

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

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JNO. BOOKHOUT,  
Attorney at Law,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

State of Texas } In Probate Court  
County of Dallas } To July Term 1880

To the Hon. & Courte Judge of said court  
The undersigned devisor in the will of  
Norman Green deceased would respectfully  
show that Norman Green a citizen of  
Ramsay County State of Minnesota departed  
this life on the day of November 1880  
leaving his will a copy of which is  
herewith filed and also leaving an estate  
consisting of lands in the State of Texas  
a part of which estate is in Dallas  
County Texas and much of said estate  
consists of wild lands in Dallas  
and other unorganized counties of  
Texas that said will has been duly  
proved in Ramsay County Texas and  
a copy of said probate is attached to  
the will herewith filed. That there is  
a necessity for the probating of said  
will to perfect the title of these devises.

Wherefore petitioners pray that  
citation issue on this application and  
for an order admitting said  
will to probate & record & a  
Jno Bookhout  
Attorney for Devises

No 878

In the matter of  
The Estate of  
Murray Green  
decd

Application to probate  
will

Filed Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1915  
Will of  
By L. Douglas D.

(Recorded)  
J. W. Bookhouse  
att'y



Know all men, that I, Herman Gorr, of St. Paul,  
Ramsey County, Minnesota, being of sound mind and  
memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this  
my last will and testament, hereby revoking and  
annulling all wills by me heretofore made.

First. I desire that all my just debts shall be paid  
my just out of my estate by my Executors.

Second. I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife, Marie Gorr, the homestead wherein we now  
reside, together with all the household furniture, pair-  
tings, pictures, silverware, horses, vehicles, and other  
stable property, situated in or about said homestead  
and used therewith, at the date of my death. I have  
and hold the said homestead and personal property,  
unto my said wife, for and during her natural life:  
and upon and after her death the said homestead  
and personal property shall become a part and  
parcel of the rest and residue of my estate, hereinafter  
devised and bequeathed.

Third. I give, devise and bequeath unto my Execu-  
tors, hereinafter named, and unto their successors  
as Trustees, all and singular that certain real  
estate situated on Fourth Street, in Block sixteen  
(No) of Whitney & Smith's Addition to St. Paul, together  
with the building thereon; in trust to take posses-  
sion thereof, to demise, lease and let the same, to pay  
all taxes and assessments which shall be lawfully  
assessed thereon, as well as upon the said homestead  
and personal property pertaining thereto; to keep the  
said building on said Fourth Street property, as well  
as said homestead and personal property pertaining  
thereto, well improved and in good repair to collect

the rentals and income of said Fourth Street property, and after the payment of the said taxes, assessments, insurance, and the ordinary repairs of said Fourth Street and homestead property, to account for and pay over, quarterly or even annually unto my said wife, all the net rentals and income of the said Fourth Street property, for and during her natural life.

And upon and after her death the said trust estate shall cease and determine; and the said real estate on said Fourth Street shall thereupon become a part and parcel of the rest and residue of my estate hereinafter devised and bequeathed.

Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my two daughters, Donita Gorn, and Sophie Gorn, Fifty (50) shares of the Capital Stock of the Bank of Minnesota, and four hundred and eighty shares of the Capital Stock of the St. Paul Real Estate Syndicate. To have and hold the said shares unto my said two daughters, each the one half thereof, share and share alike, and unto their heirs and assigns forever. And if either of my said two daughters shall have deceased before my own death, without lawful issue, then the share of such deceased child shall go to the survivor of my said two daughters. And if both shall have their decease, without lawful issue, then the same shall be equally divided between my other surviving children, their heirs and assigns forever.

Fifth. I give, devise and bequeath unto my said wife, Marie Gorn, an equal undivided one third part of all the rest and residue of my real estate and personal property, of every nature, kind and

description, and wheresoever situated, To have and hold the same unto her, and her heirs and assigns forever. Upon the express condition however, that all and singular the devises and bequestes hereinbefore contained, and the said trust created, in favor of, and for the use and benefit of my said wife, shall be accepted and received by her, in lieu of, and in the place of, any interest and estate which she would be entitled to, in my estate, either under the laws of said State of Minnesota, or under the laws of any other State or jurisdiction where the same may be situated.

And if she shall elect to take the interest and share of my estate, to which she would be entitled, under the laws of this State, or of any other State or jurisdiction, then and in that event all the foregoing devises, bequestes and trust created, to her, or for her use and benefit, shall be void, and of no effect.

Sixth. All the real and personal of my estate, real and personal, of every nature, kind and description, and wheresoever situated, whether in the State of Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, or Wisconsin, or in the Territory of Dakota, or wheresoever the same may be situated, I give, devise and bequeath unto my four children, Josephine Oppenheim, Sarah Kalman, Dorinda Trorr and Sophie Trorr, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike. To have and hold the same, unto them their heirs and assigns forever.

And if any one or more of the said daughters shall have deceased before my own death, without lawful issue, then the share of such deceased child shall



the rentals and incomes of said Fourth Street property, and after the payment of the said taxes, as-

be equally divided between the survivors of them, share and share alike, and unto their heirs and assigns forever.

Seventh: I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons in law, Axel Oppenheim, and Arnold Kalman, of said St. Paul, as the executors of this my will, and as the Trustees of the trust herein created and expressed. And in the event of the death of either of them or of their failure to qualify as such, or in the event of a vacancy in such trust for any cause, the survivors of them shall nominate a successor, with the written approval of my said wife and children, or of the survivors of them. I expressly request that neither my said sons in law, nor any one who may be appointed as the successor of either of them, in the manner and with the approval aforesaid, shall be required to give any bond or other security, either as such executors or Trustees.

The said Axel Oppenheim, as one of such executors, shall have full power and authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey, by deed of conveyance, executed by him alone, or jointly with his Co. Executor, any and all real estate and personal property, of every nature, kind and description, and wherever situated, whether in Minnesota or elsewhere, upon such time and terms of sale, either for cash or upon credit, and with or without covenants of Warranty or otherwise, either for the purpose of paying debts, or for the purpose of investment, or re-investment, or otherwise, in the exercise of his judgment and discretion.

And in the event of the death of the said Axel Op-



penheim, then the said Arnold Kalman, as such  
 Executor, shall have the same full power and author-  
 ity in the premises, as is above conferred upon the said  
 Axel Oppenheim.

Witness my hand and seal, at St. Paul, this 21<sup>st</sup>  
 day of November 1884.

Herman Torr *Test.*

The foregoing paper was signed, read, published and  
 declared by Herman Torr as his last will and testa-  
 ment in our presence, and we have signed our names  
 as witnesses thereto, in his presence, and at his request,  
 and in the presence of each other, on the date thereof.  
 Harry Officer Residing at St. Paul, Minnesota  
 J. B. McConnell Residing at St. Paul, Minnesota.

State of Minnesota, }  
County of Ramsey. }

In Probate Court,  
Special Term, November 18 1885.

In the Matter of Proving the Last Will and Testament, and of the Estate of

Herman Gorr }  
Deceased. }

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
County of Ramsey.

ss:

Harry Officer ap-  
peared this day in open Court and being duly sworn, on behalf  
of the proponent of the Will, deposes and says; that he is one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the instrument now shown him, bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of November A. D. 1884, and purporting to be the Last Will and  
Testament of Herman Gorr late  
of the County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota, now here presented for probate;  
that he knew and was well acquainted with the said Herman Gorr  
deceased, in his life time and at the time of his death; that on the day of  
the date of said instrument, to-wit: the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November  
A. D. 1884, the said instrument was signed, sealed, executed and then and there  
acknowledged, published and declared by the said Herman Gorr  
deceased, to be his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of deponent and of  
S. B. McConnell  
the other subscribing witness — thereto, and that deponent and the said  
S. B. McConnell  
the other subscribing witness —, did then and there, in the presence of the said  
Herman Gorr deceased, and at his request  
severally subscribe said instrument as witnesses thereto.

DEPONENT FURTHER SAYS: That at the time of the execution of said  
instrument as aforesaid, the said Herman Gorr  
deceased, was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, of  
lawful age and under no restraint, to the best of deponent's knowledge, and as he  
verily believes. Further deponent saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1885.

Probate  
court  
seal

W. B. McGrody  
Judge of Probate.

Harry Officer.

No.            In Probate  
 RAMSEY CO.  
 THE MATTER OF THE  
 AND TESTAM-  
 TESTIMONY  
 Subscribing Wit-  
 Taken, sworn, sub-  
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PROOF OF WILL.

J. J. Lomon, Printer, St. Paul.

State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Ramsey. } ss.

In Probate Court,  
 Special Term November 18, 1885.

In the Matter of Proving the Last Will and Testament, and of the Estate of

Herman Grove }  
 Deceased. }

STATE OF MINNESOTA.  
 County of Ramsey. } ss:

S. B. McCornell

appears this day in open Court and — being duly sworn, on behalf of the proponent of the Will, deposes and says; that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument now shown him, bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November A. D. 1884, and purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Herman Grove late of the County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota, now here presented for probate; that he knew and was well acquainted with the said Herman Grove deceased, in his life time and at the time of his death; that on the day of the date of said instrument, to-wit: the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November A. D. 1884, the said instrument was signed, sealed, executed and there acknowledged, published and declared by the said Herman Grove deceased, to be his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of deponent and of Harry Officer the other subscribing witness — thereto, and that deponent and the said Harry Officer the other subscribing witness —, did then and there, in the presence of the said Herman Grove deceased, and at his request severally subscribe said instrument as witnesses thereto.

DEPONENT FURTHER SAYS, That at the time of the execution of said instrument as aforesaid, the said Herman Grove deceased, was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, of lawful age and under no restraint, to the best of deponent's knowledge, and as he verily believes. Further deponent saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1885



Wm. B. McCord  
 Judge of Probate.

S. B. McCornell.



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*In Probate Court*  
 RAMSEY COUNTY  
 THE MATTER OF THE LAST  
 AND TESTAMENT OF  
*Herman Gunn*  
 TESTIMONY OF  
*Herman Gunn*  
*D. B. McGrody*  
 Subscribing Witnesses to  
 Taken, sworn, subscribed and  
 18<sup>th</sup> day of *Nov*  
*1885*  
*Wm. B. McGrody*  
 Judge of Probate

Certificate of Proof of Will.

DRUM, TREATY & HOWARD, Printers, St. Paul, Minn.

## CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

County of Ramsey.

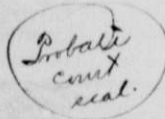
} ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of *Herman Gunn* Deceased:

Be it Remembered, That on the day of the date hereof, at a *Special* Term of said Probate Court, pursuant to notice duly given, the Last Will and Testament of *Herman Gunn* late of said County of Ramsey, deceased, bearing date the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *November* 188*4*, and being the annexed written instrument, was duly proved before the Probate Court in and for the County of *Ramsey* aforesaid: and was duly allowed and admitted to probate by said Court according to law, as and for the Last Will and Testament of said *Herman Gunn* deceased, which said Last Will and Testament is recorded and the examination taken thereon filed in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, The Judge of the Probate Court of said



County has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Saint Paul in said County, this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* A. D. 1885.

*Wm. B. McGrody*  
 Judge of Probate

Attest:

*Frank Robert Jr.* Clerk.



No. ....

IN PROBATE COURT

RAMSEY COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Herman Grove

CERTIFICATE OF PROOF OF

Filed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1885

recorded in Book of Wills on

of Judge of

# LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, )  
County of Ramsey. ) ss.

The State of Minnesota, to all to whom these presents shall come or may concern, and especially to Ansel Oppenheim and Arnold Kalman of the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota GREETING:

Know Ye, That whereas, Herman Grove late of the County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota lately died testate, and being at the time of his decease an inhabitant of said County, by means whereof the proving and recording his last will and testament, and granting administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate whereof — he died possessed, and also the auditing, allowing and finally discharging the account thereof, is within the jurisdiction of the Probate Court of said County of Ramsey.

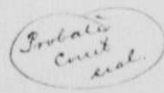
And Whereas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1885, at St. Paul, in said County, before the Hon. Wm. E. McGRORTY, Probate Judge of said County, the last will and testament of the said Herman Grove deceased (a copy whereof is herunto annexed,) was proved, allowed and admitted to probate;

And Whereas, Ansel Oppenheim and Arnold Kalman executors named and appointed in and by said last will and testament, have given bond, as required by law, for the faithful execution of said trust, which said bond has been approved by said Judge, and filed in the aforesaid Probate Court;

We, Therefore, reposing full confidence in your integrity and ability, have granted and by these presents do grant the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of the said deceased, and any way concerning his said last will and testament, unto the said Ansel Oppenheim & Arnold Kalman executors aforesaid;

Hereby Authorizing and Empowering you to take and have possession of all the real and personal estate of said deceased, and to receive the rents, issues and profits thereof, until said estate shall have been settled, or until delivered over by order of said Court, to the heirs or devisees of said deceased; and to demand, collect, recover and receive all and singular, the debts, claims, demands, rights and choses in action, which to the said deceased, while living and at the time of his death did belong; and requiring you to keep in good tenable repair, all houses, buildings and fences on said real estate, which may and shall be under your control, and in accordance with your bond approved and filed as aforesaid, to make and return into the Probate Court of said County of Ramsey within three months, a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of the said deceased, which shall come to your possession or knowledge, or to the possession of any other person for you; to administer, according to law, and to said last will and testament, all the goods, chattels, rights, credits and estate of the said deceased, which shall at any time come to your possession or to the possession of any other person for you, and out of the same to pay and discharge all debts, legacies and charges chargeable on the same, or such dividends thereon as shall be ordered and decreed by said Court; to render a just and true account of your administration to said Court within one year, and at any other time when required by said Court, and to perform all orders and decrees of said Court, by you to be performed in the premises.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the seal of our Probate Court to be hereunto affixed: Witness the Hon. Wm. E. McGRORTY, Judge of Probate at Saint Paul, in said County, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1885



Wm. E. McGrorty  
Judge of Probate Court.

Attest Frank Robert Jr Clerk.

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No. ....

**PROBATE COURT,**

COUNTY OF RAMSEY.

The Matter of the Estate of

Deceased,

**WILLIAMSON'S TESTAMENTARY.**

MINNESOTA,

ss.

I, the undersigned, Judge of Probate,

do hereby certify that the within Letters

Testamentary were duly recorded this

day of

in Book

of Letters

Judge of Probate.

day of

A. D. 1888

Judge of Probate.

The State of Minnesota }  
Ramsay County, } See the Probate Court  
for said Ramsay County  
In the matter of the last will and  
Testament of Herman Love, deceased

To You Wm B. Love,  
Judge of said Probate Court

I, the undersigned, Marie Love, the widow, and  
one of the legatees and devisees named in the  
last will and Testament of said deceased,  
which was duly proved, allowed and admitted  
to probate, in said Court, on the Eighteenth day of  
November A.D. 1888, do hereby accept all and singular  
the devises and bequests contained in said  
will, in my favor and the trust hereby created  
in my favor, and for my use and benefit, and  
also hereby agree to receive the said devises  
and legacies, and the benefits of said trust, in  
lieu of, and in the place of, any interest or  
estate which I might otherwise be entitled to  
in the estate of said deceased, real or personal  
either under the laws of the State of Minnesota  
or under the laws of any other State or juris-  
diction where any part of such estate, real  
or personal may be situated, And I do hereby  
elect to take and accept the said provisions of  
said will, in all its parts, and waive all other  
estate or interest in or to the estate of said de-  
ceased, wherever situated

Witness my hand and seal at St Paul this

Ten o'clock (19<sup>th</sup>) day of November A.D. 1888

Mari Greve

(Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered by

in the presence of

Harvey Officer

Sydney H. Greve

Wm. B. Smith

- In duplicate -

Town of Ramsey  
County of Ramsey, Minn.

On this nineteenth day  
of November A.D. 1888 before me personally  
appeared Mari Greve to me known to be the  
person described in and who executed the fore-  
going instrument, and acknowledged that  
she executed the same, as her free act and  
deed.

Notary  
Public  
Seal

Harvey Officer  
Notary Public  
Ramsey, Minn.



State of Minnesota, } ss. In Probate Court,  
County of Ramsey.

I, FRANK ROBERT, Jr., Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for said County of Ramsey, (which Court is a Court of Record, having a clerk and seal under the Constitution and laws of said State,) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Last Will and Testament and Voluntas Testamentary, and Acceptance of widow of provisions of will, in the matter of the Estate of Herman Lane, deceased. and of the whole thereof, as the same now remains on file and of record in the Court aforesaid.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Probate Court,  
at Saint Paul, in said County of Ramsey,  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1885.

Frank Robert Jr.  
Clerk of the Probate Court,  
for Ramsey Co., Minn.

State of Minnesota, } ss. In Probate Court,  
County of Ramsey.

I, WILLIAM B. McGRORTY, Judge of the Probate Court, in and for said County of Ramsey, do hereby certify, that Frank Robert, Jr., whose genuine signature is appended to the foregoing certificate, is, and was at the date thereof, the Clerk of the said Probate Court for said County of Ramsey, duly appointed, commissioned and qualified as such; that his said certificate is in due form of law; and that all his acts in the premises are entitled to full faith and credit in judicature and thereon only.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Probate Court,  
at Saint Paul, in said County, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of November A. D. 1885.

Wm. B. McGrorty  
Judge of the Probate Court  
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all taxes and assessments which shall be lawfully  
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and personal property pertaining thereto; to keep the  
said building on said Fourth Street property, as well  
as said homestead and personal property pertaining  
thereto, well preserved and in good repair to collect

No 2878

In Probate Court,  
RAMSEY COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE

Estate

of  
Herman Greve, dec'd

EXEMPLIFICATION OF

Will, Letters & Acceptance  
(Under Act of Congress.)

Filed Dec 7 1883  
W. M. Keene Clerk  
By L. H. Douglas

(Recorded)

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