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State of Texas,
County of Dallas.

In the matter of the Estate of Francis J
Bell, Deceased.

I do solemnly swear that the writing which has been offered
for probate, is the last will and testament of the late Francis J. Bell,
deceased, as far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly
perform all the duties of executrix of said will of the estate of Francis
J. Bell, deceased.

Elizabeth B. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 26th day of July, 1905

M. L. Perkins
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *F. J. Bell* Deceased:
Elizabeth B Bell has filed in the County Court of Dallas County, State of
 Texas, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of said *F. J. Bell*
 deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which Application will be heard and acted upon by said Court, at the next
 term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, State aforesaid, and commencing
 on the First Monday in *May* A. D. 190*5* at which time and place all persons
 interested in said estate shall appear and contest said Application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS, FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City
 of Dallas, this *17th* day of *April* A. D. 190*5*

FRANK R. SHANKS,
 County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas

By *RH Lee* Deputy

No. 3220
County Clerk
Office of
Francis J. Bell
Ordn of
Elizabeth B Bell
Executive -

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 FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk
 BY *B. J. Guernsey*

Original 727
No. 3770

In the County Court

ESTATE OF

Frank J. Bell

Deceased

Notice of Application for Pro-
bate of Will and Letters

ISSUED

This 17 day of April A. D. 1905

FRANK B. SHANKS,

County Clerk

By RH Lee Deputy

SHERIFF'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND This 17 day of April A. D. 1905, by posting up three copies of this Will at three public places in Dallas County, one of which was at the Court House door of said County, and so two of which were in the same town or city.

A. T. Frazier
Sheriff, Dallas County
Arthur S. Rippey, Jr.
Deputy

No. 3770

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTATE OF

County of

Dallas

F. J. Bell,

Deceased

Proof of Last Will and Testament of

F. J. Bell,

Deceased

This day personally appeared in open Court

N. F. Bayh

who, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to

prove said Will, says: I was well acquainted with

F. J. Bell

deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about

ten years

before his death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate

as his last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the

17 day of April

A.D. 1905

and bearing date on the

day of

A.D. 1

was made by the deceased

on said last named date at

his office in Dallas, Texas

in presence of

Harry L. Seay

and myself

said Will is written wholly in the handwriting of F. J. Bell the other subscribing witness; all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the

making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and he declared the said

Will so made by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,

together with

Harry L. Seay

at the request of the said testator,

in his presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said

instrument was

about 31

years of age; the said

F. J. Bell

departed this life on the

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day of

April

A.D. 1905

about

four years

after making said Will, in the County of

Dallas

in the State of Texas, where and at which time his residence and

principal estate was situated.

N. F. Bayh
Harry L. Seay,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

15 day of

July

A.D. 1905, in open court.

J. R. Shanks

Clerk

County Court

Dallas

County, Texas.

By

A. H. Lee

Deputy

No. 3770

PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Dallas*
July Term, 190

ESTATE OF
J. J. Bue Deceased

FILED
The *15* day of *July* A.D. 190 *5*
AND RECORDED

The _____ day of _____ A.D. 190 _____
in the Probate Minutes of
County, in Volume _____ Page _____

F. R. Shivers
County Clerk

By *R. W. Lee* Deputy

RECORDED *4-36*

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

OF THE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF

FRANCIS J. BELL, deceased.

The homestead, corner of Holmes Street and South
Boulevard, in the City of Dallas, valued at.....\$4,000.00.

Brick store house in Oak Cliff, at corner of
10th Street and Lancaster Avenue, valued at..... 6,000.00.

Three notes, two for \$500.00 each and one for
\$750.00, secured by vendor's lien on property
known as No. 422 Bryan Street, in Dallas, Texas,.....1,750.00.

Law books and office furniture, valued at.....600.00.

Total \$12,350.00

No. 3770

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF
Francis J Bell-deed.
Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

27 day of July 1905

M. L. Perkins

County Clerk,

By *B. J. Curran* Deputy.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

This 27th day of July 1905

Hiram S. Kinley

County Judge

RECORDED 7-309
James Williamson, Printer, Dallas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, *Mrs Elizabeth B. Bell* Executive

of the above named Estate do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Inventory of all the property, real and personal, belonging to said Estate that has come to my knowledge.

Elizabeth B. Bell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 26th day of July A. D. 1905

M. L. Perkins
notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.
By _____ Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared

J. M. Kytte, C. A., Hart Chas Weiland,

Appraisers of the above named Estate, heretofore appointed by the Court, and each being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing is a just and true Appraisalment of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said Estate.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July 1905
J. M. Kytte
C. A. Hart
notary Public, Dallas Co. Tex.

Chas Weiland

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 26th day of July A. D. 1905

M. L. Perkins
notary Public, Dallas County, Texas.
By _____ Deputy.

FRANCIS J. BELL HENRY L. DEAY

Bell and Deay,
Attorneys at Law,
Dallas, Texas.

In order to leave my affairs in order in case of my death I hereby make and publish this my will, written with my own hand.

In case of my death I will, devise and bequeath everything of every nature, wherever situated, belonging to me, including all my property of every kind, real, personal and mixed, to Elizabeth Eady to be her absolute.

(2) I appoint said Elizabeth Eady executrix of this will and direct that no bond be required of her as such.

(3) I direct that no action be had in any Court in the administration of my estate or in connection therewith in any way other than the probating and recording of this will and the return of an inventory, appraisement and list of ~~claims~~ claims of my estate.

Witness my hand this 24th day of Jan'y 1902 on which day this will is written wholly in my own hand.

Witness

F. J. Bell

H. L. Deay
Henry L. Deay

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WILL

R.H. Lee

RECORDED 9-35

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The Estate of
Francis J. Bell, deceased

In the County Court of Dallas County,
Texas. Sitting in matters of probate

Entered as of 15 day of July A.D. 1905.

this day came on to be heard the petition of Elizabeth B. Bell for the probate of a certain instrument in writing produced in Court, purporting and alleged to be the last will of Francis J. Bell, deceased and the evidence, a statement of which is filed in this case, being heard and fully considered by the court, and the court, being satisfied from ~~the evidence that such will should be admitted to probate,~~ ^{as the last will & testament of said F. J. Bell, dead - and, under} it is ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument in writing be and it is hereby admitted to probate and record as the last will of Francis J. Bell deceased, and the testimony shall be recorded in the minutes of this court.

County Judge of Dallas county
Texas.

And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Elizabeth B. Bell, be and she is hereby appointed executrix of the said will without bond.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that F.M. Kyte, Canon Hart and Chas. Weiland are appointed appraisers of said estate.

County Judge, Dallas county, Texas.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July 1905, at Dallas, Texas, by the said Elizabeth Eads and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bell on one and the same person - and that same should, in my opinion that said will should be admitted to probate.

*William F. Livdy
Co. Judge*

in the name of Elizabeth B. Bell

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

In Re Estate of F. J. Bell, deceased.
In County Court of Dallas County, Texas.

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT.

Your petitioner, Elizabeth B. Bell, shows to the Court that she resides in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. That on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1905, F. J. Bell, who, at and before his death, had his domicile in the County of Dallas aforesaid, died in said County of Dallas, Texas.

That at the time of his death, said F. J. Bell was seized and possessed of real and personal property to the probable value of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, and left a written will, wholly written in his own hand, duly executed, and herewith filed, in which your petitioner was appointed executrix. That in said will, your petitioner is named as Elizabeth Eads, which was her name at time same was written, and she afterwards married F. J. Bell. That there is a necessity for an administration upon the estate of the said F. J. Bell, who, at the time of his death, was indebted in various sums of money, the exact amount of which was unknown to your petitioner. That your petitioner is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary, but is in every way fit and qualified.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that citation be issued to all parties interested in said estate, as required by law, that said will be admitted to probate, that letters testamentary be issued to your petitioner, and that such other and further orders be made as to the Court may seem proper.

M. L. Perkins
Harry L. Slay

Attorney for Petitioner.

ETY - 1978

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In Re Estate of
F. J. BELL, Deceased.

APPLICATION FOR LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY.

RH [Signature]