

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

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NO WILL
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The State of Texas }
County of Dallas }

To the Honorable R. H. Keat Judge
of the County Court of Dallas County
Texas.

Your Petitioner would most
respectfully represent to your Honor that
James Bentley Late a Resident Citizen
of Dallas County Texas died at
the County of Dallas in the State of
Texas on the Day of
A. D. 1876. That four years has not
elapsed since the decease of the
said James Bentley that this Court
has jurisdiction of the said estate
of James Bentley deceased because
the said James Bentley resided
in said County of Dallas Texas
at the time of his death. ~~For~~
That Manda Bentley is by will of
the deceased made sole executrix
of his Last Will and Testament
that she is entitled to the letters of
executrix by being the surviving
widow ~~of~~ ^{wife} of the said James
Bentley and that the terms of the
Last Will and Testament of the said
Bentley nominates her as such
that she is not disqualified from

acting and receiving such letters of
 exequitry upon said estate by
 any of the terms provided to the Laws
 of the State of Texas, but in no way
 may well qualified

wherefore your petition is that
 that this application for letters of
 exequitry be filed and that the
 clerks of this Court give the notices
 required by Law to such ~~cases~~
 and that at the next term of this
 honorable Court that a trial be
 had herein and that said will
 be fully proved up and ~~attested~~
 and that said letters be there
 granted as in and to the will
 ever pray

M. Stearns
 Payne & Payne for
 applicant.

Separate

An appraisement Bill of the estate of
James Bently deceased made this
the 36th day of September 1878 made
and by the request of Mrs Amanda J
Bently Executrix of said estate

1 Gold watch & chain appraised at \$75.00

1 Horse appraised at \$125.00

1 Buggy appraised at \$150.00

1 Set of buggy Harness appraised at \$15.00

1 Piano forte appraised at \$250.00

Quit half of Lot 6 in Blocks

4 in the original Town of Dallas \$1000.00

Appraised at \$

J P Butlers obligation for debt

\$ 180 acres of land in Dallas County

Tex as appraised at \$1000.00

50^{3/4} acres of land in Dallas Co Tex.

by deed from C & G Child to J Bently \$20.00

Appraised at \$250.00

320 acres of land in Dallas County

Tex as by deed from C & G Child

to J Bently appraised at \$1500.00

a small fraction of land on

Commerce Street in Bencoy

addition to the City of Dallas

Appraised at \$20.00

Home & Bed & Kitchen furniture \$ 50.00

The State of Texas

County of Dallas

This day personally appeared

before me: the undersigned authority
 W. H. Thomas and James Patterson two
 of the appraisers of the separate estate of
 James Kinley deceased who after
 being duly sworn say that they to
 the best of their ability did appraise
 the property shown to them as the
 property of the deceased and set the
 value thereof appraisers of each
 item as specified in the foregoing
 appraisement.

J. M. Patterson

W. H. Thomas

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the
 26th day of September A. D. 1878.

A. Hearwood C. Clerk
 By W. H. Thacker Clerk

The State of Texas,
County of Dallas.

I Amanda J Bentley
do Solemnly Swear, that the Writing
which has been offered for Probate
is the Last Will of James Bentley
deceased so far as I know, or
believe and that I will well and
truly perform all the duties of
Executrix of said Will of the said
James Bentley deceased.

Mrs. Amanda J. Bentley
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this
the 25th day of September A. D. 1878.

A. Harwood Co. Clk.
By W. H. Thacker, Deputy.

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Appraisement
Will of J. Bentley
See

Filed Sept. 26th 1878.
A. Harwood Co. Clk.
By W. H. Thacker, Deputy.

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✓ 344 ✓

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

James Bentley deceased.

Amanda I. Thompson has filed, in the County Court
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *James Bentley* deceased,
the Records Books having been burned at ^{Court House fire on the 12th Feb. 1880} deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in
July A. D. 188³, at the Court House, in the City of Dallas, at which
time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Application if
they see proper.

W. H. Hughes
WITNESS, ~~A. HARWOOD~~, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office
in the City of Dallas, this *28th* day of *May*
A. D. 188³.

W. H. Hughes
A. HARWOOD, County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas,

By *L. H. Hughes* Deputy.

200.344
Estate of
James Bentley
deceased.
List of Executors
Filed Sept. 20th 1898.
By *H. Harwood* C. C. Ck.
By *M. H. Hughes* Deputy.
✓
Over filed
cases

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of
James Beutley deceased.

James Beutley has filed, in the County Court
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *James Beutley*, *deceased*,
the Records books having been *burned at Court House* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in

A. D. 188 , at the Court House, in the City of Dallas, at which
time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Application if
they see proper.

WITNESS, A. HARWOOD, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office
in the City of Dallas, this _____ day of _____
A. D. 188 .

A. HARWOOD, County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas,

By _____ Deputy.



COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

James Beutley
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of
Will and Letters.

Issued this *28th* day of _____ 188 *3*

Wm. G. Harwood
A. HARWOOD, County Clerk.

By *Wm. G. Harwood* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand the _____ day of _____
188 , and executed the _____ day of _____
188 , by posting up three copies of this Will at
three public places in Dallas County, one of which
was the Court House, Door of said County.

Wm. G. Harwood
Sheriff, Dallas Co.

By *Wm. G. Harwood* Deputy.

Paul S. Griffin
Recorder

The State of Texas, G. J. open
County of Dallas. Court.

This day personally
appeared in open Court
John M. Stimmans and
J. P. Murphy who after being
duly sworn say that they
were well acquainted
with the Hand writing of
James Bently Deceased
in his lifetime and that
the Last will and Testament
of the said James Bently
Deceased now shown to them
in open Court is wholly written
by the said James Bently
and that the entire will
including the signature is in
the Hand writing of the said
James Bently Deceased.

John M. Stimmans

J. P. Murphy

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court
September 21st A. D. 1878.

A. Harwood, Co. Clerk
By W. H. Thacker, Deputy.

No 344 —
In the Matter
— of —
James Beutly
Accused

Application to revise
will and papers &
have same Re Records

Filed March 21st 1888
White Hill Ark
By W. H. Beutly

Notice Issued May 25th 1888
and given to W. H. Beutly

Recorded on 23rd

L. H. Harris agt
& atty

In Re -

James Beutly Decd }
 Dallas County Tex }
 In Probate }
 March 31st 1888 }

To Hon R. E. Burke Judge of County Court
 Dallas County, sitting in Probate

Your petitioner ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{sole} ~~sole~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{legal} ~~legal~~ ^{representative} ~~representative~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{said} ~~said~~ ^{James Beutly} ~~James Beutly~~ ^{deceased} ~~deceased~~ ^{formerly} ~~formerly~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{Dallas County, Texas} ~~Dallas County, Texas~~

Executrix of said Estate by her agent
 and attorney in fact - respectfully
 represent unto your Honor - that
 whereas on the 4th day of February
 1880 - the Court House at Dallas
 Texas was partially destroyed by
 fire and among other things destroyed
 by fire at said Court House the County
 Record book of wills & Testaments
 and which was recorded in said -
 Record of Wills & Testaments the last
 Will & Testament of James Beutly -
 deceased also certificate of proof
 and admission to record of said
 will bearing date June 20th 1877 &
 which was proven up in your Honor's
 court on the 21st day of September 1878 by the
 evidence of Mrs W. Stemmons and J. P.
 Murphy as witnesses - whose oath &c are
 now on file in said Court and now here
 shown to the Court & which was duly recorded
 book 74. as well as all other papers to wit
 application to prove up the will and
 Testament filed Sept 5th 1878 recorded
 416 & 417 oath of Executrix filed Sept 25th 1878
 Recorded 74 - Inventory of the Estate of
 James B. Beutly deceased filed Sept 26th 1878
 & approved Sept 28th 1878 - also
 appraisement Bill of said James
 Beutly Decd filed Sept 26th 1878.

wherefore petitioner respectfully asks of your Honor for an order of your Honor Court for leave to file all the original papers as well as the last will and testament & proof of same for record as the law directs the said original papers filed as well as the said last will and testament all having been duly saved and preserved from destruction by the burning of said Court House all of which is respectfully submitted

Amanda L. Thurmond
 formerly Amanda Bently
 widow of James Bently
 deceased
 Executrix of said
 James Bently
 deceased

L. F. Harris
 agent & atty

The State of Texas
 County of Dallas } Personally appeared
 before me the undersigned authority L. F. Harris agent & attorney of Mrs. Amanda L. Thurmond formerly Amanda Bently Executrix of James Bently deceased and after being duly sworn upon his oath says that the matters and things as stated in the above and foregoing is true & correct to the best of his knowledge and belief & that upon the information of others he believes to be true

Sworn to and subscribed L. F. Harris atty
 before me on this 3 day of March
 A. D. 1853
 Wm. Hill Clerk
 By W. H. Prater

separate
 inventory of the estate of James
 Bevelly was made by Amanda J.
 Bevelly, executrix, assisted by W. H.
 Thomas James Peterson of E. Bevelly
 Sept 25-1898.

East half of Lot No 6. in Block No 4. in
 the original Town of Dallas with house
 situated thereon;

J. P. Butlers obligations as Little Creek
 estate 180. acres. in the Levi Dixson
 League.

50⁰⁰/₁₀₀ acres of land by deed from
 C. A. Clint, to James Bevelly; Part of the
 Levi Dixson League.

320 acres. Deed from E. L. Huffman
 to James Bevelly.

Small fraction of land on Commerce
 street in the Bevelly addition to the city
 of Dallas.

1 Carriage, Buggy ~~Wagon~~

1 Harness

1 Primus Stove;

1 Lot of Home Hall Hitcher furniture

1 Note for \$700.00. Dated Jan 1st 1878.

Due Jan 1st 1879. Interest 12 per cent.

on J. V. Berrisdaffer.

Transferred by E. L. Huffman to J. Bevelly

1 Note for \$778.00 Dated Jan 1st 1878

Due Jan 1st 1880. 12 per cent. last on

J. V. Berrisdaffer, Transferred by E. L. Huffman to J. Bevelly

1 note for \$500 dated April 25 1878
due May 15 1879. Interest 10 percent
on Jacob Voelkle, endorsed
by E. B. Huffman to James Bentley.

1 note for \$100.00 dated April 25 1878
due May 15 1880 interest 10 per
cent. on Jacob Voelkle endorsed
to James Bentley by E. B. Huffman

1 note \$35800 Jan 15 1878
due 20 months after date 10 percent
interest liquid Lien by endorsed
by E. B. Huffman & J. Bentley.

2 notes on H. W. Sherman for \$21333 1/3
dollars each, all dated November
16th 1877. With 10 per cent sub. first due
Jan 15 1879 second due Jan 15
1880 third due Jan 15 1881.
all made payable to J. Bentley.

1 note on John H. Hays, for \$500
int. at 12 percent dated Oct 8th 1877
due Oct 8th 1879 payable to Bentley
1 note on W. H. Price, for \$1800.00 dated
Sept 22nd 1877 ten per cent last due
15th Jan 1878. Cred with \$500 Aug 5th
1878. Payable to J. Bentley.

Credit on H. W. Sherman's obligation for
\$13500 as rent of land for the 1878.
Payable to J. Bentley, on the 15th of
Oct 1878.

1 Gold Watch & Chain.

1 note on J. W. Sherman for \$5000.00
on deposit of Exchange Bonds
as collateral security.

Mrs. Amanda J. Bentley Ex. & Co.

The State of Texas,
County of Dallas.

This day personally
appeared before the undersigned
Authority, Amanda Bently
~~Superintendent of the estate of~~
James Bently deceased and
says that the above and foregoing
is a full and complete inventory
of all the separate property of
the said deceased that has
come to her knowledge, and
that she is unable to now furnish
a list of the indebtedness of the
said deceased.

Attest, D. N. Harwood
Sept. 27th 1878. County Clerk.
By H. H. Thacker, Deputy.

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Inventories of
the estate of James
Bentley decd

Filed Sept. 26th 1878.
H. Harwood, C. CLK.
By W. H. Thacker, Deputy.

affirmed
Sept 28th 1878
H. Harwood
C. CLK.

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