

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

Case Number 11

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The State of Texas  
County of Dallas

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J. W. Latimer Chief  
Justice &c in and for the County and State aforesaid

Your Petitioner Richard Al-  
ston Owner of the Estate of John H. Alston hereinafter  
referred to as said decedent and all due to it have  
been paid and he herewith presents his account for final  
settlement. There is still remaining in the hands of  
said decedent six hundred and forty acres of land sit-  
uate on Rowlett Creek in Dallas County. Three hundred  
and fifty \$4000 dollars in Cash and Carry all Draygon ap-  
praised at 12.50 one Cow appraised at \$200

He prays for the issuance of the necessary notices to  
all persons interested in the final settlement of said  
estate. That he be allowed the sum of fifty dollars  
for services in the prosecution safe keeping and atten-  
tion about said estate. That his account be audi-  
ted & settled with such orders and decrees as may  
be necessary and he will ever pray &c

Richard Alston

Richardson Nelson Account of John H. Nelson's Estate

Acct for final settlement  
C.R.

As per Appraisement			On hand and paid out	
540 acres of land Nelson & Bradright	\$ 328.00		By 540 acres of land yet on hand	328.00
264 1/4 " " " part of Carey " "	264.25		" 1 Carryall Wagon 12.50, 1 Henry Cow 8.00	20.50
Note on Tucker & Page	99.00		" Amount account as per Annual showing Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> 53	33.00
1 Carryall Wagon	12.50		" Amount paid Berry Frost as per ac	14.50
1 Henry Cow	8.00		" " " Court costs " " "	11.30
			" " " John C Mc Coy " "	5.00
			" " " H H Valentian " "	45.30
Cash receipt of Sale Price on Appraisement			" 5 per cent Com on \$490. later in	24.50
on 264 1/4 acres of land sold Apr 5 <sup>th</sup> 1853 for owner	125.75		" " " " " 126.23 paid out	6.31
Interest on Note of Tucker and Page	1.00		Cash on hand	349.21 - 349.24
	\$ 838.50			118.72
			By amt paid as per ac	1.00
			" " " " " Court	15.58
			39 <sup>th</sup> day of May 1853	
			Wm. Frank apt et	\$ 838.04 1/2

Given to & Subscribed before me this

Richard D. Stoddard  
Notary Public  
39<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853  
Wm. Frank apt et

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Richard Alston  
County of John H. ...

To  
Petition & Sept  
Final Settlement

J. W. Latimer, Sheriff  
Austin, Blanco County

Filed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May  
1854  
W. M. ...  
D.C.

Approved May 29  
May 1854  
J. W. Latimer  
S. J. ...

Inventory & Appraisement Bill of the property  
of the Estate of John D. Alton Dec<sup>d</sup> Bond

One carroll wagon	at	\$19 <sup>50</sup>
One large cow	at	5 <sup>00</sup>
Two hundred and <sup>eighty four</sup> one fourth acres of land		495
Six thousand & forty acres of land		32000
		<hr/> 47475

One note on Robert Tucker & Berry Page  
for 99 Dollars to be discharged in young cows  
& and calves Also sixty Dollars in cash

State of Texas  
Dallas County Personally appeared before the  
undersigned Justice of the Peace in and  
for said County John Casey and Myself  
two of the appraisers for the Estate of John D.  
Alton Dec<sup>d</sup> and made oath that the fore-  
going is a true and impartial appraisement  
of the property of said Estate, as shown them  
by Richard Alton Alton

Given under our hands before me  
this 15th day of March 1852. Benjamin West  
Jacob West

Letter of James D. Dallas, Criminal  
I solemnly appears before the  
undersigned authority Richard Alton  
Adm<sup>r</sup> of the Estate of John D. Alton Dec<sup>d</sup>  
and swears said in due form of Law  
that the foregoing Inventory contains a true  
and correct list of all the property of said  
Estate that has come to his knowledge

Given by Oath, subscribed before  
me this 18 day of March 1852  
Jacob Nease, J. P.

Richard Alton

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Inventary &  
Appraisment Bill  
of Estate of J. D.  
Hester Dec 2

Approved 31<sup>st</sup> March  
1852

J. W. Stalimen  
Ch. Jus  
3 Feb 68

Filed 31<sup>st</sup> March 1852  
A. Harmon

Received 30<sup>th</sup> April 1852  
A. Harmon Clk  
By J. L. Linnell Clk



Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 51	over paid on settlement	15
Dec 1	1 blue blanket	3.00
"	1 Drachm quinine	1.00
"	1/2 gallon whiskey	50
" 25	6 yds Lowell's 4/4	75
"	12 " " Brown shirting	1.50
"	flax # spool thread	2.11
"	1/2 card shirt buttons	15
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 52	1 six gallon pot	2.50
"	2 oz macurial aintment	1.00
"	postage on letter	05
"	2 pair yarn socks 50	1.00
"	1 bottle surup squills	50
"	1 Bot pills	50
"	1 matraz	10.00
	Bord R survived rendered when sick & burial expenses	25.00
		<u>47.60</u>
		42.50
		<u>\$5.10</u>

Credits by work done on house	7.00
3,500 shingles 500 "	10.50
1 pony	25.00
	<u>42.50</u>

State of Texas  
 Dallas County  
 Personally appeared before the undersigned Court Clerk for the County of Dallas  
 H. K. Valentine, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing account is just and true and that all legal effects payments and credits known to affiant have been allowed

H. K. Valentine

Given to Subscribers before me  
 this 31<sup>st</sup> March 1852  
 J. H. Hammond

Also Sept. Aug. 1874  
of 21 3/4 cent paper

Account of Joseph  
W. K. W. W. W.  
\$5.30

Received of Edward  
1872 Richard W.  
W. W. W.

Approved of Edward  
1872 J. W. W.  
Chas. W. W.

The State of Texas Probate Court  
County of Dallas 3 December Term 1882

To the Hon. the County Court pertaining  
to the estates of deceased persons in and for the  
County aforesaid

Your Petitioner Richard Alderson  
Administrator of the Estate of John D. Alderson  
deceased would respectfully represent that  
in order to the payment of the aforesaid admittance  
as well as the payment of debts it is necessary  
to sell some of the property belonging to the  
aforesaid Estate; Your Petitioner would represent  
that it would be most advantageous to the  
interest of the aforesaid Estate to sell a  
tract of land in Dallas County containing  
two hundred and forty acres, which he thinks  
will be sufficient to pay all the debts now  
against said Estate together with the cost  
of administration — That it is impossible  
for him to give a correct list of the indebtedness  
of said Estate, from the fact that an  
attorney of Tarrant County has been employed  
to superintend the division of Certain lands  
held by Petitioner's intestate and other persons  
the list of whose fee for the aforesaid services  
being unknown to Petitioner —

Your Petitioner would further represent that  
from the peculiar situation of the aforesaid  
tract of land that he wishes to sell — he feels  
satisfied that it would be to the interest  
of said Estate to sell the same at private  
sale, and order for which he therefore prays

Your Petitioner humbly appears and estimates  
 of the expense of administration to gather such  
 a list of such claims yet due from the  
 estate, that have been presented for allowance &  
 amount that will be due the Probate Court of Dallas County  
 including clerk & chief Justice — \$15.00  
 Estimate attorney fee in Dallas County 50.00  
 one claim against Benj. Frost 14.60  
 -----  
 \$79.60

Your Petitioner would further state that his services as  
 commissioner of said estate are reasonably worth  
 the sum of \$20  
 all of which is respectfully submitted

Richard A. Weston  
 Commissioner to and subscribed in open Court

27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1862

A. Harrison

Richard Alston Administrator of the  
Estate of Mrs O Alston deceased  
in apt account with Lewis Estate  
Dr

To amt as per Appraisement  $\$ 534.75$   
Credited by  
Credited

By amt Court Cost  $\$ 7.00$   
By amt Attorney for said Burford  $20.00$   
By ~~burford~~ ~~for~~ ~~valuation~~  $4.00$   
" " Henry Byr  $1.00$   
" " Warren Harris  $1.00$

By 264 acres of land  $\$ 264.25$  + 640 acres of land  $\$ 54.25$   $\$ 318.50$

The undersigned has since his appointment  
accepted the following claims

one in favor of Perry Frost for  $\$ 14.50$   
one in favor of Henry H. Vallentin for  $42.50$   
~~one in favor of~~  $\$ 708.75$

all of which is respectfully submitted  
sworn to and subscribed  
in open court this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1853  
W. H. Pease

Richard Alston

APR 6 1853

In State of Texas In County Court  
County of Dallas Pertaining to Estate of deceased John

Your Petitioner Richard Alden Administrator  
of the Estate of John B. Alden deceased would  
respectfully represent that hereof at the ~~1st~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Term  
Term last of this Hon. Court, and order was passed  
authorizing him to sell certain real  
estate therein, which sale was to have  
taken place on the ~~first~~ Tuesday in February  
but owing to unforeseen accidents, your  
Petitioner was wholly unable to hold said  
sale, wherefor he prays for the prolonging  
of said order of sale so as to allow  
him to advertise and sell said real  
estate on the first Tuesday in April next

Respectfully  
Richard Alden

John D. Alston's Estate in  
 To D. S. F. Rose  
 1881  
 Dec 14 To 2,00 lent money 2.00  
 Jan 11 To 1 Comforter 3.00  
 " " To 1 days washing 4/ 50  
 " " To 4 weeks cooking at 2/ per week 1.00  
 " " To sewing 2.00  
 " " To 4 days work 1.75  
 17.75

State of Texas  
 Dallas County I, J. W. H. [unclear] appears before the undersigned  
 County Clerk for the County of Dallas, D. S. F. Rose, and being  
 by the said Rose declares that the foregoing account is just  
 and true and that all legal effects credits and payments  
 have been received.

Given to the said [unclear] before me  
 this 24<sup>th</sup> March 1882  
 A. H. [unclear]

D. S. Rose

Received Dallas Texas May 29<sup>th</sup> 1884  
 of John D. Alston Adm of the Estate  
 of Mrs Alston pr A. K. Volentine the sum  
 of Ten Dollars in full of my medical fee  
 against said Alston = A. D. Kree

1885  
 Rose's Dallas Exam April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884  
 Dallas Adm of the Estate of Mrs D. Alston  
 Exam? Five Dollars for services in making  
 Exhibit of April Term 1883  
 J. W. H. [unclear]

614 Received Dallas Texas April 24<sup>th</sup> 1854 of Richard  
 Alston administrator of the estate of John G. Alston  
 Deceased fourteen Dollars for holding bonds and a balance  
 on a bond  
 W. H. Frost  
 County Clerk

\$1130  
 No<sup>o</sup> Dallas Texas April 24<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 of Richard Alston ~~Admin~~ of the estate  
 of John G. Alston Deceased the sum of \$1130  
 in full of all costs of Court due in said cause  
 up to date -

W. H. Frost  
 County Clerk  
 Dallas Texas



Sale Bill of the Real property of John D. Alston  
Deed. sold. by order of the County Court of Dallas  
County, Tex. on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853  
To wit

260 acrs. of Land part of the Colonists  
headright of John Casey a Colonist in  
Peters Colony - transferred by s<sup>r</sup>. Casey to  
said Alston Deed.

" Sold to ~~William G.~~ Mathews for \$390.--

The State of Texas } Personally appeared in open  
Dallas County } Court Richard Alston, adm<sup>r</sup>. of  
the Estate of John D. Alston Deed, and made oath  
that the above and foregoing is a true and correct  
bill of the sale of the Real property of said Alston  
Deed, as made by him as administrator aforesaid  
by order of the County Court for the County and  
State aforesaid, at the Court House in Dallas,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853 -  
after giving notice as required by Law, and  
between the hours prescribed by Law

Richard Alston  
adm<sup>r</sup>. of the  
Estate of John D. Alston  
Deed  
I do hereby certify and subscribe in open Court  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853 -

W. M. Pratt  
Clerk

Richard Alston  
son of  
John D Alston

Son Bill

Died 20 April 1853.  
Wm W. Peck  
Sept 1854

Apprentice  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1853 -  
J. W. Alston  
C. J. D. D.

The State of Texas In Probate Court  
County of Dallas February Term 1880

To the Hon J H Slatner Chief Justice  
of Dallas County

Your Petitioner Richard  
Alston would most respectfully that John  
Alston (his father) departed this life  
at Dallas on the 25th January last, that said  
decedent was at the time of his death  
seized of personal and real estate of  
the value of One thousand dollars, that  
decedent leaves no surviving wife; therefore  
in consideration of the premises your  
Petitioner prays that he be appointed  
Administrator upon said estate, that  
notices issue &c  
Richard Alston  
By his atty Campbell

The State of Texas  
 Dallas County

Know all men by these presents that on Richard Alton as principal and  
 Aaron A. Ferris, Sanford & Peck as securities  
 are held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice  
 of the County of Dallas in the sum of Two  
 Thousand Dollars for the payment of which  
 well and truly to be made unto the said Chief  
 Justice, we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and  
 Administrators jointly and severally firmly  
 by these presents Signed with our hands and  
 seals with our seals the seals being hereunto the  
 23 day of February A.D. 1852.

The condition of this obligation is such  
 that whereas the above bounden Richard Alton  
 has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the  
 County of Dallas Administrator of the Estate  
 of John D. Allison deceased

Now if the said Richard Alton shall well  
 and truly perform all the duties required of him  
 under said appointment then this obligation  
 shall be null and void otherwise to be and  
 remain in full force and effect.

Richard C. Alton  
 A. A. Ferris  
 Sanford & Peck

I do solemnly swear that John D. Allison did  
 die without leaving any lawful will so far  
 as I know or believe and that I will well and  
 truly perform all the duties of Administrator of  
 the Estate of said John D. Allison Richard C. Alton  
 sworn & subscribed before me this  
 23 day of February A.D. 1852  
 A. H. ...