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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of

J. M. Clark deceased.

Mrs Ada Rauch Clark has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of *J. M. Clark* deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the *first* Monday in *May* A. D. 188*9*, 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 W. M. C. HILL, 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 *March* A. D. 188*9*

W. M. C. HILL, County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas.

By *[Signature]* Deputy.

In the matter of the estate of
 J. N. Clark deceased
 Probate of Will -

Testimony taken in open
 Court upon the hearing of
 the application to probate
 the will of J. N. Clark deceas-
 ed and committed to writing
 at the time same is taken and
 subscribed in open Court
 by the witness S. Eagon M.D.
 Said witness Dr. S. Eagon being
 first duly sworn deposes and
 says that he is a practicing
 physician in the City of Dallas
 and attended the testator J. N.
 Clark in his last illness and
 that the testator J. N. Clark ex-
 ecuted the will on file and
 now here exhibited to him^{and}
 that he, said witness, at the re-
 quest of the said testator attested
 the execution of said will in the
 presence of the testator and in
 the presence of witness G. P. Lorman,
 by subscribing his name thereto
 in the presence of the said testator.

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 No. 909
 COUNTY COURT.
 ESTATE OF
 J. N. Clark
 Deceased.
 Notice of Application for Probate
 of Will and Letters
 Issued this 31st day of
 March 1886
 W. M. C. HILL, County Clerk.
 By L. W. [unclear] Deputy.
 SHERIFF'S RETURN
 Came to hand the 31 day of March
 1886, and executed the 31 day of March
 1886, by posting up three copies of this Writ at
 three public places in Dallas County, one of
 which was the Court House Door of said County.
 W. H. W. Smith
 Sheriff, Dallas County.
 By M. W. [unclear] Deputy.
 A. D. [unclear] & Co., Stationers and Job Printers, Dallas, Texas.
 Fee 300
 Recorded

tor J. V. Clark, and that the other
 subscribing witness, G. H. Plowman,
 at the request of said testator,
 attested said will at same
 time and in presence of said
 testator and officiant.

That said J. V. Clark deces-
 ed in his, said witness' presen-
 ce and in the presence of the other
 subscribing witness G. H. Plowman,
 signed said will as his last
 will and testament.

That said testator J. V. Clark
 deceased at the time of exe-
 cuting the will aforesaid
 was over twenty one year
 of age and married, that
 he was of sound mind
 and that he is dead and
 departed this life on the 25th
 day of March A. D. 1886
 and left, him surviving
 his wife Mrs Anna Ranch
 Clark and his infant child
 Earl Ranch Clark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th
 day of May 1886 - E. J. Pinner
 Clerk

G. H. Plowman witness being
 also sworn deposes and says
 That testator J. V. Clark de-
 ceased signed and executed
 the will on file & here exhibited
 in open court and that he
 signed same ^{on March, 15th 1886} in said affair
 presence and in the presence
 of Dr. S. Eagon and that he
 affiant and said witness
 Dr. S. Eagon at the request
 of said testator J. V. Clark and
 in his and each others pres-
 ence attested the signing and
 execution of said will by
 said J. V. Clark deceased.
 That said testator J. V.
 Clark at the time of execu-
 ting said last will and
 testament was over twenty
 one year of age and was
 married and that he was
 of sound mind and memory.
 That said J. V. Clark is
 dead and departed this life
 on the day of March A. D.
 1886 and left him surviving
 his wife Mrs. Ada Ranch Clark
 and his daughter Earl Ranch

Clark. That ^{in a few minutes} after the sign-
 ing of said will, ^{of said testator J. H. Clark} witness
 Thomas B. Notman came in
 and said testator acknowledged
 said will to have been signed
 by him and said witness
 also attested said will as
 witness to same.

Affiant states that said
 will is the last will ex-
 ecuted by said testator
 J. H. Plowman
 Sworn to & subscribed before me this
 6th day of May 1886
 C. J. [Signature]
 Co. Judge

Est J. H. Clark
 Dec 18
 1899

In the matter of
 application for
 probate of will of
 J. H. Clark

Testimony in same

Gives May 6th 1886
 W. M. [Signature]
 C. J. [Signature]

Recorded in
 Will Book C

Probate of Will.

Estate of J. N. Clark, Deceased. :: In County Court, sit-
 :: ting for probate and
 :: other like purposes.
 In :: At regular May Term
 :: This 6 day of May A. D.
 :: 1886.

On this the 6th day of May, A. D. 1886 in open Court and at the regular May Term thereof came on to be heard the application of Mrs. Ada Rauch Clark for the probate of a certain instrument in writing now produced in Court purporting to be the last will of J. N. Clark, Deceased; and the evidence, ~~and~~ statement of which, is filed in this case, being heard and fully considered by the Court, and no objection thereto being made, and it also appearing to the Court, ~~that~~ ^{that} due and lawful notice of said application has been given and ^{that} said will is a due and legal form.

It is ~~further~~ ^{be & same} ordered ~~and~~ ^{to} judged, and decreed, by the Court, that said instrument in writing ^{is} hereby admitted, probate and recorded ~~as~~ ^{as} the last will of said J. N. Clark, deceased, and it is ordered that ^{the} ~~testimony~~ ^{herein} be recorded in the minutes of this Court.

Exhibit A.

In the name of God Amen!
I J. T. Clark of the City and
County of Dallas State of Texas
being feeble in body & of sound
mind and disposing memory
do make and declare this last
will and testament, hereby
revoking any and all others
heretofore made by me
Item 1st

I name and appoint
my wife Oda Ranch Clark
executrix of this my last
will, without bond and
desire that no actions be taken
or had in the Courts in refer-
ence to my estate, beyond
the probating of this my last
will and testament
Item 2nd

I will and bequeath
to my wife Oda Ranch
Clark all my estate, real
personal or mixed, of what
soever nature and whereso-
ever situated to have and to
hold in fee

Item 3²⁰

I desire that my
 wife Etta Rauch Clark
 maintain and educate my
 child or children if any
 there be and that in the
 event of the death of my
 wife Etta, during the
 minority of said child, that
 the grandparents of the child,
 Jacob & Emma Rauch, have
 the care and custody of the
 child or children if any
 subscribed in } J. N. Clark.

Presence of }
 witnesses }
 }

G. H. Plonman

J. Egan,
 Thomas B. Hotman,

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

COUNTY COURT OF DALLAS
COUNTY SITTING FOR PROBATE
AND OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES.
MAY TERM A. D. 1886.

TO THE HONORABLE E. G. BOWER JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY COURT
PRESIDING.

THE PETITION OF ADA RAUCH CLARKE RESPECTFULLY SHOWS
THAT ON THE 25th DAY OF MARCH A. D. 1886 J. N. CLARK, LATE A RES-
IDENT CITIZEN OF SAID COUNTY OF DALLAS DEPARTED THIS LIFE, IN
and left him surviving, your petitioner and their infant daughter Earl Rauch Clark
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DALLAS, AND THAT IN HIS LIFE TIME TO WIT
ON THE 15th DAY OF MARCH A. D. 1886, THE SAID J. N. CLARK DECEASED
EXECUTED IN WRITING IN DUE FORM OF LAW, HIS LAST WILL AND TES-
TAMENT AND THEREBY DISPOSED OF ALL HIS ESTATE BOTH REAL, PERSON-
AL AND MIXED. THAT SAID ESTATE CONSISTS OF MONEY AND CHANGES IN
AND LANDS
ACTION OF THE PROBABLE VALUE OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
THAT SAID TESTATOR J. N. CLARK DECEASED, IN SAID WILL AND TESTA-
MENT, NAMED AND APPOINTED YOUR PETITIONER, ADA RAUCH CLARK, SOLE
EXECUTOR OF SAID LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. THAT YOUR PETITIONER
IS THE LATE WIFE AND RELICT OF SAID TESTATOR J. N. CLARK DECEASED
AND THAT SHE RESIDES IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DALLAS IN THE
STATE OF TEXAS. WHEREFORE YOUR PETITIONER ADA RAUCH CLARK COMES
AND FILES HER APPLICATION IN WRITING AND AS THE LAW DIRECTS, AND
PRAYS THAT DUE NOTICE THEREOF MAY BE GIVEN AND THAT, AT THE
NEXT REGULAR TERM OF THIS HONORABLE COURT, TO BE HELD IN AFORE-
SAID DALLAS COUNTY ON THE MONDAY IN MAY 1886, THE SAID
WILL OF SAID J. N. CLARK, ^{DEC'D} MAY BE ADMITTED TO PROBATE, SAID WILL
BEING HERETO ATTACHED MARKED EXHIBIT A' AND REFERRED TO AS A
PART OF THIS APPLICATION. PREMISES CONSIDERED, YOUR PETITIONER
WILL EVER PRAY & C.

Geo. H. Bloman
atly for Petitioner

No-909-
In re Estate
J. N. Clark
Deceased

Application for
Probate of Last
Will and Testament

Filed March 31st 1986
Dallas, Texas
By [Signature]
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Will recorded in
Will Book C page
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Recorded
L. H. Lowman
- atty. -