as the same has come to their hands or
knowledge

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23^d June 1857
Mary Armstrong
R. M. Cooke

J. W. Peck Clk

The State of Texas } Personally appeared
Dallas County } before the undersigned.
Authority James A. Smith and Henry Gale
two of the appraisers heretofore appointed
to appraise the property of the estate of
James Armstrong deced. and make oath that
the foregoing contains a true correct & impar-
tial appraisement of the property of said
decedent's estate as shown them by the
Administrators thereof

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23^d June 1857
Jas A. Smith
Henry Gale

J. W. Peck Clk

State of Texas } Probate Court.
 Dallas County } February Term, 1856.

Hon. J. M. Patterson C. J. D. C. Sec.

Now come Mary Armstrong & R. M.

Cooshe Administrators of the Estate of James
 Armstrong Sec^d and with the leave of the Court
 return the following Sale Bill of the property
 of said Estate sold January 26th & Feb. 7th
 1856 in pursuance of Orders of Sale made
 by your Hon. Court at the December Term 1855
 & January Term 1856 (Viz)

Property Sold	Purchasers Names	Price per bu	Amount.
1 st 5 bushels Oats	J. C. Crutchfield	\$1.00	\$ 5.00
2 nd 5 " "	" " "	1.00	5.00
3 rd 5 " "	Joel Lively	1.00	5.00
4 th 5 " "	J. C. Crutchfield	1.01	5.05
5 th 5 " "	E. Petit	1.02	5.10
6 th 5 " "	J. B. Floyd	1.10	5.50
7 th 5 " "	J. C. Crutchfield	1.11	5.55
8 th 11 " "	J. B. Floyd	1.13 1/2	12.37 1/2
9 th 25 " Corn	J. J. Mooneyham	80	20.00
Total amount sold Jan. 26th 1856.			\$68.57 1/2

The following property sold Feb. 7, 1856

Property Sold	Purchasers Names	Price per bu	Amount.
1 st 1/2 bushel Millet Seed	Gold & Donaldson	1.75 per bush	1.75
2 nd 1/2 " " "	J. A. Winn	1.75 " " "	1.75
3 rd 1/2 " " "	D. C. Henderson	1.78 " " "	1.78
4 th 1/2 " " "	John Howell	2.00 " " "	2.00
5 th About 15 quarts " "	Gold & Donaldson	2.30 " " "	2.16
6 th 50 bu. Wheat	Wm. Myers	1.25 per bu	62.50
7 th 50 " "	Co. J. West	1.15 " " "	57.50

Continued on next page

\$129.44

Amt. brot. from first page				\$529.44
Property Sold	Purchasers Names	Price per bushel	Amounts	
876 50 bushels Wheat	A. Russell	\$1.12 1/2	56.25	
976 50 " Corn	Wm. Myers	76 cts	38.00	
1076 50 " "	A. Russell	76 "	38.00	
1176 50 " "	D. C. Henderson	75 "	37.50	
1276 25 " "	Wm. Hughes	75 "	18.75	
1376 25 " "	A. Russell	75 "	18.75	
1476 25 " "	" "	75 "	18.75	
1576 100 " "	Moore & Wilkes	75 "	75.00	
16 " 100 " "	" " "	75 "	75.00	
17 " 100 " "	Gold & Donaldson	75 "	75.00	
18 " 50 " "	monetary H. Cole	76 "	38.00	
19 " 35 " Wheat	Wm. Myers	1.15	27.50	
Total amt. sold Feb. 5, 36.			\$647.94	
Add. " " Jan. 29, 36. as per statement above			68.57 1/2	
			\$716.51 1/2	
22 3/4 bushels corn	A. B. Collins	75 cts	17.07	
			\$733.58 1/2	

The State of Texas
 Dallas County

Personally appeared
 before the undersigned authority R. M. Cooke
 one of the Clerks of said County and
 and made oath that the foregoing contains
 a correct Sale Bill of Property of said Estate
 to be as aforesaid

Witness my hand and subscribed
 before me this 20th day
 of April 1886

R. M. Cooke
 Clerk

The State of Texas In County Court
 County of Dallas Vacation 1st Sept 1855

Am J W Patterson Chief Justice

Now Comes Robert W Cook One of the
 agents of the Estate of James Armstrong
 Decedent and returns the Sale Bill of
 a portion of property belonging to the Estate
 of said Decedent Thus in accordance
 with an Order of Your Honorable Court
 passed at the July Term of said Court 1855
 at the Late session of said Decedent on
 the 11 August 1855 on a Credit of 6
 Months

<u>Description of property</u>	<u>Purchasers names</u>	<u>amt</u>
Wagon makers Tools	Wm Jenkins	100
Iron Press	"	50
Press & Bits	John Spear P	230
Set of Tools Chisels &c	Robert Warner	125
First day	"	100
Iron Square	James Boyd	27 1/2
Set screws for wagon	William Martin J	50
Set saws & Augers	G. W. Beard	65
Set Turning Tools	"	280
File Drawing Stairs &c	Henry Cole	55
Walt Engines plans	James A Smith	105
Head at	Henry Cole	125
Set Bench Plans	James Boyd	225
Iron Yelaws	William Jenkins	150
Set gauges & cutters &c	Geo Knuffman	50
Blacksmiths Tools	Henry Cole	200
Old Case	Jos John Clarke	250

Wagon Tires	Henry Case	4.00
2 1/2 of old Iron Tires	W. H. Kingle	1.25
Pair Stalgenas	James A. Smith	1.50
Set Old Chains	Henry Case	.50
Yelough & Thirk	James A. Smith	2.12 1/2
"	A. Collins	.25
Miscellaneous Lumber	D. Runk ga	.45
Hyman Books	James A. Smith	.37
Set of Books	D. Runk ga	1.55
Coys Chains	William Spence	7.00
Set Old Chains	A. Collins	.50
Dark Wool	James A. Smith	15.37 1/2
" unsorted	Wm J. Roland	5.50
Refu Case 3 rd	William Henffhine	7.50
Man & Colt	John Henffhine	58.00
Yoke Case	William J. West	31.00
Winder Case	C. M. Record	18.00
Light Binside of	William J. West	10.25
Head Sheep	James A. Smith	57.88
5 Head Hogs (Chains)	A. Collins	7.50
5 Head 2 nd Chain Hogs	"	3.75
5 " 3 rd Chain "	"	2.50
5 " 4 th Chain "	"	1.50
10 " 5 th Chain "	"	3.20
1 Wheat Fan	Henry Case	1.00
1 Prairie Hoe 3 rd	J. P. Johnson	3.30
1 Old Yoke	John Clark	.50
1 Cutting Knife & Box	A. Collins	1.00
1 Mower Swath	Robert Warner	6.50
2 Razors	William Culbert	.45
One sack wool 10 lbs	James Boyd	2.62 1/2

\$264.24 1/2
 21.82 1/2
 \$286.07

The State of Texas }
 Dallas County }
 me the undersigned as attorney, W. M. Lewis

under James Armstrong and Mary Cath that
 the foregoing Sale Bill is first time & correct
 and that the sale was made in accordance
 with an order of Court R. M. Clarke
 done to & submitted
 upon on the 24th of Sept 1855
 Wm Patterson
 Sheriff Justice
 D. C. 2

Robert W. Lewis

Wm. W. Armstrong

Admrs

James Armstrong

Pat. Bill

Filed 5th September 1855

J. W. Peck etc

Approved this
26th day of September
1855

J. M. Patterson
Supt. State

Recorded 164.546

State of Texas } Probate Court, January Term 1856
Dallas County }

To The Hon^{ble} J. M. Patterson C. J. S. C. T.

Now come Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke
administrators of the Estate of James Armstrong
decd. and respectfully represent to your Honor
that in consequence of the exceeding inclem-
ency of the weather & consequent absence of many
buyers, who would otherwise have attended the sale,
on Saturday 26th instant, the sale of the Property
of Said Estate ordered by your Hon. Court. at the
December Term 1855. thereof, was postponed - the
Administrators thinking it to the interest of the
Estate so to do.

We would therefore pray your Honor, to grant
us an Order of Sale to sell on Saturday the
9th day of February proximo, on the premises
of Said Armstrong decd. on three months credit
the following property (viz)

About 575 bushels of Corn,

" 175 " " Wheat,

& " 3 " " Millet Seed,

We would further represent that said property
is liable to waste and the sale thereof may
be rendered necessary to pay the debts of said
Estate & expenses of administration.

Very Respectfully,

Mary Armstrong & R. M. Cooke
Admsrs.

County of Dallas July, 7th 1856

Hon. James M. Patterson, Ch. Justice &c.

Now come Mary Armstrong & Rob-
ert M. Cook, Admins of the estate of James Arm-
strong, dec'd, & make their ^{official} report
of the contents of said estate. To wit:

Said Admin in account current with
said Estate

To Cash of Realty as per Inventory

\$374000

To negroes as per Inventory & app

\$185000

To Cash personally per Inventory & app

\$1462.62

By personally appraised value sold \$55842

By personal allowance (in part) \$7514

1 red & bridled yearling (killed) 500

1 white & red speckled do. (Estrays) 500

1 red hifer " 500

1 white and cow (dead) 1500

15 hawks (imm. nest) 150

2 Larks " " 85

1 Thermometer (broken) 100

4 blue-hairs (dead) 800

800

87514

1359739

Bal. personally on hand 10/11/71

By 8 head logs (consumed)	\$8.00
" 15 bu. wheat (sown)	31.00
" 230 lbs bacon (consumed)	38.33
Bal. personally on hand	<u>67.33</u>
	<u>\$529.94</u>

Dr

To Cash of Sale Bill Aug. 11 th 1855	\$286.07
" " " " " " " " " " " "	205.75
" bal. Sale Bill " " " "	527.83 1/2
" Cash of claims as per inventory	<u>586.107833</u>

Cr

By Cash rec'd on Sale Bill	\$827.32
" Myers' note on hand	13.00
" W. H. Hughes " " "	27.34
" J. A. Smith's " " "	44.22
" Bal. notes of accident	48.35
" Cash on sales	112
	<u>\$1078.33</u>

Dr

To Total notes on hand	\$249.89
	249.89

Cr

By H. Hatcher's note (out of date)	\$10.00
" J. L. Higgins " " " "	4.00
" J. D. Overmire's " " " "	4.00
" Mrs. Lanier " " " "	9.50
" Joe's Kennedy's ap - " " "	45
Bal. notes on hand	<u>27.95</u>
	<u>\$221.94</u>

To Credit Cash brok funds	Dr
" Cash, interest on notes	\$828.44
	396
	<u>\$832.40</u>

Dr.	
By paid Mrs Hester's Exp.	1 \$ 1.50
" " Elliott & bean's "	2 11.00
" " "	3 3.25
" " "Latimer & Swindell's "	3 7.00
" " "H. Williams, Tax "	4 13.14
" " "W. L. Waddell's note "	5 103.50
" " "W. W. Peak casts "	6 70.00
" " "Wood & Bradshaw's Exp. "	7 6.70
" " " "	8 1.80
" " "J. C. Cravens' note "	9 102.95
" " "Stratton & Butler's Exp. "	10 30.25
" " "Blacksmith Exp. "	50
" " "Mary Armstrong bal. ac. "	11 24.84
" " "City's fee "	12 100.00
" " "J. H. Branch "	13 6.00
" " "J. H. Hughes "	14 6.75
" " "Dr. Buffhines "	15 5.00
" " "App. Jenkins "	16 4.62
" " "W. Danforth Bro "	17 26.93
" " "Mr. Simons "	18 3.00
" " "H. Dale "	19 4.00

Bal. Cash in hand	532.75
	<u>\$299.67</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted
 on oath.
 Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th July 1856.
 R. M. Cooke
 Notary Public

Exchange
Book & Stationery
Admin -

James Armstrong

~~James Armstrong~~
~~1856~~

July 25th 1856

W. W. Scott etc

A. J. ... etc

Filed 25th July 1856

W. W. Scott etc

W. W. Scott etc
July 25th 1856
of the ...
July 25th 1856

The State of Texas & In Probate Court
 County of Dallas & August Term A.D. 1837

To the Hon. Mr. Dallas on Com.
 Custian &c of the County and State of said
 Mr. Comr John Bursey and his
 wife Frances E. Bursey formerly Thomas &c. from
 being one of the claimants and heirs at law of
 Camps Armstrong dec'd and object to an equal
 partition and distribution of the estate of said
 dec'd among the heirs because they say that
 the said Francis E. Bursey never received any ad-
 vancement from said dec'd before his death
 and they are and charge that Mary E. Thomas one
 of said heirs received of the said Armstrong and
 during his life the following property to wit the follow-
 ing amounts to wit-

1 Cow & 3 yearlings	\$16-
1 Bed blanket & Bedding	20-
1 Table & Table cloth	34-
1 Bed Quilt & boxes & Skillet	250-
	<hr/>
	\$41.50

That Mrs. M. A. Cook one of said heirs received
 of the said Armstrong during his life the following
 property to wit the following amounts to wit
 100 acres of land part of Survey No 285 letter C in
 name of the said Armstrong on Eden Fork in Dallas
 County

	\$500-
9 Hens of Catter	81-
8 Hens of Hops	12-
1 Iron Saucer & Braid	100-
2 Bee Hives	5-
Provisions Bed Bedding and other articles	150-
	<hr/>
	\$848-

That the said said fair property be received by said

May be brought into his life to give him
 and others may have been from
 a suffering during his life and that the
 one of all these things to be done from
 a distribution of his estate which
 he has written to otherwise written and the
 one from the
 By Miss City
 John J. Jones

James Kennedy Jr
 To James Armstrong
 1847
 Nov. 12th To giving 2 wheels \$5.00
 " To 2 spools and setting 2 tin 2.00
 " Gr. Bay 116 lbs pork at 5¢ 5.80
 Nov. 5th " Bay and Nineson 1.70
 1848 " Bay 475 lbs Pork at 5¢ \$23.75
 April 18/48 To Smacking 8 acres prairie \$24.00
 " " " " " " 24.20
 " " " " " " 23.75
 \$100 1.15

1/4 Head of Horses
 29 " " Cattle
 30 " " Small Large Hogs } in all 84 head.
 54 " " Small " }
 17 " " Sheep
 1 Lot Waggon Farmers Tools
 1 + cut saw
 1 Waggon much worn - (No Bed)
 1 Wheel Fan
 Farming Tools all nearly worn out.

1 Clock
 1/2 Feather Beds + furniture
 4 Bedsteads
 1 Matras
 1 Chest
 1 Sugar Chest
 1 Lot Kitchen Furniture
 1 Double Barreled Gun
 1 Rifle
 1 Looking Glass
 1 Sewing Table
 9 Chairs

The following is a list of Notes and C.
 1 note on W. H. Hughes, dated Oct 4th 1853, payable 4th Apr. 1854, \$22.87
 1 " " John Squire " 7th Dec. 53 " 25 Mar. 1854 32.90
 1 " " D. King & J. Smith Oct. 3. " " 4th Apr. " 7.25
 1 " " J. W. Wright & J. H. Gilbert " " " " 8.46
 1 " " J. B. Webb & J. H. Gilbert " 5 " " " 47.00

The State of Texas,
 County of Dallas,
 I Mary Armstrong Executrix as above do hereby cer-
 tify that the above is a correct, true and complete
 list or Inventory of all the property of every descrip-
 tion whatsoever, belonging to the estate of James Armstrong de-
 ceased, in my hands, July 31st A.D. 1854. Mary Armstrong Executrix

The State of Texas,
 County of Dallas,
 I personally came Mary
 Armstrong who being duly
 sworn to & subscribed before me this
 8th day of July A.D. 1854.
 A. S. Clarke J.P.

The following is a list of the property belonging to the estate of James Armstrong Decd. now in the hands of Mary Armstrong executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said James Armstrong deceased. (Viz.)

Two Hundred (200) Acres of Land lying adjoining the homestead of Ellis C. Thomas on White Rock Creek in the County of Dallas.

Two Hundred and Fifty one (251) Acres of Land situated on the Elm Fork of Trinity River about Thirteen miles above the Town of Dallas in Dallas Co. and adjoining a tract of 195 acres of land sold by said James Armstrong to R. M. Cooke, and being a part of a survey of 456 acres, made by James Armstrong by virtue of the Colony Headright Certificate No. 400.

One Hundred and Eighty four acres of land lying on the waters of Elm Fork made for James Armstrong by virtue of his Colony Certificate No. 400. The last mentioned survey of 184 acres is situated in Section No. 11 of Township No. 2 North and of Range No. one west as heretofore surveyed and the S. W. corner of John A. Myers Survey.

Seventy eight Acres of Land (78) Survey No. 303 b. lying on the waters of Elm Fork made by virtue of Joseph A. Armstrong's Colony certificate No. 154 issued by Thos. W. Ward Commissioner for Peters Colony on the 15th of Nov. 1850. Beginning at a Stake in a mound the S. W. corner of Section No. Two of Township No. Two North of the first Base line & of Range No. one west of the first of meridian and the S. E. corner of J. B. Lee's survey.

- 1 Thence with the North boundary of James Armstrong's survey east 1120 1/2 to the S. E. corner of 22 Survey a Stake in prairie
- 2 Thence North 390 1/2 to a Stake in 22 prairie
- 3 Thence west 1120 1/2 to a Stake in the west bound ary of the section.
- 4 Thence South 390 1/2 to the beginning.

Making in the whole Seven Hundred and Twenty Three acres of land.

- 1 Negro Man (Giles) aged 20 years
- 1 " Woman (Sanna) " about 40 "
- 1 " Boy (Joe) " " 16 " injured by subtraction
- 1 " " (Sam) " " 9 "
- 1 " Girl (Seliza) " " 6 "
- 1 " " (Monak) " " 3 "

The State of Texas
County of Dallas

In County Court
Term Term 1855

Hon. J. W. Patterson Chief Justice &c

Your Petitioners Robert W. Cook
& Mary Armstrong administrators of the Estate
of James Armstrong Deceased respectfully represent
that the said Mary Armstrong is the
widow of the said James Armstrong deceased
and is living at the late residence of the
said Deceased on a farm in a High State
of Cultivation containing acres of Land;
that there is also belonging to said Estate
negroes consisting of a negro woman & four children
a negro boy 14 years of age & one 21
years of age one Yoke of Oxen & Load of
Churns & a full assortment of farming utensils
that said Mary Armstrong has said farm
planted in Corn &c &c. Wherefore they
present this petition praying an Order of
Court for the said Mary to carry on said
farm. The petitioners consider they pray that
their petition be granted & they will ever pray
&c

Witness
at the

one day after the date
I pay present to
Harrison Hatcher
four dollars
being for value

Recd of him

This 29th day of

February 1850

J. W. Patterson

The State of Texas } In County Court.
County of Dallas } August Term 1856

It is ordered by the Court that
Alexander Harwood John H. Calen ^{James Calen} and
they are hereby appointed to appraise ~~the~~ &
partition the property both Real & personal
of the heirs of James Armstrong dec'd,
and due return thereof make to this
Court, (By order of Court)

Given under my hand &
official seal this 8th day of
September 1856.
A. K. Masten Clerk
A. K. Masten

August term 1856,
of the Hon. County Court of
Dallas County State
of Texas

Mary Armstrong
& Robt. M. Cooke

Adm^rs of James Armstrong

Now at this time comes
Alexander Thomas & Mary
E. his wife, Robert M. Cooke & Martha A. his
wife, John Burey & Frances E. his wife Susana
A. Armstrong, Nancy J. Armstrong & Sarah C.
Armstrong heirs at law and distributees of the
Estate of James Armstrong de^{ce}d. And also
come Mary Armstrong & Robert M. Cooke
Administrators of the Estate of James Armstrong
de^{ce}d. and upon the application of said adm^rs
to partition the Land & Negroes of said Estate
and to set out the interests of the said Mary
Armstrong in all of said Estate both real &
personal the said Alexander Thomas admits
on the part of his said wife advancements
to the amount of \$11,000 and the said R. M.
Cooke in behalf of his wife admits advancem-
ents to the amount of \$659.00 and there
being no exceptions to the exhibits of the adm^rs
and their application for said partition, &
it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
that all of the heirs of said Estate are adults
and duly represented in Court, except, the said
Sarah C. Armstrong, who is a minor, It is
therefore adjudged decreed & ordered that
John J. Good Esqr be and he is hereby appointed

Guardian ad litem of the said Sarah C
 Armstrong, & who being in Court it is considered
 by the Court that all the real and personal
 property of the Estate of the said James Arm-
 = strong Dec^d, except the slaves is the Community
 property of the said decedent & the said Mary
 Armstrong his widow, And that the slaves
 are the separate property of said decedent.
 It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed
 by the Court that one half of all the real
 Estate of said decedent together with all the
 personal property Except the slaves be set
 apart to the said Mary widow, as aforesaid
 her share of the land to include the homestead
 and that a life estate of one fourth of the
 slaves less the Legacies of James W. Barnett
 and Russell B. Barnett bequeathed to them
 by the said James Armstrong Dec^d, amounting
 to the said James W. Barnett to one hundred
 and twenty five dollars, and to the said Russell
 B. Barnett to so much as will amount to
 that sum at the time he shall become 21
 years of age, to satisfy the last will and testa-
 = ment of the said James Armstrong Dec^d,
 and that the said Mary also have a life
 estate of one third of said slaves according
 to the statutes of the State in such case made
 & provided, It is further ordered adjudged

and decreed by the Court that the Advancem-
ents of the said Alexander Thomas & wife and
Robert M. Cooke and wife be put in Hatch pots
with the Estate of the said Armstrong & be con-
sidered in the partition thereof & deducted
from from the distributive shares of the
said Thomas, and Cooke, and that the sum
of \$125.00 be set apart of the Estate of the said
James Armstrong to the said James W. Barnett
and so much thereof to said Roswell B.

Barnett as will amount to that sum
when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years
The said James W. being in Court and con-
sented. And it is further ordered adjudged
and decreed by the Court, that the other half
half of the said Real Estate and the balance
of said Slaves (if practicable) be equally
partitioned between the said Mary C.
Thomas, Francis C. Bursey, Martha A. Cooke
Susana A. Armstrong, Nancy J. Armstrong
& Sarah C. Armstrong, And that Alexander
Hearwood J. G. Cole and William Bowles
be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners
to partition all of said Estate or return
the same unto Court duly appraised as
the Law directs, and make their report
to the next term of the Court

W. H. Master clerk of the County Court
in and for Dallas County State of Texas do
hereby certify that the foregoing is a true
copy of the records in my office,
Given under my hand & official
seal at Dallas this the 9th day
of September A.D. 1856

A. H. Birwood
P. M. Galt &
J. B. Smith

Commissioners &
Appraisers of
the Estate of
James W. Dringway
Deceased

Dallas Sept 29th 1856
W. H. Master clerk

Mary Armstrong D
Robt M Cook

Admsrs of The Estate of
James Armstrong decd

In acct Current Dr.

1858-

Feb 19	To Claims on hand as pr last showing	\$1267 97
	To Robt M Cook	17 30
	" Acct H. & Hill	10 00
	Total Claims	\$1295 27

	By Collected	Dr	\$20 00
"	"	Dr	20 20
"	"	Sam Armstrong	168 94
"	"	W. Gale	6 00
"	"	G. H. Record	63 60
"	"	R. J. West	262 00
"	"	W. H. & P. Hill	692 98
"	"	J. W. Floyd	24 00
"	"	M. S. Armstrong	8 81
	Total Collected		\$2117 53

	Bal claims up interest	\$17 46
	To interest, Gilbert & Floyd	3 56
	True Bal Claims on hand	\$21 31

To Cash brot found \$1274 53
 " Int A. J. Amelung 4 48
 " " G. W. Record 3 95
 " " R. J. Hart 4 35
 " " W. H. + P. Hill 11 56
 " " Money loan Burey 8 92
 " Cash sale low Hays 14 85
 Total Cash Collected - \$1325 66

By Pd. W. H. Martin 1- 50 00
 " " A. J. Thomas 2- 342 00
 " " W. P. Burey 3- 350 00
 " " J. H. Cole 4- 3 50
 \$745 50

Bal Cash on hand \$580.14
 " Claims Sale + Hill 21 30
 To Bal presently on Ax 20 00

Total Estate on hand \$621 44

Out of which to be paid 61 44
 Bal after fee \$14 03 1 10
 Expenses hunting horses 7 50 12 54
 Administration amt 300 00
 Costs of Court bal
 Claim bal. list (omitted) 1.84

And these administrators represent
fully represent that they have
fully administered said estate,
& present the foregoing as
their final showing, and
they say that in the account
of cash collected the principal
& interest of the claims against
J. H. Gilbert to J. B. Floyd, are
combined & improperly reduce
the claims on hand to 17.76 when
it should be \$21.30 as stated be-
low in the account, that the
total cash collected since the
last showing is \$1385.66 & this
amt includes an amt of \$8.92
raised by a loan of \$4.50 to
John Murray & that \$14.85 is
the proceeds of a private sale
of one cow & calf by order
of Court & C. M. Fox was the
purchaser. They also represent
that they have not been able
to dispose of the lot & have
returned him as worth \$20.00
subject to the repetition or amount
of the distribution & the amt
And they represent that all

owed by order of the Court
as follows-

Susan A. Armstrong	653 00
Nancy J. Armstrong	578 84
Sarah C. Armstrong	400 00
John Burey	350 00
A. A. Thomas & wife	391 50
Martha A. Cook	659 00
To Mrs. Mary Armstrong	
20 th acres land	1600 00
<i>Up</i>	<u>18 50</u>
Agoo bay Giles	1000 00
" " do	429 16
" Gil. Savina	500 00
" Child Fanny	<u>200 00</u>
$\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$ including	$\frac{2}{3}$ 2129 06
for J. W. Barrett	125 00
" R. B. Barrett	80 18

Distribution share personalty 319 50

By which they pray the Court
to determine the interests of all
the distributees, that their showing
be approved & their allowances
made & that they be discharged
&c,

R. H. Cooke, Admr

Subscribed & sworn to by Crockett & Camp
before me this 19th Feb 1858.
Wm. Maden c.c.c.o.c.t. Attest

Armstrong & Cook
adms

Estate Armstrong

Final Showing

Filed February 20th 1858

W. H. Masten clerk

appeared this 30th day
of March 1858

J. M. Patterson
chief justice



A. A. Thomas Exor Heirs at Law of Jas Armstrong.

Mary Armstrong Exor
Clerk for

Witnesses of 6 Coffin Petition \$2 ⁰⁰	18 00
" Discharge 15. Filing 37 Papers \$1 ⁰⁰	3 85
" Rent 3 Appraisers 20. 3 Motions (4 ⁰⁰)	1 20
" " 2 Orders of Court 1 Div 25.	1 25
" " Copy of Deed to Co Ct	1 00
" " Final Account	14 10
	43 00
	6 50
	<u>\$49 50</u>

J. C. H. Prudden Clerk Dist Court Dallas County
certify the above is a Correct Copy of
all the Court records in the Dist Court in the
above Cause

Given under my hand & official
seal this 16th Apr 1856
Ed C Prudden clk

State of Texas  In County Court
Dallas County  February 25th AD 1856

It is ordered by the Court that Citation issue
to Mary Armstrong & R M Cooke administra-
tors of the Estate of James Armstrong deceased
to appear at the next of the County Court for
the County of Dallas on Monday the 31st day
of March next to show cause if any, why
they should not as such administrators of
said make execute and deliver unto Martha
A Cooke & R M Cooke a good and lawful con-
veyance to a certain tract of Land, and comply
with the provisions of a certain Title Bond
executed by said Decedent to said Cooke, and
Cooke, and answer the Petition of said
R M Cooke and Martha A Cooke heretofore
filed in said Court against said admin-
istrators.

{ By Order of the Court given under
my hand & official seal this 11th
day of March 1856

J. H. Peak clk c. ct. D. Co. Tex

A. H. H. H. H. H.
27 3/4 East 1000
Armstrong

Recd of R. W. H. H. H.
& H. H. H. H. H.
Adm & Adm
file of this Recd
Apr 16th 1856
E. H. H. H. H.

County Court
of
May Armstrong &
H. H. H. H. H. Adm
Spent 4th March 1856
H. H. H. H. H.
Engineer

Came to have same day
executed by leaving a copy
with H. H. H. H. H. this
21st March 1856
H. H. H. H. H.
S. H. H.

State of Texas } Probate Court
 Dallas County } November Term 1856.

To The Hon. J. M. Patterson, C. J. S. C. Texas.

Now come Mary Armstrong & W. M. Cooke Administrators of the Estate of James Armstrong dec'd and with the leave of the Court, make the following Sale Bill of Land of Said Estate made in accordance with an Order of Your Honorable Court made at the October Term 1856 of said Court. on the 4th day of November 1856, just at the Court House Door in the Town of Dallas.

Bij.		Purchasers names		
100	Acre Land Lot No. 1	Mary Armstrong	\$15	\$15.00
100	" " " " 2	W. H. Hill	\$2.77 1/2	277.50
118	" " " " 3	" " "	3.36	396.48
262	" " Prairie	R. J. West	\$1.00	262.00
				<u>\$1070.98</u>

Of the above, the first three Lots of Land are parts of Sections No. 20. of Township 2 North of First base line in Range 1 West of the first Meridian by virtue of Colony Certificate No. 400 issued by the Commissioner of Peter's Colony November 15. 1850. Said Land lies about 13 miles N. W. of the Town of Dallas in Dallas County.

The 262 Acres Prairie Land above stated is situated in Dallas County Texas 13 miles N. W. of Dallas in 2 tracts - One a part of Section No. 11. of Township 2 North of First base line in Range 1 West of First Meridian. Known as Survey No. 302. The other part is part of Section No. 2 North of Township 2 North of the first

base line in Range 1 West of the first
 Meridian. By virtue of Certificate No. 153
 issued by the Commissioner of Texas Colony
 November 15. 1850.
 Subscribed & sworn to
 before me this 24th
 day of Nov 1856.
 J. K. Masten & Co. exy

R. M. Cooke Adm.

W. H. Cook
 Adm. of land
 1856

J. K. Masten & Co.
 Adm. of land
 1856

816-5
 400-6
 816-5
 200-6
 400-6
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816-5
 400-6
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 200-6
 400-6
 816-5

The State of Texas & in Probate Court
County of Dallas August Term A.D. 1853

To the Hon. J. W. Patton as Chief-
Justice

Now come Alexander S. Thomas and
his wife Mary E. Thomas one of the children and
heirs at law of James Thomas deceased and
for and in behalf of the complainant of John Bursley and
wife say that it is the said Mary E. and widow of
the father the articles mentioned above in and
they on all they have ever received they are perfectly
by writing they may be brought into the probate
at the first designation and that the same be
an article from their her distributive portion
of said estate

By their Atty
John S. Hood

The State of Texas & County Court
County of Dallas, 3 Aug 1856 -

Now Comes Mary Armstrong
& withdraws her proposition to take
a Chief part of the degree of the
estate of James Armstrong and asks
that her life estate therein be let out
to her in said degree - & she also
asks that her interest in the bal
lance of the personal property (it
being Community property) be let
apart to her ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~
and she also is ~~in~~ ~~and~~ ~~and~~
consideration of this - ~~she~~
retracts her renunciation of her inter-
est of the estate of said Armstrong as
bequeathed to her by the last will of
the said decedent & demands to her
by the District Court of Dallas Co
Texas and asks that all of her
said estate be let out to her &
she will ever pray -

Crockett & Kemp -
for widow

Received of Mr. M. Leach & Mary Armstrong Admin of the estate of James Armstrong the sum of one hundred dollars, a part of a sum for services rendered to be rendered in said estate. May, 26th 1856
 Brackett & Kings
 Atty's -

The Estate of James Armstrong was
 1854 April 15th by to J. H. Hole
 as to bringing in a riding land
 between the heirs of said estate \$7.50
 Received payment in full this 26th
 5th 1854
 John H. Hole

The State of Texas,
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite Nancy Armstrong one of the
 Heirs at Law of James Armstrong deceased
 to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the county of Dallas, at its next
 term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the 29th day of

August A. D. 1856; then and there to show cause, if any she can, why
 Partition & distribution of said deceased's estate should not
 be made ~~not rendered in said Court as~~ ~~and in case of this personal property~~
 of said estate be granted as prayed for in the petition
 of the administrators thereof as required by law

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this 29th

day of July A. D. 1856.

J. H. Hole

Clerk Co. Ct., D. C., Texas.

The State of Texas } County Court
County of Dallas } July Term 1855

Hon James M. Patterson Chief
Justice.

Now Comes Mary Armstrong
& Robt M. Cook Admins of the
Estate of James Armstrong dec'd &
respectfully represents that there
is a considerable portion of the
property of said Estate that is of
a perishable Character and liable
to Stray & waste or require ex-
pensive attention to preserve it
To wit Cattle, Horses, Farming
utensils & ~~other household furniture~~ &c.
as will appear by reference to
the inventory on file in the Court
They therefore pray for an order
to sell so much of said property
as may be of the Character rep-
resented & not necessary for the
use & purpose of carrying on a
farm, & they ask that a portion
of said property may be sold to
make up the allowance to the
widow, & support him for years sup-
port and would represent that
there is 175 bushels of the Crop of
wheat on hand that might be
sold at private sale to good
advantage for that purpose, They
ask the residue to be sold on six
months credit

Corrected
M.D.

The State of Texas County Court,
County of Dallas July Term, 1857 -

John J. Mc. Patterson Clerk Justice &c.

Now come Mary Armstrong &
H. Mc. Cook Admins of the estate of James
Armstrong deceased says that a part
of the property of said estate returned
in the original of said estate & repre-
sented in their last annual showing
as being lost, has been found, to wit;
One white and speckled ox appraised at \$5.00
One red heifer now has calf - do 5.00

Said Admin ask an order of
court to set said property on a credit
for the 4th day of Nov. next. And as
in duty bound they will ever pray &c.
H. Mc. Cook
Atty for Admins -

Received Dallas, Texas, January 18, 1858 of
Mary Armstrong and H. M. Cooke administrators
of the estate of James Armstrong said Three
hundred and forty two dollars in cash and
also One Double Barreled Gun at eight
dollars. in all Three hundred and fifty dol-
lars in part payment of the interest of
H. May & Thomas in said estate of James
Armstrong. Alexander, et. Thomas.