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The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *H. A. Hawlin Executor*
of the Estate of Roderick Hawlin deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the county of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *24th* day of
September A. D. 1855; then and there to show cause, if any *he* can, why
he has not rendered to said court an *Exhibit of the Contents*
of the Estate of said Decedent as required by law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this *30th*
day of *August* A. D. 1855.

J. W. Peak Clerk Co. Ct., D. C., Texas.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *H. A. Hawlin's Executor*
of the Estate of Roderick Hawlin deceased
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the county of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *25th* day of
June A. D. 1855; then and there to show cause, if any *he* can, why
he has not rendered to said court an *Exhibit of the Contents*
of the Estate of said Decedent as required by law.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this
25th day of *May* A. D. 1855.

J. W. Peak Clerk Co. Ct., D. C., Texas.

The State of Texas,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

TO THE SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cite *H. A. Rawlins Executor*
of the Estate of *Roderick Rawlins deceased*
to be and appear before the Honorable, the County Court for the County of Dallas, at its next
term, to be holden at the Court House in the Town of Dallas, on Monday, the *27th* day of
August A. D. 185*3*; then and there to show cause, if any *he* can, why
he has not rendered to said Court an *Exhibit of the Condition*
of the Estate of said Decedent

as required by said Law.

HERRIN FAIL NOT, but due return make, as required by law. (By order of the Court.)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and Official Seal, this

27th day of *August* A. D. 185*3*.

J. H. Peak

Clerk Co. Ct. D. C. Texas.

County Court
Citation
H. A. Rawlins Executor
Roderick Rawlins
Assued *29th May 1853*
J. H. Peak Clerk
Original
Remove to Howard
Aug 3rd 1853
1853

County Court
Citation
H. A. Rawlins Executor
Roderick Rawlins
Assued *29th Aug 1853*
J. H. Peak Clerk
Original
Came to this office and
received 5 copies of
copy of Rawlins' will
11 Sept 1853
J. H. Peak
\$11 for 8 mo

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Final Settlement.
R. A. RAWLINS executor of the estate of R. Radrick Rawlins, deceased, has filed in my office his final account with the estate of said decedent, together with his petition to the Hon. County Court of Dallas county praying permission to make final settlement with said estate at the next term of said Court. Wherefore, all persons interested, are hereby notified to attend at said next term, to be holden at the Court-House in the town of Dallas, Co. Monday the 29th day of October, 1855, and contest the same if they think proper.
W. W. PEAK,
CLK. CO. CT. D. CO. TEX.
Dallas, Tex., Sept. 29, 1855. - 253.

State of Texas,
County of Dallas

I personally appeared before the undersigned with my brother, W. W. Peake, one of the publishers of the "Dallas Herald," a newspaper, published in the town of Dallas, County and State above named, who make oath in due form of law, that the annexed printed notice was published in said newspaper for three successive weeks.

W. W. Peake

Shown to & subscribed before me this 29th Oct 1855

W. W. Peake

County Court
or Citation
R. A. Rawlins Exor
Radrick Rawlins
Issued 2^d Augt 1855
W. W. Peake clk
Copy
Original
Landed to them
5th Aug 1855
Executed by leaving
a copy of the within
with Reed Rawlins
this 20th Aug 1855
O. B. Huntington
1855

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State of Texas Know all men by these
 Dallas County presents that Roderick
 A Rawlins as Principal, and James A Swindell
 & A. B. Leason as sureties, are held and firm
 by being unto the Chief Justice, of Dallas County
 in the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars for
 the payment of which well and truly to make, we
 bind ourselves our heirs Executors & Administrators jointly
 and severally firmly by these presents, signed & sealed
 using our Scraps for seals this 3rd day of February
 AD 1834. The conditions of the above obligation
 are such that whereas the above bounden Roderick A
 Rawlins has this day been appointed by the Chief Justice
 of Dallas County ~~Executor~~ of the last will and Tes-
 tament of Roderick Rawlins deceased, Now if the
 said Rawlins shall well and truly discharge & perform
 all the duties required of him by Law under said appoint-
 ment, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to
 remain in full force & effect. R. A. Rawlins, Seal
 James H. Swindell. Seal
 A. B. Leason. Seal

I do solemnly swear, that the writing which has been offered for
 Probate is the Last Will of Roderick Rawlins deceased, so
 far as I know or believe, & that I will well and truly
 discharge the Duties of the Executor of said Roderick
 Rawlins Last Will & Testament. R. A. Rawlins
 Given to & subscribed before me
 this 3rd day of Feb'y AD 1834
 W. H. Peak Jpt Ct

The State of Texas In County Court
County of Dallas February Term 1854

To the Hon. J. W. Slatimer Chief Justice & Judge
of the County Court in & for the County of
Dallas & State of Texas

Your Petitioner R A Rawlins would
respectfully represent unto your Honor that
heretofore to wit, on the day of 18th May 1848
Roderick Rawlins who resides in the County of
Dallas & State of Texas departed this life, leaving
the papers herewith filed purporting to be his
Last Will & testament. Your Petitioner therefore
prays that said will be admitted to Probate
in accordance with said, and to do such other
matters & things in the Premises as may
be right & proper, and as in duty bound
your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

R A Rawlins

R A Rawlins
Petitioner
Roderick Rawlins
deceased
R A Rawlins
deceased
1854
J. W. Slatimer
Chief Justice
1854
J. W. Slatimer
Chief Justice
1854



OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK
RECORDS BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

TOM E. ELLIS
COUNTY CLERK

October 2, 1973

Mrs. Rosemary Gossett
Route 1, Box 534
Lancaster, Texas 75146

RE: Estate of Henry Harter, Deceased, Disposed No. 266
Estate of Roderick Rawlins, Deceased, Disposed No. 551

Dear Mrs. Gossett:

We have your letter of September 28, 1973, along with your check in the amount of \$3.00.

We are attaching a plain copy of the Petition for Letters of Administration and Administrators Bond filed in the Estate of Henry Harter, Deceased, along with receipt. You will note as outlined in our letter to you of September 12, 1973 Mr. Harter died intestate and an administration was filed in his estate.

Please be advised that a plain copy of the Will and Supplement to Will in the Estate of Roderick Rawlins, Deceased, will be in the amount of \$6.00.

Upon receipt of your remittance payable to Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk and mailed to Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk, Probate Department, Records Building, Dallas, Texas, 75202, we will prepare instrument requested and forward to you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

TOM E. ELLIS, COUNTY CLERK
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

By _____, Deputy
(Geraldine Patton)

*W. A. Rawlins
Petition to Administer
of Roderick Rawlins
Roderick Rawlins
Petition to Administer
of Roderick Rawlins
Filed 6/9/73
G. A. Patton*

Sept 28, 1973
 Lancaster, Texas

Office of the
 County Clerk,
 Records Bldg.
 Dallas, Texas
 Deputies et,
 Dear Mr. Poter,

Received your letter of Sept 12, 1973.
 You mentioned probate proceedings on Henry
 Baxter (died intestate) and the administra-
 tion filed on his estate. His probate proceedings
 were probably filed in the 1840's - '50s. I
 need these papers (incl. the administration)

Am sending \$3.00 check for copies of this
 instrument. Also, copy of Galesick Bowling Will,
 Thank you dated 1846-47 -

Mrs. Rosemary Grouth,
 Rt #1 Box 534
 Lancaster, Texas

The State of Texas ^{County Court}
 County of Dallas ³ Feb. Term 1854

Now at this time Comes Mary P. Miller & her husband Madison P. Miller, William Rawlins and Valentine Hample ^{deceased} ^{husband of Augustus Hample} ^{two of whom are minors} & representatives of her heirs, heirs at Law of Rodrick Rawlins and file this ^{petition} their objection to the probating of the ^{will} ^{of} said Rodrick Rawlins for they say that the same nor any part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Rodrick Rawlins.

- 1st Because said will is not attested as the Law directs by two disinterested witnesses signing their names in the presence of the said or pretended testator -
- 2^d Because the Supplement to said pretended will is not attested as the Law directs by two creditable witnesses subscribing their names in the presence of the pretended Testator
- 3^d Because by the terms of said pretended original will these petitions are totally disinherited
- 4th Because the bequest pretended to be bequeathed and the whole of said will is too ambiguous, uncertain & contradictory to be understood &

5th For other manifest imperfections & inaccuracies perpetrated in drawing & signing said paper so as to render it void in Law.

6th Because the application to protest said will is not made in the time prescribed by Law.

All of which objections and others appear to the Court render it void and they pray that it may be set aside and that they be admitted to their just interests in said Estate and they will ever pray &c.

Crockett

Atto
B. M. Stone
Atty

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Madison M. Miller
Et. al.
v. 3
The State at Law of
Rodman K. K. K.
Filed 27th February
A.D. 1834
H. H. Pratt & Co.

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Know all men by these pre-
 sents that I Rodrick Rawlins
 of the County of Dallas and
 State of Texas being weak
 in body but sound in mind
 viewing the uncertainty of life
 and the certainty of death
 do make and publish this as
 a supplement to my last will
 and testament written by myself
 and bearing date the eighte-
 nth day of May in the year
 of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and forty six
 and acknowledge by me for
 the purposes therein contained
 and witnessed by Carlos
 Wise and M. S. Wise.

I do hereby wish the same
 may be carried in to full ef-
 -fect, and desire this may be
 considered part of the same
 After enumerating the amount
 that I have already distributed
 to my several children to wit
 William Rawlins James S. Rawlins

W. H. Maulins, also my Daughters,
 Nancy Taylor, Eliza Hall, Lucretia
 Ketter and Valentine Maulins, the
 husbands of my eldest daughter
 Constance who departed this life
 some years since
 I wish it repeatedly understood
 that the several portions of my estate
 given to the above enumerated
 children are what I design as their
 portion of my estate
 My wish is and desire is that my
 two younger daughters Polly ~~W.~~
 Miller and Abby L. these two
 made equal with what they have
 already received to their older
 Sisters out of the first available
 means that my wife Abby think
 she can spare for that use
 It is my will and desire after
 making the two daughters equal
 in amount to their older sisters
 that all my estate real or per-
 sonal or otherwise ^{to give} to my wife
 Abby having in a ~~provision~~ ^{power} to have
 for them to have and to hold
 forever

I wish them to hold the same in com-
 =mon But at the death of my much
 loved wife I desire all the land
 I may acquire by head right or pur-
 chase to descend to my young-
 est son Andrew A. [unclear] of
 his portion of my estate together
 with the legacies before mentioned
 in my will to which this is a sup-
 plement

It is my wish that my wife
 and any person she may
 select as assistant without
 bail shall be permitted
 to act as my Executrix
 and executor to this my

Last will Signed and
 sealed for the purposes
 herein named this 12th
 day of Jan 1844 [unclear]

A. B. [unclear]

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Supplement to the Mill
Rodriguez Navolona
Filed 6th Feb 1834
W. H. Pratt
Rodriguez Navolona
W. H. Pratt

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Robertson county Texas May the 18th 1846
 to all persons to whom these presents shall
 come greeting - be it known to all - that I R.
 Rawlins being advanced in years and my health
 declining, and feeling that my days are com-
 ing to make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament to wit unto My Sons William and
 J. S. Rawlins & J. A. Rawlins as they left me I
 gave each of them lands and other property to settle
 them - which I consider was a full portion of my in-
 heritance - and unto My Daughter Nancy Jay-
 lor Elogia Hall Lucind Kellar I gave to each, one
 thousand best ~~horse~~ and saddle a bureau together with
 one hundred dollars in specie; the same sum of the
 specie I gave to Valentine Wampeler (who married my
 Eldest Daughter who died number of years ago)
 this was for the purpose of enabling him to bring
 his family to Texas - I had also gave them other
 property & sufficient in value with the rest of
 my Daughters - and farther I cannot give any
 thing more than above named
 and unto My two younger Daughters at
^{least} ~~least~~ ^{least} I gave one horse, best to each of them the
 balance to make them equal to their sisters if
 I live I will make it up to them, if not I allow
 My Wife who I constitute My Executrix to cause
 the first available means that can be disposed
 of to be applied to that use.

the balance of our property such as stock
 of horses and cattle after our two youngest Daugh-
 ters their houses as above named together with their
 own & Cabes that they claim together with all
 our household furniture & excepting such as is
 given the girls as last named, I give to my daughter
 because wife Melly Rawlins & also to my
 youngest son Rodrick A Rawlins for their
 support in common together with the proceeds of
 our farm, all of said property real and personal
 to be under her government as executrix yet to be
 so managed that neither shall be deprived of a com-
 fortable home under the blessing of the all mighty
 God whereas the land on which we reside
 and on which our principal farm is made, be long
 the state of Texas yet the laws and constitu-
 tion of said state guarantee to the settler a right
 when a patent is obtained for said land it be given
 to my son Mel Rawlins - and for them as my
 wife is allowed the oversight of the affairs
 left left unto her and as soon as she may by her
 next death distribute of the personal that is
 under her care to such as she pleases

provided she leaves to Alexander at least
 a good span of horses and wagon with such
 household furniture as he may need himself
 being the Judge and also some cattle - I am
 thus particular because his labor must sup-
 port us - and for that she is allowed and it is
 my will, to collect what money is due us in par-
 ticular if we or she should fail to get a right for
 the land purchased from Pleasant Taylor my former
 law and purchase other land there with, in doing
 which she had better choose an Assistant
 to aid her, and let the title be made to Frederick
 A my son. Come thus the date above written
 signed sealed and delivered for the purposes above
 Maud
 Frederick Roseberry

Alex
 Charles Wise
 Nelly D. Wise

The State of Texas
 Dallas County. Personally appeared in
 Open Court Charles Wise one of the foregoing with
 to the last one's signature of Frederick Roseberry
 whose signature is attached thereto - and make
 oath in due form of Law, that he saw the

said Roderick Rawlins, sign seal & deliver, and
declared the foregoing instrument of writing to be
his Last Will and Testament, signed sealed and
delivered, and acknowledged the same fully for
the purposes and ends therein specified, and that
said Will is in the handwriting of said Testator.

Shown to & subscribed before
me this 3rd day of Feb^ry 1834
At It. Pr. N. J.

Charles Wise

Charles Wise and Robert

Roderick Rawlins

Feb 6th February 1834

At It. Pr. N. J.

Settlement and final Account of R A Rawlins
 Executor of the last Will and Testament Roderick
 Rawlins Decd.

Said Executor would present to the Honorable
 the County Court of Dallas, ^{County} that said estate
 has been fully settled up. All outstanding
 claims against said estate have been paid
 and all debts due to the same have been
 collected.

And he would furthermore present as a
reason why he has not sooner rendered to
 the Hon. Court an exhibit of the condition of
 the Estate of said Decedent, that he was not
 aware that such Exhibit was necessary from the
 fact that said Estate had been ~~apparently~~ settled
 up before the time of his appointment to said
 as executor.

R A Rawlins Executor

The State of Texas }
 Dallas County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned
 Justice of the peace in and for the State & County
 of said ~~the~~ above named R A Rawlins who
 being sworn said on oath that the above deposition is true
 sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd day of Sept 1873
 A M Savender, J. P.

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R A Rawling Esq
Roderick Rawling
Esq
Final Exhibit
County Court

Filed 26th Sept 1855

W H Peak clk

Approved this 27th day
of October 1855
J M Patterson
Suff Justice

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