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The State of Texas, In County Court,
 County of Dallas, & Herd Term, A.D. 1865,
 To the Hon. J. M. Patterson, Chief Justice,
 The undersigned Your Petitioner, would respectfully
 present to Your Honor that William I. Snow late
 of Dallas County, Tex. deceased, departed this life
 about the 15th day of March 1865 leaving a written
 will, in which Your Petitioner is appointed
 Executor, Administrator, and would ask Your Honor's
 Court, that the said last will & testament, may
 be probated and admitted to stand in accordance
 with the Law of the State of Texas and that she
 be confirmed as the Executor of the said will
 and testament of said William I. Snow and
 for such other and further orders Your Honor
 deem necessary, and as in duty bound will
 ever pray Her,
 Dallas April 8th 1865, } Callie Snow

Executive Notice

Callie Snow has filed in my office the last will and
 testament of William I. Snow late of Dallas County, Texas,
 deceased. Together with her petition, praying that the same
 may be proven up, and admitted to stand, and that
 she be confirmed as executrix of the same. This is therefore
 to notify all persons interested to come forward at the
 next term of the County Court to be held at the
 Court House in the town of Dallas on the 10th Monday
 in April 1865, and contest the same if they think proper,
 Geo. H. Laws Clerk of Dallas Co. & C. C. Jones
 Dallas Texas
 April 8-1865
 By J. B. Thomas Sgty. Clerk

I, William J. Snow, being come in body and mind but knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and being about to enter the service of the Confederate States Army, and desiring to direct the manner in which my property should be disposed of after my death, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First It is my wish will and desire, that all my funeral expenses, and the expenses attendant upon my last illness, together with all my just debts, be paid off, out of any moneys that may be on hand at my death, or in case there should not be a sufficiency therefor, then the same to be paid out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my executor, either from the sale of property or otherwise -

Second I have heretofore given to my son John Wesley Snow, a Colt, which I will to him, and desire him to keep, I have also have given to my daughter Mary Elizabeth, a Colt which I will to her, to keep as her own - And I now will to my son Sylvester F. Snow, Nancy Jane Snow, and Harriett Alice Malvina Snow, one Colt each, to be kept as their own, respectively - And in case I should not own Colts enough to supply each with one, at the time of my death then they are each, or such of them as get no colts, to have each, an amount of money, equal in value to a Colt, or equivalent to the amount which I have heretofore given to said John Wesley, or Mary Elizabeth, in Colts - And my Executor is hereby, requested to pay the amount or amounts aforesaid out of the first moneys coming into ^{the} his hands, after paying funeral expenses, debts &c, And should it be necessary, ^{the} he shall sell

some of my property to make up the amount

Third It is my will that my wife Ellender Snow take possession of, and manage and control, as she may think proper, all the balance of the property of which I may die possessed, during such time as she may remain my widow, and should she marry again, then it is my will that she have of my property, one riding horse or man, to be selected by her, one bridle & saddle one blanket, bed and bedding, the cooking stove and its furniture, and such cupboard ware as she may desire. And the balance of my property of every description, both real and personal, shall then be equally divided between all my children, to wit John W. Mary E. Sylvester E. Nancy J. and Harriet A. M. Snow. Should, however, my wife, never marry again, then she is to have the control and management of my property, for the benefit of all my children as well as for herself, according to my wish, as expressed in the first of this item, until her death, when the same shall be equally divided between said children, nothing herein contained however shall be so construed as to prevent any one of the said children from asking and receiving their share or shares of said property, whenever and so soon as they may arrive of sufficient age to legally take & hold property, or when they may marry.

Fourth It is my wish will and desire that my wife Ellender Snow act as my sole

Executor of this my will, and I further desire
 that the County Court, have nothing further to do
 with my estate, than may be necessary to
 admit this my Last will and Testament to record.
 To receive from my Executor an Inventory
 and appraisement list of my property, and
 a bond, for the faithfully carrying out
 my wishes and desires, contained in the
 above and foregoing three pages -

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal for seal at Dallas this
 1st day of March 1864.

Signed and sealed

W. J. Snow



in presence of

J. C. McCoy

L. B. Fisher

James H. Williams

J. J. Williams

The State of Texas, Before me the undersigned authority, personally
 County of Dallas, appeared in open court, John C. Wilcox, whose
 genuine signature appears as one of the subscribing witnesses,
 to the within foregoing Last Will & Testament of W. J. Snow -
 deceased, and being by me duly sworn says upon his oath
 that he heard W. J. Snow acknowledge the signing of said
 Last Will & Testament to be his own true act, for the purposes
 & considerations therein specified and that he signed the
 same as one of the witnesses at the request of said W. J. Snow,
 and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory
 at the time of making said acknowledgment.

J. C. McCoy

Given & subscribed before me

this the 30th day of March 1865

W. H. Laws Not. Pub. & Co.

By J. P. Thomas cly

Exhibit B =
Filed Sept 19th 1871
J.M. Lams
Clerk

Will

William J. Snow's

Last Will & Testament



Filed April 3rd 1865

John S. Thomas Jfy

The within last
will and testament
of William J.
Snow Probated
and ordered
Record this 25th day
of April 1865

J. McPatterson
Chief Justice

Record 1871

Inventory of property belonging to the
Estate of Mr J Snow decd

1 Gray mare and colt	70 00
1 mare named Snip	40 00
1 mare named Soft	65 00
1 Black colt one year old	30 00
1 Gray horse three " "	20 00
1 Black filly two " "	40 00
1 Sorgray " " "	40 00
1 colt one year old named Selma	25 00
21 head of stock cattle at five dollars a head	135 00
88 head of hogs	40 00
1 six horn waggon and harness	85 00
1 Buggy and harness	50 00
Farming utensils	10 00
480 of land at three dollars per acre	1440 00
House hold and kitchen furniture	100 00
	<hr/> 2190 00

The State of Texas, We the undersigned, duly appointed
County of Dallas and lawfully authorized Commissioners
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, both real and personal of Mr J Snow to
the best of our judgment and understanding -

Wm B Elam

Richard Borton

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this the 30th day of October 1865

W. C. Thomas Cpty Clerk,

The State of Texas,

County of Dallas, Before me the undersigned authority,
personally appeared Allen Snow Executor, Mr J Snow
deceased who being duly sworn deposes and says

The State of Texas, We the undersigned, duly appointed
County of Dallas and lawfully authorized Commissioners
do hereby certify that, as far as was produced to us
by the administrators, the above and foregoing is a
full and correct inventory and appraisement of
the Estate, both real and personal of Mrs. J. Snow to
the best of our judgment and understanding -

Wm. C. Lam

Richard Breston

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this the 30th day of October 1868

W. C. Thomas Dpty. Clerk.

The State of Texas

County of Dallas Before me the undersigned authority
personally appeared Ellen Snow Inventress of said
deceased who being duly sworn deposes and says
that the above and foregoing is a full and complete
inventory of the property belonging to said Estate
so far as the same has come to her hands or knowl-
edge -

Ellen ^{for} Snow Inventress

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this Octr 30th 1868






W. C. Thomas Dpty. Clerk

The State of Texas, } County Court Pertaining to Estates,
 Dallas County. } September Term, 1865

To all to whom these Presents may come--Greeting:

Know Ye, That Ellen Snow _____ as
 principal, and J M Harding & J A Kempf _____
 as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto
 the Chief Justice of the county of Dallas _____ in the sum of
 Five 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 sever-
 ally, firmly by these presents. Signed with our hands, and sealed with our seals,
 the seals being scrolls, the 30th day of September
 A. D. 1865.

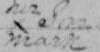
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH That whereas the above
 bound Ellen Snow _____ has been appointed
 Guardian of Executor of the Last Will and Testament
 of J. P. Snow deceased
 Now, if the said Ellen Snow _____ shall will and truly
 perform all the duties required of her under said appointment, then this obligation
 shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Ellen Snow 
 J. M. Harding 
 J. A. Kempf 



THE STATE OF TEXAS,) ss.
 Dallas County.)

I, Ellen Snow _____ do solemnly swear that
 I will well and truly perform all the duties devolving upon me as executor
 as guardian of the Last Will and Testament of J. P.
 Snow deceased _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, H. K. Master clerk County
 Court _____ of said county, this 30th day of
 September A. D. 1865

Ellen Snow 
 H. K. Master clerk
 By J. P. Thomas spty.

Ellen Snow Executor
 J. P. Snow dec'd
 To J. P. Thomas spty
 Filed October 30-1865
 J. P. Thomas spty
 Approved this 30th October
 A. P. Lester
 Jy. Justice
 Oct 30

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Allen Snow
To E. Boyd
Chief Justice

Filed October 18th 1865
was E. Thomas J. of the

Approved this the 30th day
of October 1865

A. Bledsoe Chf. Justice
D. Co. Tex.

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