

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

Case Number 130

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The State of Texas,

DALLAS COUNTY.

County Court Pertaining to Estates.

January TERM, 18<sup>70</sup>.

To all to Whom these Presents May Come--Greeting:

KNOW YE, That

Principal, and

John H Cole  
James M Cole &  
Jos G Cole  
as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto

the County Judge of the county of Dallas, in the sum of

Twenty  
Five hundred Dollars, for the payment of which,

well and truly to be made unto the said County Judge, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed with

our hands, and sealed with our seals, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of

January A. D. 18<sup>70</sup>.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas the above bound

John H Cole  
has been appointed  
Administrator of the Estate of

John H Cole  
deceased.

Now, if the said John H Cole shall well and truly

perform all the duties required of him under said appointment, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

John H Cole



James M Cole



Jos G Cole



John H. Hale

Ex<sup>3</sup> Ex

Polly Hale dec'd

Filed Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

1871 J. M. Davis  
att

Fwd

Recorded

30<sup>50</sup> 10

Aug 21, 1871

of John H. Hale Executor of the estate  
of Polly Hale dec'd

In Opn with said estate  
By cash Recd =

Disbursed

1658 45	88 62		
476 00	03 81		
		8106 43	

Exhibit and Final Shewing

The state of Texas  
County of Dallas District court of said County sitting for Probate  
and other like purposes

February 3<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1871

To the Honorable

Judge of said Court presiding

John Hale Executor of the estate of Polly Cole late of said  
County. Respectfully submits to the consideration of your Honor  
the following Exhibit and final Shewing of said Estate

## Statement of Receipts &amp; Expenses in U.S Currency

DrCr

to amount of Sale of Personal Property as per order of Court & Sale Bill Returned	681 40
to amount Received on Notes of J. Cole	375 00
to amount Received of J. L. Cole	50 00
	\$1156 40

or to amount paid Croswell & Stephenson for Medical exp -	85 96
to amount paid S. S. Jones as per Receipt	24 28
by what paid of J. Cole as per Receipt	10 00
150 Dollars on hand in Treasury	\$120 24

## Statement of Receipts &amp; Expenses in Gold &amp; Silver Coin

DrCr

Dr to amount spent as per Inventory

or to amount as per Receipt Fred Walker for Burning clothes	3 25
to amount as per Receipt Brother Murphy	10 76
to amount paid J. L. Cole as per Receipt	8 00
to amount paid John W. Cole as per Receipt	20 00
to amount paid A. W. Morton for Coff... as per Receipt	12 00
	\$542 77

To Cash brought over	804.297
to amount paid Editor Dallas Herald w/o Receipt	5.25
to amount paid R. L. Vaughan Attorney for	15.00
to amount paid Commissioners for probate fees as per Receipt of J. M. Laws, Clerk	5.50
to amount of account J. M. Laws	11.60
to amount paid for incoming grain w/o Receipt	143.00
to amount paid for Paling's around grain	19.00
	<u>899.85</u>

Balances due me in Cash 8440.64

To J. McLees Cash Let speak under  
the name of John McLees well known  
as the son of J. McLees of this place.

In the State of Texas  
County of Dallas I do solemnly declare that  
of the best of my knowledge and belief  
I have given the true execution of the above  
and that I am well aware of such a County as cause  
any who being duly sworn before me & I am satisfied  
the foregoing is a full and correct exhibit to  
prove the accuracy of the present narration of said  
deed.

Swear to & subscribe 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March  
before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1871  
J. M. Laws  
Clerk

To the Clerk of Court for Dallas County  
County of Dallas by sum 1311 being for Extra  
and Extra Mileage

5 25  
15 00

5 50  
11 60  
43 00  
19 00  
\$77 85

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To the Honorable judge of the Circuit Court  
in said County

as follows Comes before the Commissioner of  
Probate on my Petition made before  
said County of Dallas wherein represents  
to the Court that he was appointed the  
wishes of said John Holley well & lastly  
intend to distribute the Estate under said will as  
will appear by his petition and said to  
his heirs & other legatees etc & that  
said Estate is now ready for distribution  
wherefore he prayeth that Commissioners be  
appointed to receive the Estate of the  
two deceased & that no charges  
from any & all further & are very humbly  
as Executor at your command

John Holley Esq

The State of Texas I know all now by Name  
County of Dallas } Presente that I Polly Cole  
Widow of John Cole deceased  
late of the County of Dallas and State of Texas  
being rather feeble of heathly byt sound of mind  
and memory do make and publish this my  
last Will and Testement hereby revoking all former  
wills by me at any time heretofore made

And as to my worldly estate and all the property  
of which I shall diecized and possessed or to which  
I shall be entitled at my decease I divide bytest  
and disposed in the manor following  
first I desire that my funeral expenses be paid  
and all my just depts that I may owe if any  
at my decease.

Second. My will is that the will made by my deceased  
Husband in his lifetime and dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
April A.D. 1848 and the Codicil thereto attached and  
dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1860 and Recorded in the  
Clarks office of the County of Dallas on the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
June 1860, Shall stand in all its parts and  
terms and have full force and effect and I do  
declare the same to be my will in all its parts the  
as if I had made it myself.

Third. I give devise and bequeath unto my crofted  
Son George W. Cole Five hundred Dollars

for his Support during life out of any money or effects that I have acquired since the decease of my said husband John Cole.

This said sum of Five hundred dollars I wish to be loaned at interest annually and the interest thereof applied to the Support of my said Son George W. Cole by the one of my children who may take the care of my said Son George W. Cole. It is my will that after my decease that if there is any other property Real or personal which has not been appropriated by the aforesaid last will and testament of my deceased husband and which shall not be necessary to acquire the aforesaid amount for the support of my Son George W. Cole that it be equally distributed among all my children except my said Son George W. Cole.

In testimony whereof I the said Polly Cole have to this my last will and testament contained on two sides of this Sheet set my name and affixed a Seal for my seal this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of ~~July~~ <sup>August</sup> 1861

Polly Cole <sup>her</sup> mark

Signed in the presence of Polly Cole and by her request as witness for her last will and Testament } John G. Cole  
} Stephen Tilley

State of Texas  
Dallas County

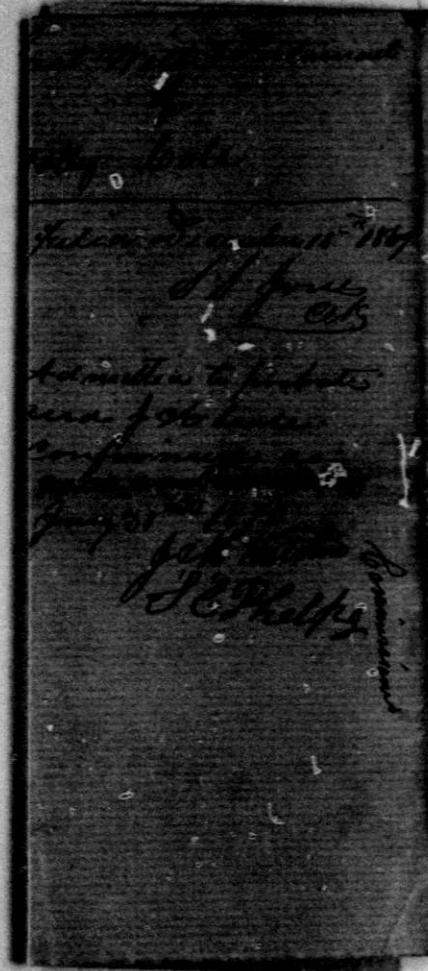
In District Court  
October Term 1878

John H Cole  
Esq.  
Polly Cole deceased

Now comes J E Bonner

Auditor to whom was referred the final account  
of John H Cole, as Executor of the Last  
Will of Polly Cole deceased and  
reports that he has examined the same  
and finds it correct and recommends  
the approval of the same

Respectfully submitted  
J E Bonner  
Auditor



The state of Texas  
County of Dallas

In Probate court docket 1869

To the Honorable Judge

your petitioner John

Hole a resident citizen of the County of Dallas and  
State of Tex. would respectfully represent that  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1869, Polly Hole  
widow of John Hole and a citizen of the County  
and State aforesaid, departed this life and having  
at the time of her decease Personal property and  
effects which she had heretofore made disposition.

It by a written will dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1861, which last will and testament is herewith  
filed, that it may be properly authenticated and  
Probated, and an executor appointed by the court  
to carry out the requirements thereof.

For all of which your petitioner in  
duty bound will ever pray etc

John Hole

Oct 58.

John H. Cole

Rec'd Report of  
Auditor

Polly Hole deceased

~~Probated~~

Dated Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1871

O. M. Davis Clerk  
By J. E. Coombes Deputy

The state of Texas I do solemnly swear to the County of Dallas I solemnly swear that to the writing which has been offered for probate is the last will and testament of Polly Cook late of Dallas County deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of executor of the said will

J. H. Muller  
Notary Public

Swear to and subscribe before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1870

J. G. Jones  
notary

MW53  
J. H. Muller  
To Petition to  
Probate last will  
of Polly Cook

Filed Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1869  
J. G. Jones  
notary

## The State of Texas.

TO ALL PERSONS interested in the ~~Estate of Polly Cole deceased~~  
~~John A. Cole Executor of the Estate of Polly Cole~~  
has filed in the District Court of Dallas County  
an application for ~~the Approval of his Final Exhibit~~  
which will be heard at the ~~next~~ Term of said Court,  
commencing on the first Monday in ~~October~~ A.D. 1871, at the Court-House thereof,  
in the Town of Dallas, at which time all persons interested in ~~the Estate~~  
of said ~~Polly Cole~~  
may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

WITNESS: JOHN M. LAWS, Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT  
at Office in Dallas, this 21 day of  
A.D. 1871.

*John M. Laws*

CLERK DISTRICT COURT D. C. T.

*By H. Roll Deputy*

## TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

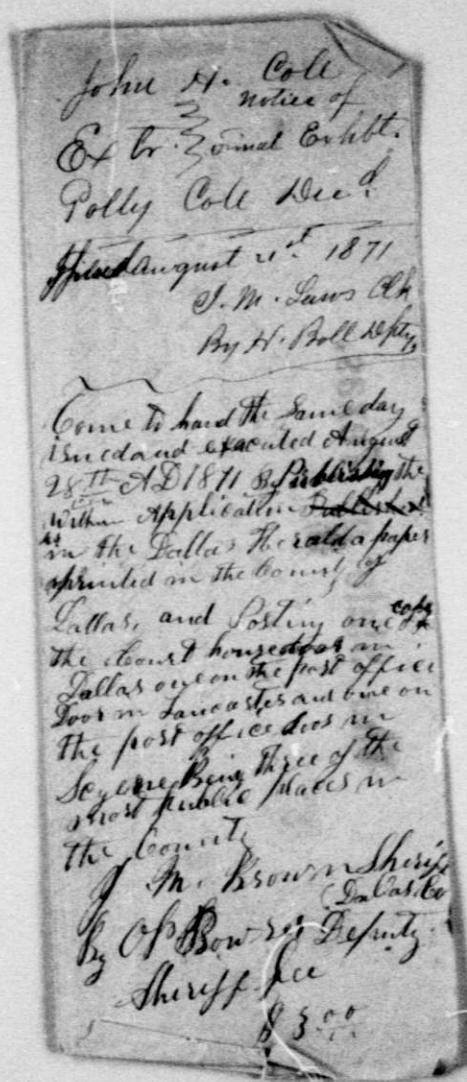
You are hereby notified, to be and appear before the County Court of Dallas  
county, in the State of Texas, at the next term thereof, to be held for probate and other  
like purposes, at Dallas, in said county, at the Court House thereof, on the last Monday  
in ~~Decr.~~ instant, (the same being the 27<sup>th</sup> day thereof,) then and there to  
show cause, if any you have, why ~~Laws~~ ~~The last Will and~~  
~~Testament of Polly Cole~~

late of said county, deceased, should not be ~~granted to~~ ~~Admitted to Probate~~  
~~J. Cole having~~ ~~when~~ this day filed with me ~~his~~ application  
in terms of law, praying that the same may then and there be done. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of

December A. D. 1869.

*J. S. Jones*  
Clerk of the County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Herald Print, Dallas, Texas.



Notice  
J. H. Cole.  
to Probate  
said wife  
Polly Cole deceased  
Filed Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
S. J. Jones Atk

The State of Texas, in the Probate Court  
County of Dallas, on March First, 1871

To the Honorable Chief Justice of  
Dallas County

The petition of John H. Cole, Executor  
of the last will and testament of the estate  
of Polly Cole, late of Dallas County, deceased,  
respectfully shows that there is in the  
possession of your petitioner a consider-  
able amount of personal property, belong-  
ing to the estate aforesaid, to wit,

2 sets of New  
40 Head of Stock Cattle  
41 Head of Hogs  
1 Wagon  
1 pair of Old Broadax  
3 pair Hams  
1 pair Bacon  
1 Flash Sheet Oats  
1 Cham & Pig Iron  
1 Pound Flour & Cereals  
1 Ham Hock  
1 Cow Sparer

And your petitioner further pleads  
that said property was with the  
testator & attention of your petitioner  
is liable to waste. Wherefore your

Petitioner prays your Honor to grant  
him an Order to Sell said property  
at the late residence of said  
decedent in said County and  
your petitioner will ever praye so

John H. Cole Jr.  
By Coughlan  
Atty

1053

John H. Cole Esq. Attk  
Jolley Cole

Application to  
Sell Deedable  
Property

Examination Due  
~~Opposed~~  
Opposing Plaintiff  
to be held on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of April  
next on a tract of  
six months.

From March 28, 1870.

J. J. Price  
att. 1870  
Approved and  
J. C. Phelps

The State of Texas In Open Court at  
County of Dallas the present time after  
after the required application and lawful  
notice thereof given as appears to the  
satisfaction of the Court. Came in due  
time John C Cole Executor of the  
last will and testament of Polly Cole  
deceased and produced therein for probate  
the said last will and testament of  
and one of the subscribers witnesses  
thereto, to wit, John C Cole who  
being duly sworn deposes and says  
that he saw Polly Cole the testatrix  
sign and affix her name to the instrument  
of her last will and testament bearing date August 31<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1861  
as her last will and testament  
freely voluntarily and of her own  
accord and without any compulsion  
or influence whatever. That at the time of executing said will  
the testatrix was of sound disposing  
mind and memory. That respondent  
signed said will as one of the witnesses  
thereto the other being Stephen Liley  
in the presence of said testatrix at  
her special instance and request  
and that they the subscriber witness  
signed said will in the

present of each other  
I am C. Cole  
Sworn to and Subscribed before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1870  
J. S. Jones  
Atk at 86 yrs

Recorded.

Opposite page 375  
John Hatch  
J. C. Phelps

Inventory and Appraisal of the Estate  
of Tally Cole late of Dallas County deceased

Two yacks over Valued at	90.00
40 head Stock cattle valued at \$ per head	200.00
111 head hogs - - - - -	52.00
one Wagon - - - - -	40.00
one pr old Breeching - - - - -	3.50
2 pr horses 1.25 one pr Dray horses 1.25	2.50
one Stock Sheep auto - - - - -	20.00
one piece of Chain and Brightener	1.00
one Shovel Plow and Glance	2.50
one Hand Saw - - - - -	.50
one Square	<u>50</u>
	<u>\$394.50</u>

The following Household property in  
the possession of S L Cole

Two Feather Beds Valued at	\$25.00
9 pillows 4.00 5 quilts 12.50	16.50
one counter top & Slugsitter Bar	2.50
one black 5.00 one round 2.00	8.00
one Book Shelf - - - - -	1.00
3 pictures & frames - - - - -	1.50
one Breadboard 1.00 one Table 1.00	2.00
one prop - 2.00 set plates .50	3.50
one St knives & forks -	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>\$61.25</u>

The following Household property in  
possession of M V Cole and valued at

Sixty one dollars and Twenty five cents

50 cent -

4 old old head Stands -

2 Small Feather Beads

2 old Bead ticks 3 Bead Quills

2 Sheets 2 Counterpins

5 pillows 4 pillow Slips

one Table cloth one Sheet 2 chairs

one pitcher 4 Tea cups one quart cup

one large tin cup one small tin Bucket

one water Bucket one washing Bucket

one pot one Tea kettle one small oven

one oil Can one Chamber pot

2 Fram pictures one Box

The foregoing articles were valued

all together at Sixty One dollars and Twenty

five cents

\$ 61 25-

Total amount

\$ 517 00

The State of Texas  
County of Dallas } we the under signed commissioners  
duly appointed by the probate court of  
Dallas County at its February Term 1870

do hereby certify that as far as was produced to us  
by the ~~Administrator~~. the above and foregoing  
is a full and correct inventory and appraisement  
of the Estate of Pally Cole deceased to the  
best of our judgment and understanding this the  
. day of March 1870 Isaac Cooley

J. F. Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> March 1870

S. J. Jones  
Clerk

best of our judgment and understanding this th  
day of March 1870 I. S. C. C. T. & Co.  
T. P. Williams  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> March 1870

S. J. Jones  
e/cb

Inventory and schedule of the Claims due and  
owing to the estate of Polly Cook deceased  
late of Dallas county and also amount of  
Money and hand-

deceased had in the hands of John H. Cook  
at the time of her death the amount of  
fifty two dollars & fifty cents in specie coin  
\$52.50

also in the hands of J. L. Cook  
in gold & silver coin  $\frac{544.50}{\$597.00}$

The Executor has paid out  
of the above amount for Burial expenses and  
procuring witnesses to probate will etc  
the amount of fifty four dollars & forty  
cents bondless for which will be filed

leaving the amount now in executors hands \$542.40

also one promissory note on James H. Cook  
for two hundred dollars with 10 percent in  
trust of date Jan 22-1868  $\frac{200.00}{}$

also one promissory note on James H. Cook  
for one hundred & eighteen dollars

of date Jan 22-1868 and with interest  $\frac{118.00}{\$860.40}$

The above comprises the money & claims of  
said estate except a claim against J. L. Cook  
of an uncertain amount

Total amount of Said Estate as per  
above Exhibit -- \$1392.40

The State of Texas  
county of Dallas} before me the undersigned  
orthority personally came John H.  
Cole Executor of the estate of Polly Cole  
deceased late of Dallas County who being  
duly sworn deposes and says that the above  
and foregoing is a full and complete Inventory  
of the property and list of claims of said  
estate that has come to my knowledge

J. H. Cole et al.

Swearne and Subscribed before me the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1870

J. J. Jones  
et al.

No 53

Given at Dallas 1870  
J. J. Jones

All

Inventory taken on 17th inst.  
170 \$170. More or less  
Appraisement \$100

Appraised Masters  
John H. Cole  
H. C. Phelps

John N Cole executor of the last  
will and testament of Bellay Cole and

In A/c with said estate  
on account of George W.  
Cole

Sept 25	By Cash paid for Clothing Board	\$0 10
" "	Nursing	50 05
" "	General exp	90 00
" "	Entertaining	34 25
		16 00
		<u>32 00</u>
		60

No 53  
John N Cole  
Exr of the  
estate of  
Bellay Cole

Petition  
Dated Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1811  
O D McSwain Atty  
By J. H. Coulter Esq.

The State of Texas District Court  
County of Dallas October Term 1871

To the District Court of  
Said County

The petition of John D. Cole  
Executor of the Last Will & Testam-  
ent of Pelley Cole late of Said  
County deceased, respectfully  
represents that by the terms of the  
Last Will & Testament of John Cole  
late of Said County deceased and  
the subsequent Said Last Will  
& Testament of the Said Pelley Cole  
the wife & widow of the Said John  
Cole, both of which Said Last  
Wills & Testaments are of record in  
the Office of this Court, provisions  
were made for the Care and Maintenance  
of George W Cole and Ida.  
and Children of the Said John  
& Pelley Cole, by directing that a  
certain amount of money be  
taken <sup>out</sup> of said estate and paid over  
to the Said George W Cole or his  
Guardian, and further that a sum  
of fifty dollars to continue during  
the natural life of the Said George  
W Cole, to be a charge upon

raised out of the rents of the Homestead farm of the said John & Polley Cole, he paid over to the said George W. Cole or his Guardian.

Petitioner further represents that no Guardian either of the person or Estate of Said Doctor has ever been appointed by the Court and that as a matter of necessity he after the death of the said Polley Cole to charge of Said Doctor and incurred for him necessary expenses to the amount of \$202.69<sup>00</sup> two hundred and two dollars and Sixty cents in Specie as is evidenced by account herewith filed. Monthly exhibit "X" which account he asks the Court to allow the sum of five dollars in specie (\$15.75<sup>00</sup>) which amount petitioner has collected on Said rental annuity and yet has on hand.

Petitioner further represents that about one and a half years (1 1/2) years after the death of the said Polley Cole, the said George W. Cole departed this life leaving no heirs save and except the heirs of

The said John & Polley Cole mentioned  
in the above instrument.

He departed his life leaving no  
heirs slave and except the heirs of

the said John & Kelley Cole mentioned  
in this said Test Mills & Testaments.

Petitioner further represents that  
Louiza El Cole <sup>one</sup> of the children & heirs  
of the said John & Kelley Cole, inter  
married with one A. J. Walker that she  
has since died leaving minor children  
to wit, John Elisabeth & Walter Walker  
who have no Legal Guardian of  
their estate.

The premises considered petitioner  
says that a Guardian ad litem be  
appointed for said minors, and that  
said estate be partitioned according  
to the terms of said wills, except  
that no further notice be taken of  
the said George W Cole's Share in <sup>Test.</sup> said  
than to deduct from the same or the  
aggregate of said estate the amount  
of the aforesaid account here with  
filed marked exhibit "X" as aforesaid

John W Cole  
By  
R.D.Claughanam  
Atty

The State of Texas, I John H. Hale executor  
County of Dallas, of the last will & testament  
of Sally Cole, do solemnly swear that this claim  
is not that nothing has been paid or retained  
toward the satisfaction of ~~Sarah~~ <sup>John</sup> Cole's claim, that  
there are no counter claims known to appear  
and that the sum claimed is ~~justly due~~ <sup>due</sup>

Subscribed this day of October 1871

John H. Hale  
By J. E. Conner, Notary

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The state of Texas County court of said County  
 Dallas County for probate & other like purposes  
 April June 1850

To the Honorable chief Justice of said county  
 Presiding

John H Cole executor of the estate of  
 Polly Cole deceased respectfully shows that at the  
 late residence of said Polly Cole in said court on  
 the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April instant by virtue of an order of  
 said court give the said John H Cole after due  
 and legal notice as the law directs. Sold upon  
 a credit of six months to the highest bidder  
 certain property of said estate a full and correct  
 account whereof is herein submitted to the consider-  
 ation of the court (to wit)

10 8 head of Hogs to I L Cole	16.50
6 head stock cattle to I L Cole	53.50
one wagon to I L Cole	55.00
one hand saw & spar to I L Cole	.50
one stone plow to I L Cole	1.00
one set of old Harness and harness to I L Cole	4.50
10 head hogs to M V Cole	12.00
13 head stock cattle to M V Cole	50.00
10 head Hogs to Milicent	7.00
one large Hogg to I Green	3.00
14 head Hogs to John May	13.25
2 two year old steers to John May	19.00
8 head stock cattle to Shetline	37.50
	<u>\$274.65</u>

Brought from first page	\$274.65
5 head cattle to Barnhart	31.25
cows and calf to Teate Night	9.00
one cow and calf to I M Cochran	11.50
2 cows & calves to Rose -	28.50
2 cows & calves to John Farns	24.25
2 cows & yearlings to Jim Cole Freedman	25.00
one yearling steer to Jim Cole Freedman	40.00
one yearling steer to G G Garrison	128.00
2 four year old steers W H Bates	28.50
10 head stock cattle to W R Smith	68.25
one cow Gill Night	12.25
one cow Freedman Rose -	9.25
one cow to I M Cole	1.25
3 cow calves to I M Cole	24.75
	<u><u>\$631.40</u></u>

The state of Texas,  
County of Dallas} Before me the undersigned  
orthority in and for said County  
came John H. Cole Executor of the Estate of  
Polly Cole deceased who being sworn  
deposes and says that the foregoing Report  
is a true and correct account of the sale made  
by him of Property of the aforesaid Estate  
of Polly Cole deceased

John H. Cole

Swear to and Subscribed before  
me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1870

J. J. Jones.  
ccy

John W. C. Coles <sup>1873</sup>  
Is 3 Sale Bill  
Polly Cole

Filed April 25<sup>th</sup> 1870  
S. J. Jones  
Clerk

Approved April  
the 26<sup>th</sup> 1870  
J. M. Hawley  
County Clerk

Recorded