

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

Case Number 1642

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The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of

*John P. Meredith*  
*Deceased*

~~KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, \_\_\_\_\_  
as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dallas, and  
his successors in office, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound \_\_\_\_\_, who has  
been appointed \_\_\_\_\_  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.  
WITNESS our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189\_\_\_\_~~

(SEAL)  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the last will of *John P. Meredith* deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will

*Mary L. Meredith,*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *10* day of *Nov*, 189*4*

*L. H. Hughes*  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By *A. Jackson* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *John P. Meredith* deceased:

*Mary L. Meredith* has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said *John P. Meredith* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which application will be heard and acted upon by said Court, at the next term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, State aforesaid, and commencing on the first Monday in *November* A. D. 189*4*, at which time and place all persons interested in said Estate shall appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

WITNESS: L. H. HUGHES, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Dallas, this *5th* day of *September* A. D. 189*4*

L. H. HUGHES,  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.

By *A. Jackson* Deputy.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S <sup>oath</sup> ~~BOND~~

ESTATE OF  
*John P. Meredith*  
Dec'd

Filed *Nov 10* 189*4*

*S. P. Scott* Clerk,  
*W. M. Johnston* Deputy.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189*4*

County Judge, Dallas County.

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A. D. Aldridge & Co., Stationers, Printers and Binders, Dallas

*1906*

No. *1937*

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
*John P. Meredith*  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters.

Issued this *5th* day of  
*September* 189*4*

L. H. HUGHES, County Clerk.

By *W. Jaenson* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *5* day of *Sept*  
189*4* and executed the *5* day of *Sept*

189*4*, 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.

*Wm. C. Coburn*  
Sheriff, Dallas County.

By *J. L. Lewis* Deputy.  
*Dursey Printing Co., Dallas, Texas.*

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State of Texas  
County of Dallas

In the County Court of  
Dallas, County, Texas.

To the Honorable J. F. Nash Judge of said Court:

Now comes Mrs. Mary L. Meredith, a citizen of Dallas County, Texas, and makes this application for the probate of the Will of John P. Meredith, and respectfully shows that heretofore, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> That John P. Meredith departed this life, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1894, at his residence in Dallas County, Texas.

2<sup>nd</sup> That at the time of his death and for a number of years prior thereto, the deceased resided in said County and State aforesaid.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the deceased left an Estate consisting of Real and Personal property, situated in Dallas County, Texas, of the probable value of Seventy Thousand Dollars.

4<sup>th</sup> That the deceased left a Will, by the terms of which your petitioner Mary L. Meredith of Dallas County, Texas, is appointed sole Executrix of his Estate.

5<sup>th</sup> That your petitioner, the said Mary L. Meredith, is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary upon said estate.

Petitioner further shows that said Will was duly executed and witnessed and is hereto attached and made a part of this application.

Wherefore she prays that citation and notice issue, for judgment approving and probating said Will and ordering the same recorded and

Meredith recorded in 30 pages 1074 of Dallas County Records of Deeds. Together with all and singular the rights, merits and appurtenances to the same in any

all then necessary orders in the premises, and  
in duty bound will even pray.

Robt. B. Allen

Atty for Applicant

State of Texas,  
County of Dallas

Know all men by these presents that O. J. D. Meredith of the County of Dallas and State of Texas, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

First - I desire and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient.

Second - I give, bequeath and devise to my honored parents R. H. Meredith and M. B. Meredith his wife, all my half interest in a certain undivided tract of land the same being now occupied by my said parents as their homestead, and consisting of the following described parcels of land lying and being situated in Dallas County Texas to wit: One tract containing Two Hundred and Eighty Acres of the James Pringle Survey, about four miles South West from Dallas; also a tract containing twenty acres, and being a part of the Thomas Chesler Survey. The whole containing Three Hundred Acres, and being more fully described in deed from R. H. Carter and Wife to R. H. Meredith recorded in Vol. 30, pages 147-9 of Dallas County Records of Deeds - together with all and singular the rights, tenures and appurtenances to the same in any

manus belonging, free from all charges or limitations whatever in fee simple, to dispose of as they may wish.

Third - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Lou Meredith, all my household furniture, tools and fixtures and the property now occupied by myself and my beloved wife as a home in West Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.

Fourth - Of the residue of my property, consisting of money in Bank, notes, accounts and real estate, all property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be, I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Mary Lou Meredith, one entire half interest, to have and to hold to her and her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. The remaining half interest, I give and bequeath in equal and live shares to my brothers and sisters, and the heirs of my deceased sister, viz. H. C. Meredith, Robert L. Meredith, and Lela Stacks, an equal share to be divided between the three children of my deceased sister Mrs. L. J. Williams, each of them to have and to hold his or her separate share to his or her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.

Fifth - I constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Mary Lou Meredith, sole executrix of my will, and I direct that no security shall be required of her as executrix.

Sixth - It is my will that no other action shall be had in the County Court in the administration of my estate



Sixth. It is my will that no other  
action shall be had in the County Court  
in the administration of my estate,  
than to prove and record this will,  
and to return an inventory and ap-  
praisements of my estate and list of  
claimants and I authorize and empower  
my said Executor to sell and dispose  
of any portion of my estate, real or personal  
at public or private sale, and in the  
manner that may seem to him best,  
for the purposes of paying my just  
debts, and the legacies herein by me made.  
Saving and excepting however, from  
such sale and disposition, that portion  
of my estate herein specifically devised.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July  
A. D. 1842

J. P. Meredith

The above instrument was read  
here subscribed by J. P. Meredith the  
testator in our presence, and we at his  
request, and in his presence, sign our  
names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Wm. G. G. G.  
Wm. G. G.

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Application for  
Grant of Will of  
Mrs. D. M. Wood

Will

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L. H. HUGHES  
Notary Public

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Wm. D. C. M.

... testimony of Mrs. D. M. Wood being given  
no such by the testimony of Dr. C. H. Sherman one  
of the subscribing witnesses & there is together with  
the Probate thereof & the will of Mrs. D. M. Wood as  
the last will and testament of the said Mrs.  
D. M. Wood deceased. Mrs. M. M. & M. M. M.  
are appointed Executors without Bond and  
Mrs. M. M. M. & M. M. M. are appointed appraisers  
Nov-10-1884 J. B. French Co. Judge

In Re Estate of Will of J. P. Meredith. deceased. 3

Personally appeared, C. H. Sherman, who upon oath stated that he is a citizen of Kendall County, Texas, and was acquainted with J. P. Meredith formerly of Kendall County, Texas, and who died in Dallas County, Texas, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1894, leaving an estate consisting of Real and Personal property, in the County of Kendall, State of Texas, of the probable value of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000<sup>00</sup>). Affiant further stated that the paper exhibited and attached to the application filed herein, to probate the same, is the last Will and Testament of J. P. Meredith, deceased, the same being dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1892 that at the time of making the same, said J. P. Meredith was over Twenty One (21) years of age and of sound mind. Affiant further stated that the ~~same~~ <sup>testator</sup> signed said Will in the presence of affiant and the witness C. M. Boran, and at the time declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and requested affiant and said C. M. Boran, the said witness, to witness the same, and that affiant and said C. M. Boran, signed said paper as witnesses, at the request of and in the presence of J. P. Meredith, deceased, and in the presence of each other, and that each of said witnesses are past the age of Twenty One (21) years.

Devon to and under seal of the <sup>in open court</sup> Court on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1894.

C. H. Sherman  
L. H. Houghton Clerk of Court, Dallas Co. Texas  
By Affiant's Deputy

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No. 1937

Estate of J. P. Menditt  
Deed

Proof of will

FILED November 10, 1937  
L. N. HUGHES, Clerk, County Court  
By As Jackson  
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The State of Texas,

County of Dallas:---: No. 1987. Estate of John P. Meredith, deceased.

I, L. H. Hughes, County Clerk in and for said County, hereby certify that on the loth day of November A. D. 1894, by the County Court of said County, having exclusive jurisdiction over probate matters, Mrs. Mary L. Meredith was appointed Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of John P. Meredith, deceased, without bond, as is by the terms of said will provided and it was ordered that the clerk issue to her letters testamentary upon her taking and subscribing the oath required by law, and the said Mrs. Mary L. Meredith having taken the oath prescribed by law, she is duly qualified and fully and legally authorized and empowered to act as the Executrix of the last will and testament of John P. Meredith, deceased,

Witness my hand and official <sup>seal</sup> at office in the City of

Dallas, this the 8th day of June A. D. 1895.

L. H. Hughes, County Clerk in and for

Dallas County, Texas.

By as Jackson Deputy.



1 In the matter of the Estate of County Court of Dallas  
2 of John P. Meredith, deceased of County, Texas.

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4 Now comes Mary S. Meredith, Executrix, and  
5 files the following inventory and appraisement of  
6 the property, real and personal, and list of claims,  
7 belonging to the Estate of John P. Meredith, deceased.

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9 Real Estate

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11 ~~Block~~ Block No 76 according to  
12 Murphy & Pichang Official map of the City of  
13 Dallas situated on the North East corner of  
14 Main and Adams Street - facing 50 ft on  
15 Main St and running <sup>back then width</sup> 100 ft. \$32500.00

16  
17 2<sup>nd</sup> Lot No 475 of Block No 1 of Franklin  
18 Heights according to revised map of same  
19 recorded in the Records of Deeds of Dallas  
20 County, Texas. Being situated on the North  
21 West corner of Clappan Ave and Prairie St  
22 in West Dallas Texas (284 X 304 ft) 2000.00

23  
24 3<sup>rd</sup> An undivided one-half interest  
25 in that certain tract of land situated  
26 in Dallas County, Texas the same being a  
27 part of the North Half of Section No 26  
28 Township 1 South Range 1 West con.  
29 containing 240 Acres more or less,  
30 known as the 1/2 acre rights of James  
31 Redger - Also an undivided one-half  
32 interest in a 200 Acre tract of land

1 Spring about two (2) miles Northwardly  
2 from the above described tract, and  
3 being a part of the Thomas Shaker  
4 Leander's Survey. Both of said tracts  
5 containing 300 Acres more or less  
6 and both being more fully described  
7 in said Grant N. E. Smith T. of P.  
8 Merrett, or under in Book 83 page  
9 547 Records of House No. of Dallas  
10 County Texas \$8750.00

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12 4<sup>th</sup> Lot No 26 in Block B of P. A.  
13 Transfield Addition to the City of  
14 Dallas Texas as per map or under  
15 in Vol. 74 pages 366 & 367 of the  
16 Records of House No. of Dallas County  
17 Texas being on Hickory St. between  
18 Corvay St and Park Avenue - and  
19 fronting South East on Hickory St  
20 50 ft and running East seven width  
21 140 ft to 16 ft alley \$400.00

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23 5<sup>th</sup> Lots No 5 & 6 in Block B-458  
24 according to Map by Polansky  
25 Official map of City of Dallas Texas \$400.00

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27  
28 Personal Property

29  
30 Cash on hand \$739.40  
31 Couches & other Furniture 1000.00  
32 Horse 50.00

1 Buggy and Harness \$25.00

2 Ten (10) Shares \$100<sup>00</sup> each in the

3 Capital Stock of the National Exchange

4 Bank of Dallas Texas do \$900.00

5 One Share of \$200<sup>00</sup> in the Capital

6 Stock of Dallas Hunting & Fishing Club - \$100.00

7 One Share of \$100<sup>00</sup> in the Capital Stock

8 of the Brown Box & Gun Association - 75.00

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10 List of Claims

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12 Note for \$500<sup>00</sup> executed by Geo S. Pugh

13 and Ann E. Pugh - dated July 2<sup>nd</sup> 89.

14 Int @ 12% payable semi-annually.

15 Due on or before two years after date -

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17 Note for \$100<sup>00</sup> executed by C. P. Langston

18 and B. Langston - dated April 2<sup>nd</sup> 94.

19 Int @ 10% - due on or before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 94 -

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21 Note for \$275<sup>00</sup> executed by H. E. O. Bryan

22 dated March 9<sup>th</sup> 1897. Int @ 10% payable

23 annually - due on or before 5 yrs after date -

24 Aggregate value of above claims \$400.00

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The State of Texas, )  
 County of Dallas. ) I, Mary L. Meredith & center  
 of the above named Estate, do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and  
 complete Inventory of all the property, real and personal, belonging to said Estate,  
 that has come to my knowledge.  
 Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1894  
Mary L. Meredith  
 Notary Public in and for Dallas Co Texas

The State of Texas, )  
 County of Dallas. ) Before the undersigned authority, this day per-  
 sonally appeared Will R. Allen, O. P. Bowers and Henry Lewis  
 Appraisers of the above named Estate, heretofore appointed by the Court, and each  
 being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing is a just and true apprais-  
 ment of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.  
Will R. Allen  
M. H. Lewis  
O. P. Bowers



21 Not for 270<sup>th</sup> execution by H. C. Bryan  
22 dated March 9<sup>th</sup> 1897. Int @ 10% <sup>Small</sup>  
23 annually based on or upon 5% or after date -  
24 Aggregate value of above claims \$400.00  
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The State of Texas, )

County of Dallas. )

I, Mary L. Meredith & centrix

of the above named Estate, do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Inventory of all the property, real and personal, belonging to said Estate, that has come to my knowledge.

Mary L. Meredith

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1897

Robt. B. Allen

Notary Public in and for Dallas Co Texas

The State of Texas, )

County of Dallas. )

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Robt. B. Allen, O. R. Bower and Henry Lewis Appraisers of the above named Estate, heretofore appointed by the Court, and each being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing is a just and true appraisalment of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.

Robt. B. Allen

H. Lewis

O. R. Bower

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1897

Robt. B. Allen

Notary Public in and for Dallas Co. Texas

No 1937

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County Court

Estate of  
John P. Meredith

Inventory and Appraisement

Filed 17<sup>th</sup> day of November

A.D. 1896.

L. H. Hughes Co. atty

By Jefferson Depley

Recorded

Examined and approved  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1896

H. F. Nash

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County Judge

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