

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

Case Number 2534

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OFFICE OF  
A. W. May,  
Attorney at Law  
and Notary Public.  
Casswell Building, 911-999 Main St.

Dallas, Texas, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1902

Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, formerly Holtzclaw, guardian of  
the minors Lewis, Joseph, Doctor, and Pearl Watkins

To A. W. May

1899 to 1902. For professional services in cause of above minors,  
No 2583 on Probate Docket Dallas County Texas, including  
affidavits, obtaining 2 bonds etc. \$ 50.00

Received payment  
A. W. May

Office of County Clerk,  
Dallas County.

Dallas, Texas, Dec 22 1902

Received of A. W. May

the sum of Eleven & 50/100 DOLLARS,

Costs of Estate of Watkins Manor  
# 2583

Frank R. Shanks

\$ 11 50/100

By W. F. Douglas  
County Clerk. Deputy.

DALLAS, TEXAS. December 16<sup>th</sup> 1902

Mrs M. J. Kennedy Dallas

To AMERICAN BONDING AND TRUST COMPANY Dr.  
OF BALTIMORE CITY.

R. L. GOODMAN, GENERAL AGENT.  
226-7 LINZ BUILDING.

GENERAL SURETY  
AND BONDING BUSINESS.

For Premiums on following Bonds:

No.

From

Guardians bond incl 2500  
12/16/02 To 12/16/02 For 2500

10<sup>00</sup>

DEC 22 1902  
R. L. Goodman  
Seal

Dallas, Texas, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1902

Mrs M. J. Kennedy, guardian Watkins' minors  
To A. W. May Dr.

For material work, affidavits, obtaining proof or establishing  
pension claim No 495268 during time from Feb'y 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
to Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1902 - 5% on \$1022.<sup>70</sup> amt allowed

\$51.12

Received payment  
A. W. May

NOTICE GENERAL—Dewey Printing Co., Dallas, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to notify *Martha J. Kottzclaus, Gdn*

of the Estate of *Lewis Watkins et al, minors*

by delivering to him a true copy of this writ, that at the *Sept* term of the County Court of said County an order was made *requiring her to file*

*Annual Report within 10 days from service hereof, showing condition of said Estate.*

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same

Witness my hand and official seal, at my office in the City of Dallas, this *6* day of

By *B. J. Cannon* Deputy.

A. D. 19*00*

A. S. JACKSON, CLERK.

NOTICE OF FILING ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons Interested in the Minor *Lewis Joseph, Doctor C, and Pearly Watkins*:

*Martha J. Kennedy* Guardian, has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, an Annual Account showing the condition of the Estate of *her* said Ward

which will be heard at the term of said Court commencing the first Monday in *March* A. D. 19*03*, at the Court House in the City of Dallas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor *Q* may appear and contest said account if they see proper.

WITNESS: *FRANK R. SHANKS* County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *20* day of *Dec* 190*2*

*A. S. JACKSON*  
FRANK R. SHANKS County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *[Signature]* Deputy.

No. 2583

ESTATE OF  
*Lewis Watkins et al*  
*Minor's*

NOTICE TO

*Gdn*

Issued *6* day *Sept*  
*1900*

A. S. JACKSON, Clerk,

*B F Quinn* Deputy.

Came to hand on the *6* day of  
*Sept* *1900* and executed on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189  
by delivering a true copy of within notice to  
the within  
named \_\_\_\_\_

Sheriff, Dallas County.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

FEEES

Serving Notice, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mileage, \_\_\_\_\_  
Total, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

73500

115

No. 2583

COUNTY COURT.

Estate of the Minor *J*,

*Lewis Watkins*  
*et al*

NOTICE OF FILING ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

Issued this *13* day of *Dec*

A. D. 190*0*  
A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk,

By *R M [unclear]* Deputy.

SHERIFF RETURN.

Came to hand the *23* day of *Dec*  
190*0* and executed the *23* day of *Dec*  
190*0* by posting three copies of this writ at three  
public places in Dallas County, one of which was at  
the Court House door of said County, and no two of  
which were in the same town or city.

*J R Johnson*  
Sheriff, Dallas County.

By *J F Witt* Deputy.

*Posting 3 Notices \$ 3.00*

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of the Minor

*Lewis Watkins Joseph Watkins Deaton C. Watkins and Peasly Watkins Martha Holtzclaw*

has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State aforesaid, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the *personal* estate of the above named Minor, which application will be heard and acted upon at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in *March* A. D. 189*9* at the Court House in the City of Dallas, County and State aforesaid, at which time and place all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor shall appear and contest said Application if they see proper to do so.

WITNESS: A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *23* day of *July*, A. D. 189*9*

A. S. JACKSON,

Clerk County Court, Dallas County, Texas.

By *J. S. [Signature]* Deputy.

NOTICE GENERAL - Dorsey Printing Co., Dallas, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County - GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to notify

*Martha J. Holtzclaw, Adm*

of the Estate of

*Lewis Watkins et al, Minors*

by delivering to him a true copy of this writ, that at the *Sept* term of the County Court of said

County an order was made *requiring her to file Annual Report within 10 days from service hereof, showing the Condition of said Estate*

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at my office in the City of Dallas, this *6* day of *Sept* A. D. *1900*

A. S. JACKSON, CLERK.

By

*J. J. [Signature]* Deputy.

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No. 2583  
COUNTY COURT.  
ESTATE OF THE MINOR  
*Lewis Mattins*  
*et al*

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS  
OF GUARDIANSHIP.

Issued this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1899

A. S. JACKSON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.  
By [Signature] Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.  
Came to hand the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July  
1899  
and executed the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July  
1899

by posting up three copies of this writ at three  
public places in Dallas County, one of which was  
at the Court House door of said County, and no  
two of which were in the same town or city.

BEN E. CABELL,  
Sheriff, Dallas County.  
By [Signature] Deputy.

7350  
Recorded 2-324

No. 2583  
ESTATE OF  
*Lewis Mattins et al*  
*Minors*

NOTICE TO Edw

Issued 6 day Sept  
1890  
A. S. JACKSON, Clerk,  
By [Signature] Deputy.

Came to hand on the 6 day of Sept  
1890 and returned on  
the 6 day of Sept  
1890

by showing a copy of within notice to  
[Signature] within  
named [Signature]  
[Signature]  
Sheriff Dallas County.  
By [Signature] Deputy.

FEES:  
Serving Notice, \$  
Mileage, \$  
Total, \$

7350  
Return 2583 v. [Signature]

FILMED BY THE DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY-1973



THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all Persons Interested in the Minor *Lewis Watkins, et al.*

*Martha Kennedy*, Guardian, has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, an Annual Account showing the condition of the Estate of *her* said Ward *and her application to be finally discharged as guardian* which will be heard at the term of said Court commencing the first Monday in *January* A. D. 190*4*, at the Court House in the City of Dallas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor *and* may appear and contest said account if they see proper.

WITNESS: FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk of Dallas County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Dallas, this *30* day of *Sept* 190*3*

FRANK R. SHANKS,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *W. Rawlins* Deputy.

No 2583

Estate of Watkins minor

In County Court Dallas County Texas  
Probate Docket, To March 1899 Term

We, Lewis Watkins, aged 20 years, and Joseph Watkins, aged 16 years, children of Joseph M. Watkins and Martha J. Keltzclaw, formerly Watkins, being two of the minors named in the application this day filed by *Martha J. Keltzclaw*, in County Court of Dallas County Texas numbered # 2583 do hereby waive citation and personal service and hereby do as our mother, *Martha J. Keltzclaw* as our guardian, and give in her application, that letters of guardianship be issued to her.

2.20.99.

*Lewis Watkins*  
*Joseph Watkins*

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No. 2583

COUNTY COURT

Estate of the Minor

Lewis Watkins et al

NOTICE OF FILING ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

Issued this 30 day of Sept

A. D. 1903 FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk.

By *W. Rawkins* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 20 day of Oct 1903, and executed the 2 day of Oct

1903, by posting up three copies of this writ at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House door of said County, and no two of which were in the same town or city.

*W. H. Johnson*  
Sheriff Dallas County,

*W. H. Seal* Deputy.

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No 2583

Estate of Watkins minors

Waiver of citation and choice of guardian by Lewis Watkins and Joseph Watkins

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A. S. JACKSON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Tex.

By *J. H. Jones* Deputy.

Recorded 5-19

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Dallas, Texas.

The State of Texas )

County of Dallas ) I, Joseph Watkins, being now of lawful age, having attained  
 my majority on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1902, on which day I became 21  
 years of age, do hereby declare, that I have received of Mrs. Martha, J. Kenn-  
 edy, my mother and guardian all my share of and in the estate now, being admin-  
 istered upon by her, under the direction of the Hon. the County Court of  
 Dallas County, Texas, numbered No. 2535 and styled "Estate of Joseph Watkins  
 et al" and I hereby release and discharge her the said Mrs. M. J. Kennedy in  
 full from any and all claims and demands, which I now may have or ever have  
 had on her, on account of said estate and her guardianship thereof.  
 Witness my hand, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1903.

*J. Joe Watkins*

The State of Texas )

County of Dallas ) Before me, the undersigned authority on this day pers-  
 onally appeared *Joseph* Watkins, known to me, to be the person, whose name  
 is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me, that he  
 executed the same for ~~the~~ the purposes and considerations  
 therein expressed.

Given under my hand and official seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of *March*  
 A. D. 1903.

*Charles H. Gray*

Notary Public Dallas County, Texas.

\$6.00/100 Received Dallas Texas March 24<sup>th</sup> 1903 of  
 my guardian, Mrs. M. J. Kennedy the sum of six Dollars,  
 amount in full due me by reason of pension certificate  
 495-268, U.S. Pension office, as minor child of the late Joseph  
 M. Watkins dec'd.  
*Joseph Watkins*

The State of Texas )  
 County of Dallas ) I, Pearly Barbee, formerly Pearl Watkins, being now  
 of lawful age, having intermarried with Ed. Barbee on the 16th day of Sept.  
 A.D. 1900, but being separated and living apart from him since the day  
 of November A.D. 1900, since which date I have resided and lived with my  
 mother, do hereby declare, that I have received of Mrs. Martha J. Kennedy,  
 my mother and guardian, all my share of and in the estate, now being admin-  
 istered upon by her, under the direction of the Hon. the County Court of  
 Dallas County, Texas, numbered No. 2683 and styled "Estate of Joseph Wat-  
 kins et al" and I hereby release and discharge her, the said Mrs. M. J. Kenn-  
 edy in full from any and all claims and demands, which I now have or ever  
 have had on her, on account of said estate and her guardianship thereof.  
 Witness my hand, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1903.  
 Pearl Barbee

The State of Texas )  
 County of Dallas. ) Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day  
 personally appeared Mrs. Pearl Barbee, formerly Watkins, known to me, to be  
 the person, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknow-  
 ledged to me, that she executed the same for the purposes and considerations  
 therein expressed.  
 Given under my hand and official seal, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1903.  
 Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

\$14.00 Received Dallas, Texas March 28<sup>th</sup> /th. 1903 of Mrs. Martha J. Kennedy,  
Guardian of Lewis Watkins et al. Minors, the sum of fourteen Dollars for medi-  
cal services rendered to her said wards.

Ray B. Wright M. D.

by Richard D. Gray

his Attorneys.

<sup>26</sup>60 Received Dallas Texas, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 1903 of Mrs. Martha J. Kennedy,  
Guardian of Lewis Watkins et al. Minors, the sum of Twenty Dollars  
Fine and Costs of Court paid by me, for her ward Joseph Watkins in  
Court Dallas County Texas as per Number 4452 on the Docket of said  
Court.

Robt B. Seay

Attorney at Law.

D<sup>r</sup> Ray B. Wright  
No 4918

Martha J. Kennedy

Dr Ray B. Wright  
No 4919

\$20.<sup>00</sup> Received Dallas, Texas, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1903 of  
Mrs. Martha J. Kennedy, guardian of Lewis Watkins et  
R. B. Seay et al. minors, the sum of Twenty <sup>and two</sup> Dollars for profes-  
sional services, defending her in the above numbered and styled two suits, pending  
in Justice Court, Precinct No 1, Dallas County Texas.

Richard D. Gray

No. 2583.  
 Estate of Lewis Watkins, et al.  
 DICTOS.  
 VOUCHERS  
 to Report, filed Sept. 30th, 1903  
 by Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, Guardian.  
*7 vouchers*  
 FILED  
 SEP 30 1903  
 FRANK J. HARRIS, Notary Public  
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No. 2583.  
 Estate of Lewis Watkins et al  
 minors  
 Martha J. Kennedy, guardian  
 Probate Matter, pending in Dallas County Court, Texas.  
 Received --- *Dallas, Texas*, September 28th, 1903, of Mrs.  
 Martha J. Kennedy, guardian of the Estate of the minors Lewis Watkins et al.  
 the sum of Ten Dollars, for professional services rendered her in the above  
 Estate in Probate Court, etc.  
 Attorney for Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, gdn.

OFFICE OF  
*A. W. May,*  
 Attorney at Law,  
 AND NOTARY PUBLIC,  
 OMBRELL BUILDING, 202 1/2 MAIN ST.

\$ 10.00

(ARTS. 2508, 2600, II. S. 1863.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } IN COUNTY COURT,  
County of Dallas } Dallas County, Texas.

Know all Men by these Presents:

THAT we, Martha J. Kennedy, formerly Holloclaw, as Principal,  
and American Bonding Company of Baltimore

as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto Ed. S. Lauderdale, County Judge  
of the County of Dallas, Texas and his successors in office, in the  
sum of Seven Thousand Dollars,

conditioned that the above bound Martha J. Kennedy  
who has been appointed by the County Court of Dallas County, Guardian of the

Estate of Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins,  
Doctor C. Watkins & Pearly Watkins

minor, will faithfully discharge the duties of Guardian of the Estate of the  
said minor, according to law.

WITNESS our signatures, this fifth day of December A. D. 1902.

Martha J. Kennedy  
American Bonding Company of Baltimore

By J. B. Adong Vice-Prest.  
Phillips Asst. Secy.

Approved this 5 day of December A. D. 1902  
R-613 H. D. Casby Spain  
ST Dallas County Judge,  
County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Dallas } I, Martha J. Kennedy  
do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Guardian of the Estate of  
Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins, Doctor C. Watkins and  
Pearly Watkins

minor, according to law.

[Signed] Martha J. Kennedy Guardian

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this fifth day of December A. D. 1902.

A. W. May  
Notary Public Dallas County Texas.

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GUARDIAN'S BOND AND OATH.

No. 2583

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP  
OF

Louis Watkins, Joseph Watkins  
Noble Watkins and  
Pearly Watkins Minors

BOND OF

Martha J. Kennedy  
Guardian

Filed the fifth day of December

A. D. 1902 and Recorded the

A. D. 1902 in the Probate

Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ County,

in Volume \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_

FILED  
DECEMBER 1902  
CLERK OF COURT  
Deputy

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy



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No 2580  
Estate Watkins minors

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1902.

On this day came on to be heard the motion of Martha J. Kennedy, former Holtzclaw, the guardian of the ~~estate~~ of the above named minors to be relieved of and have the bond heretofore given by her in the sum of \$100.<sup>00</sup> canceled, and in lieu thereof tender a new bond in the sum of \$2000.

The Court having considered said motion, is of the opinion, that the same should be in all things granted,

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bond for \$100.<sup>00</sup> heretofore given by Martha J. Holtzclaw on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1899 be and the same is hereby canceled and held for naught, and that the bond of Martha J. Kennedy in the sum of \$2000, which has been examined by the Court be and the same is hereby approved.

No. 2683

In County Court, Dallas County, Texas

Estate of Lewis Watkins et. al.)

Probate Docket, September 1903

minors )

Term.

Martha J. Kennedy, guardian )

To the Hon. E.S. Lauderdale, Judge of said Court:

Comes now Martha J. Kennedy, guardian of the person and estate of the above named minors and respectfully presents herewith her final report of the said Estate and the estate having been consumed, asks that the said account be examined and that upon approval of the same, she be discharged as guardian thereof and her bondsmen relieved from any further liability on her guardians bond.

Martha J. Kennedy, guardian

By A.W. MAY, her Attorney.

Receipts:

None since last Report of Dec. 22d. 1902.

EXPENDITURES:

1903.

March 24	For Cash to Pearl Watkins, as per Voucher attached	\$ 6.00
" 28	" bill paid Dr. Wright for medical services	" 14.00
" "	" " " " R.B. Seay, professional services	" 26.60
" "	" " " " A.W. May, defending 2 cases in J.P. Court	" 20.00
September	For maintenance and education of wards, 7 months @ \$30.00	\$ 210.00
	Total	\$ 276.60
	Attorney fee, as per receipt to A.W. May	" 10.00
	Balance of Estate in hands of your guardian.....	4.11
	Making the amount found due by guardian, on report stated \$ 290.71	

Oklahoma Territory)

County of Nowa Before me OJ Logan a Notary Public in and for Nowa County, Oklahoma Territory, personally came Mrs. Martha J. Kennedy, guardian of the Estate of Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins, Doctor C. Watkins and Pearl Watkins, minors, who being duly sworn, states on oath, that the foregoing account contains a correct and complete statement of the matters to which it relates.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of September, A.D. 1903  
Martha J. Kennedy  
OJ Logan  
Notary Public, Nowa County, Oklahoma Terr

*My Com Expires 7/17 = 1907,*

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No: 2595

Estate of Lewis Watkins et al.  
----- minors.

Final Report of M.J. Kennedy.

----- guardian.

FILED Sept. 30th. 1903.

Frank R. Shanks.

Clerk County Court, Dallas Co.

By ..... Deputy.

**FILED**

SEP 30 1903

FRANK R. SHANKS, Co. Clerk  
*F. R. Shanks*  
DEPUTY

*Jan 5 1904*  
*Examined and approved*  
*W. H. Lamberson*  
*by judge*

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No 2583

Estate of the minors  
Lewis, Joseph, & Pearl Watkins

In the County Court of Dallas  
County Texas, January 1903 Term  
Probate Docket.

To the Hon. Ed. S. Lauderdale, Judge of said Court:

Now comes Martha J. Kennedy, formerly Holtzclaw, guardian of the above named minors and respectfully presents herewith her account with the estate of said minors up to the date of the filing hereof, she having <sup>been</sup> unable heretofore to report as there hath been no estate to report upon.

She would further state that three of her wards are now of age, viz: Lewis Watkins, who became 21 years of age on Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1899, Joseph Watkins, on June 15<sup>th</sup> 1902, and Pearl Watkins by her having married Edward Barber, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1900

For Receipts:

On the 22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1902, your guardian received U.S. Pension Certificate No 495229 for herself as the widow of Joseph L. Watkins, U.S. and Joseph Watkins, Doctor C. Watkins & Pearl Watkins, minor children of said Joseph L. Watkins herself for \$1072.<sup>40</sup> of which sum she is entitled to \$676.<sup>00</sup> and said minor children, her wards to the balance, to wit: Joseph Watkins \$39.<sup>80</sup>, Doctor C. Watkins \$137.<sup>60</sup>, Pearl Watkins \$569.<sup>00</sup>, making a net amount due the estate of her said three wards of \$346.40 the other one of her wards, Lewis Watkins not being entitled to any pension, he having attained the age of 16 years, when application for pension was filed with the U.S. Commr of Pensions

By Disbursements:

To Costs of Probate Court	Dr. No 1	\$ 11.50	1155
" " " collecting claim, 5% on \$1022. <sup>40</sup>	" " 2	51.12	—
" maintenance-clothing, washing etc for Joseph to Dec 1902		240.00	—
" " " " " Doctor C. " " "		240.00	—
" " " " " Pearl " " " "		120.00	—
" cash paid Ann Bonding & Trust Co for bond	Dr. \$ 3	10.00	—
" Attorney fee	" " 4	50.00	2500
" 5% Commission on \$346. <sup>40</sup> Receipts		17.32	1134
" 5% " " " 122. <sup>67</sup> Disbursements		36.13	167
Total Disbursements		\$ 776.12	4569

showing the Estate indebted to your guardian in the sum of \$429.<sup>72</sup>  
 The assets now in hands of your guardian, belonging to the estate  
 of said wards consist of the share in the U.S. Pension Certificate  
 heretofore set out of Pearlly Barber only, at the rate of \$2.<sup>50</sup> per  
 month from November 4<sup>th</sup> 1902 which will terminate on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 day of April A.D. 1908, on which day she becomes the years of age,  
 the limit of minors pension, consequently will then amount to  
 the sum of \$10.<sup>75</sup>, the pension of the other 2 minors Joseph and  
 Doctor C. having ceased on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1897 and 9<sup>th</sup> day  
 of July 1901 respectively, when they attained their 16<sup>th</sup> year.

Martha J Kennedy

The State of Texas } Before me, A. W. May, Notary Public, in  
 County of Dallas } and for Dallas County, Texas, personally  
 appeared Martha J. Kennedy - formerly Holtzclaw, guardian  
 of the estate of the minors Joseph Watkins, Doctor C. Watkins  
 and Pearlly Watkins, now Barber, who being duly sworn,  
 states on oath, that the foregoing account contains a correct and  
 complete statement of the matters to which it relates

Martha J Kennedy

Guardian of Joseph Doctor C. Pearlly Watkins, minors

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1902.

A. W. May

Notary Public Dallas County Texas.

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No 2583

Estate of Watkins, minors  
Charles J. Kennedy, guardian

Annual Report of Guardian

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R.H. Lee  
CLERK OF COURT

Disapproved

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N<sup>o</sup> 2580

In re: Estate of the minors

Lewis, Joseph, Doctor & W. Searly Watkins,  
M. J. Holtzclaw, guardian

In the County Court  
of Dallas County Texas  
So Probate Docket

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Ed. S. Lauderdale, Judge of said Court:

Now  
I, Anne Martha J. Kennedy, formerly Holtzclaw & Co. having  
since qualifying as guardian of her children, the above named  
minors Lewis, Joseph, Doctor & W. Searly Watkins re-married  
Harry Kennedy, and shows to the Court:

That she qualified as guardian of the above named  
minors on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1899 and gave a bond as  
such guardian on the same day in the sum of \$100.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> which  
was duly approved by the Court,

That she has been unable to make any report as to  
the estate belonging to her wards, heretofore, because there was  
no estate that has come into her hands,

That she has just now been informed, that a pension  
has been granted her as guardian of said minors, in the  
sum of about \$1000.<sup>00</sup>,

Wherefor she now tenders to the Court her bond  
in the sum of \$2000, and asks that the same be approved  
and put of record and that the former bond of \$100.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
be canceled and your guardian and her bondsmen be  
relieved from any further liability thereon.

A. W. May  
Attorney for A. J. Kennedy

No. 2583

Estate of Watkins  
*mixed*

Martha J. Kennedy,  
formerly Holtzclaw, *adm*

Representing next bond

**FILED**

DEC 5 1902

FRANK W. BLANKS,  
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT,  
BY *W. M. ...*  
Deputy

Recorded - 8-125



(Acts, 2098, 2099, H. R. 1800)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

IN COUNTY COURT,

County of Dallas

Dallas

County, Texas.

Know all Men by these Presents:

That we, Mrs. Martha J. Holtzclaw, as Principal,  
and \_\_\_\_\_

as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto Kenneth Force, County Judge  
of the County of Dallas and his successors in office, in the  
sum of One hundred Dollars,

conditioned that the above bound Mrs. Martha J. Holtzclaw  
who has been appointed by the County Court of Dallas County, Guardian of the  
persons and Estate of Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins,  
Doctor C. Watkins and Pearly Watkins

minors, will faithfully discharge the duties of Guardian of the persons and Estate of the  
said minors according to law.

WITNESS our signatures, this 8th day of March A. D. 1899

M. J. Holtzclaw  
B. L. Wilcox  
R. J. Scott

Approved this 20 day of March A. D. 1899  
(Q-163) M. J. Holtzclaw County Judge,  
Dallas County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dallas

I, Martha J. Holtzclaw

do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Guardian of the persons and Estate of  
Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins, Doctor C. Watkins and  
Pearly Watkins

minors, according to law.

[Signed]

M. J. Holtzclaw Guardian.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of March A. D. 1899

W. H. May  
Notary Public Dallas County Texas

GUARDIAN'S BOND AND OATH.

No. 2583

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP  
OF

Lewis Watkins, Joseph Watkins  
Doctor C. Watkins and  
Searly Watkins Minors.

BOND OF

Mrs. Martha J. Holtzclaw  
Guardian.

Filed the 20 day of mch

A. D. 1894, and Recorded the day of

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By W. Jackson County Clerk.

By J. H. Taylor Deputy.

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Richard W. Mendenhall 2583

The State of Texas } In County Court, Dallas County Texas  
County of Dallas } 20 March Term AD 1899.

To the Hon. Kenneth Force, Judge of the County Court of Dallas Co Tex.

Your petitioner, Mrs. Martha J. Holtzclaw respectfully shews to the Court, that she is the mother of the following named minors, her children by Joseph M. Watkins decd. her first husband, viz:

Lewis Watkins, a boy, aged 20 years, Joseph Watkins, a boy, aged 16 years, Doctor C. Watkins, a boy, aged 13 years, Pearl Watkins, a girl, aged 11 years, all of whom reside with petitioner, in the County of Dallas and State of Texas, and that they are without any lawful guardian of their persons or estate,

That said aforementioned minors, being the children of herself and the late Joseph M. Watkins are endeavoring to obtain a pension from the U.S. government by reason of their fathers service in the U.S. Army as a member of Troop E. 10th Penn Vol. Cav. an application for such pension having been filed by petitioner and which is now pending,

That the regulations of the pension office require her to be duly appointed guardian of her aforementioned minor children, before action can be had on her application;

That petitioner is not disqualified from receiving letters of guardianship, Wherefore she prays, that notice of this her application be given as required by law, and that she be appointed guardian of the persons and estate of the said minors.

Martha J. Holtzclaw  
by A. W. May, her atty.

No 2583

Estate of Watkins minor  
Application of Mrs. Martha  
Woltzlaw for letters of  
guardianship

**FILED**

FEB 23 1899

A. S. JACKSON, Clerk,  
County Court Dallas County,

By

*J. S. Darter*

*J. S. Darter  
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M. Darter*

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