

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

Case Number 1796

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# 1796

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NO. 183.-NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND LETTERS.

Dorsey Printing Co., Stationers, Printers and Binders, Dallas, Texas.-14009

# THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Mary J. Richardson* deceased:

*S. G. Richardson* has filed, in the County Court of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said *Mary J. Richardson* 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. 189*6*, at which time and place all persons interested in said Estate shall appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

WITNES: L. H. HUGHES, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Dallas, this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* A. D. 189*6*

L. H. HUGHES,  
County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.

By *A. B. Paulius* Deputy.

No 5931

Jacob Knopfli et al  
Plaintiffs  
Original petition

Henry W Brittain

Filed Sept. 4 '86  
Wells Jones clk  
Agent Court & Courts  
By J. H. Stewart  
J. H. Stewart  
J. H. Stewart

I waive the issuance of  
process and accept service  
on the within petition

Henry W. Brittain

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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No. 2152

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Mary J. Richardson.

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters.

Issued this 28<sup>th</sup> day of

March 1896

L. H. HUGHES, COUNTY CLERK.

By W. B. Rammis Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1896 and executed the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March

1896, by posting up three copies of this Writ at  
three public places in Dallas County, one of which  
was at the Court House door of said County, and  
no two of which were in the same town or city.

Ben E. Caswell  
Sheriff, Dallas County.

By J. F. Carson Deputy.

Dorsey Printing Co., Dallas, Texas. 1890.

Fee of \$500  
Recorded

In the Matter of the  
Estate of Mary J. Richardson, etc. } No. 2152  
Probate.

Saturday, June 27, 1896.

Now on this day came on to be heard  
the Report of the Appraisers heretofore  
appointed to make and return an Inventory  
and Appraisement of the property belong-  
ing to said Estate. And the Court  
having examined the report of Inventory  
and Appraisement herein filed June  
27, 1896. by Oliver Thomas Epps & Knight  
and N. H. Gaston, here appointed freeholders,  
Citizens of and Resident in Dallas County,  
Texas. The Court finds the same complete,  
full and correct, and in all things in com-  
pliance with the law, and it is accordingly  
approved, and ordered to be read at  
length in the minutes of the Court.  
And it further appearing to the Court that  
the Executor of said Estate, S. G. Richardson,  
has likewise made the required sworn  
Inventory and list of Claims owing said  
Estate, as provided by law, which is  
also filed herein. The same is approved,  
and he is hereby confirmed in his ap-  
pointment and powers as Executor  
under the will heretofore probated, and  
ad 20a legata and devise thereunder.

J. H. Nash  
Co. Judge

No. 2152

In the Matter of the  
Estate of Mary J.  
Richardson. Dec.

Order approving  
the Report of Inventory,  
Appraisement and  
List of Claims.

To be recorded.

FILED June 29 1896  
L. HUGHES, Clerk County Court.  
BY J. H. [Signature] DEPUTY

Recorded  
L-515

In the Matter of the  
Estate of Mary J. Richardson  
Ordinate of Will.

the County  
Court.  
Dallas Co. Texas.

The undersigned appraisers appointed to  
appraise the property belonging to the above  
estate, and to whom an inventory of the  
same, and a list of the claims due and  
owing the estate of said testator, in accordance  
with law, beg to report that, with the  
assistance of S. J. Richardson, the sole  
beneficiary and trustee under the will of Mary  
J. Richardson, decd. and Executor thereof,  
they have examined the said estate,  
and find as follows: to-wit:

- I. We find that there was no separate property,  
real or personal, belonging to the testator  
Mary J. Richardson, nor any claims  
due and owing her estate as separate  
property of the same.
- II. We find that there is community property  
belonging to the estate of said Mary J.  
Richardson, deceased, etc. community with  
her said husband, S. J. Richardson,  
as follows, to-wit: -

Real Property

There is situated in Dallas County, Texas, the following described and valued real estate, to-wit:

1. 160 acres, S. A. & N. G. R. K. survey }  
 160 " Kuempel survey }  
 1647 acres, S 1/2 McLaughlin survey }  
 Being 1967 acres in all, lying about 4 miles N.W. of the City of Dallas, valued at \$8.00 pr. acre. \$15,736.00
2. 2/3 interest in 73 acres Hanna survey, 1 mile west of Dallas, valued at \$32.87 @ acre. \$1600.00
3. 40 acres timbered land in Carver survey, 1 mile east of Sayre, valued at \$7.50 @ acre. 300.00
4. 60 acres prairie land J. S. Kalford headright.  
 50 acres, timber land, same headright.  
 430 " Lanier survey }  
 50 " Brunton " }  
 11 " Meider league. }  
 7 " Harter survey. }  
 50 " A. C. Haught survey. }  
 All together 658 acres known as the Haught farm & timber land, valued at \$15.00 per acre. 9,870.00  
 Real Estate, carried forward \$27,506.00

Block No 9191. valued at



Real Estate brought forward 27,506.00

5. Homestead in City of Dallas,  
Block No 919/11. value at 12,000.00

6. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, in Block  
921/11, City of Dallas, value at 9,000.00

7. Lots 11 & 12, 14 & 15, in Block  
922/10, City of Dallas, value at 1500.00

Total value of Real Estate, Dallas Co. \$43,006.00

There is situated in Tarrant  
County, Texas, the following tracts  
and value land, to-wit: -

1. 2100 acres Sam Bell tract.  
and improvements, value at \$20.00 per acre. 42,000.00
2. 600 acres Tyra Buckley survey.  
value at \$2.50 per acre. 1500.00
3. 560 acres McArthur survey  
value at \$2.00 per acre. 1120.00
4. 320 acres Cunningham survey.  
value at \$2.00 per acre 640.00
5. 6 lots in Sabine Pass, Jefferson  
County, value at. 500.00

Total Value of Real Estate. \$88,766.00

Personal Property.

1 Horse. value at 50.00  
1 Buggy " " 25.00  
2 mules. " " 109.00

Personal Property carried forward \$184.00

	Personal Property carried forward.	\$175.00
	6000 barrels of soft.	3000.00
	2 Cords. plus at.	50.00
	400 cords of wood	650.00
	2 sets furniture. " "	200.00
	Stock in Dallas Ice Company	
	par value \$5000.00	5000.00
III. Claims	3 notes, \$135.00 each. by same	\$9075.00
due Estate.	Comp. for <del>the</del> D. C. Co.	400.00
	Small notes on various persons, taken for land sold in New York Co.	1500.00
	Total Claims due Estate	\$1900.00

Recapitulation:

Total Value of Real Estate	\$88,766.00
" " Personal Property	9,075.00
(including D. C. Stock)	
Total Property	\$97,841.00
Claims due Estate.	1900.
Total Valuation.	\$99,741.00

To the foregoing report of inventory and appraisement, we make oath that the same is true, full and correct so far as we know and have been able to ascertain.

Olinus Thomas  
 Ch. Wright  
 W. H. Gaston

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the  
 aforesaid Olinus Thomas and E. G. Wright and  
 W. H. Gaston this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1896.

L. Collins a  
 Notary Public and for  
 Dallas Co. Texas

J. S. P. Richardson. Executor of the  
Last Will and Testament of Mary J.  
Richardson. dec. on my oath to state  
that the foregoing and attached Inventory,  
Appraisement and List of Claims are  
true, full and correct, and is a complete  
and full inventory and list of all the  
property and claims belonging to the  
estate of said testator. so far as he  
knows and has been able to ascertain.

J. S. P. Richardson

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of June. A. D. 1896.

C. Collins  
Notary Public in and  
for Dallas Co. Texas

No. 2152.

In the Matter of the Estate  
of Chas. J. Beckwith, dec.

Inventory, Appraisement and List of  
Claims of Said  
Estate, as Reported  
by the Executor and  
Appraisers

FILED June 27 1896  
L. W. HUGHES, Clerk, County Court  
By J. H. Taylor

Recorded  
Examined and  
approved and ordered  
recorded

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1896  
L-515 J. H. Stash  
Co. Judge

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The State of Texas,  
Dallas County.

In County Court of  
Dallas County Texas.

To The Hon. County Court:

Your Petitioner, S. Q. Richardson, respectfully represents to the Court that he is a resident citizen of the County of Dallas and State of Texas; that heretofore, to-wit: Mary J. Richardson, late deceased was his wife, and that on the 7th day of March A. D. 1898, the said Mary J. Richardson departed this life testate, at their home in the city and county of Dallas in the State of Texas; that during her life, and up to the day of her death they owned certain Real Estate and Personal property, jointly as community property, both in Dallas County and Van Zant County Texas; that their home residence was in the City and County of Dallas and State of Texas; that the probable value of said community property was Thirty Thousand Dollars; that by the terms and provisions of the last Will and Testament of said decedent, all of the property, Real, Personal, and Mixed, and all choses in action, and all property of every character and description whatever, and all rights pertaining to the same, of which said decedent died seized and possessed, were all bequeathed to your petitioner, for him to have, hold, use, and enjoy and dispose of as he might deem proper, as his, in fee simple; that by the terms and provisions of said Will your petitioner was nominated, appointed and constituted Executor of the said Will and Testament of said decedent, and without the necessity of giving bond, and without responsibility or accountability to any one for the management or disposition of all or any part of their joint or several Estate; that by the terms and provisions of said last Will and Testament it was and is the desire of said decedent that the Courts of the Country have nothing whatever to do with the settlement of her said estate, save and except the probate of said Will for the benefit of your petitioner; that your petitioner is not disqualified by law from accepting letters of executorship of said Will, and the disposition of said Estate; that the said last Will and Testament is written, duly

signed and executed by said decedent, and attested as required by law, and the same is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A" and filed with this application for the probate thereof.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that said Will of said Mary J. Richardson be admitted to probate, in open court as provided by law, and your petitioner be appointed the Executor of said will, as therein provided, and thereby he be fully authorized to accept of all the benefits of said Estate thereunder, and of this he will ever pray.

*J. W. Richardson*

The State of Texas }  
Dallas County }.

Know all men by  
these presents, That whereas, we  
S. L. Richardson and Mary J. Rich-  
ardson husband and wife of the  
County of Dallas and State of Tex-  
said being of sound mind and  
memory knowing the uncertainty  
of life and desiring that at the  
death of either the survivor,  
shall have the absolute fee of all  
property Real Personal and mixed of  
the decedent do make and publish  
this our joint and approved and  
last Will and Testament:

First: We each will and bequeath  
to the other that is to the survivor  
all the property, Real Personal  
and mixed of which the first decedent  
may die seized and possessed that  
is to say that I S. L. Richard-  
son heretofore will and bequeath  
all of the property, Real Personal  
and mixed all choses in action  
and all property of every char-  
acter, whether whether in case or  
future and all my rights pertaining  
thereto, of which I may die seized

Exhibit A

and possessed to my wife  
 Mary J. Richardson should  
 she survive me, to have and  
 to hold, use, enjoy and dispose  
 of as she may deem proper as  
<sup>before</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>will</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>said</sup> <sup>Mary</sup> <sup>J.</sup>  
 Richardson hereby will and  
 bequeath all of the property,  
 Real, Personal and Mixed, all  
 shown in actio and all property  
 of every <sup>character and</sup> description whatever  
 whether in esse or future, and  
 all my rights pertaining to the  
 same, of which I may be seized  
 and possessed, to my said  
 husband, J. L. Richardson  
 should he survive me, to have  
 and to hold, use, enjoy and dis-  
 pose of as he may deem proper,  
~~and~~ <sup>as</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>simple</sup>.

Second- We hereby jointly and  
 severally nominate, appoint  
 and constitute, which ever <sup>of us</sup> is  
 the survivor, Executor or Executrix  
 as the case may be, of this our  
 joint and several will without the  
 necessity of the survivor giving bond  
 and without responsibility or account-  
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agement or disposition of all or  
any part of our joint or several  
Estate which the Survivor may  
make of the Same that is to say,  
That I, S. L. Richardson, hereby  
nominate and constitute my said  
wife, Mary J. Richardson Executor  
of this my last Will and Testa-  
ment, should she survive me  
without the necessity of giving  
bond, and without responsibility  
or ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> a countability to any one  
for the ~~management~~ <sup>she may make</sup> management  
or disposition of all or any part  
of the Estate of which I may die  
seized and possessed, and I the  
said Mary J. Richardson,  
hereby nominate and constitute  
my said husband S. L. Richar-  
son Executor of this my last  
Will and Testament, should  
he survive me without the  
necessity of giving bond and  
without responsibility or  
accountability to any one for  
the management or disposition  
<sup>he may make</sup> of all or any part of the Estate of  
which I may die seized and  
possessed.

Third We jointly and severally declare that it is our joint and several will and desire that the Courts of the Country have nothing whatever to do with our joint or several Estate or effects, save and except to lawfully probate this Will, immediately after the death of the first deceased, for the benefit of the Survivor.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our several hands this 30 day of December A.D., 1895 in the presence of each other and the subscribing witnesses below, who have attested our signatures hereunto at the same time and at our joint and several request.

Attest:  
Saml. W. McKinzie  
Edward M. Browder

J. Richardson  
Mary J. Richardson

W. H. Tolson  
and  
Ray J. Bird

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MAR 27 1896

L. P. Berry Clerk  
C. W. Austin

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No. 2152.

Application for Probate of  
Will of Mary J. Richardson.

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A. P. *Paulius* County Clerk  
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At the Office of  
the Estate of Mary J. Richardson.  
County of Tarrant  
State of Texas

No. 2152  
County Court,  
Dallas Co. Texas

Ernest M. Crowder, being duly sworn, deposes  
as follows:

My name is Ernest M. Crowder, resi-  
dence Dallas, Tarrant County, Texas, age 32  
years. I am the person named as wit-  
ness to the will of Mary J. Richardson  
now opened for probate. This will being  
fully executed by S. Q. Richardson and  
Mary J. Richardson. I met Mrs.  
Richardson at the time she made this  
will. I knew S. Q. Richardson well be-  
fore that ~~time~~ time. I signed this  
will as a witness at the request of the  
said S. Q. Richardson and Mary J. Richardson  
and the presence of both of them, as  
well as in the presence of Dr. S. W.  
McFadden, the other subscribing witness.  
Mrs. Richardson was at the time in  
apparent good health and in the  
full possession of her mental faculties  
and of sound mind and disposing  
memory. It was signed by all of us  
(those whose names appear to said will)  
in the presence of each other in the  
law office of W. W. Allen & Co., in  
the City of Dallas, State of  
Texas, on Dec. 30, 1895.

Mr. S. Q. Richardson is a man over

60 years old and his wife appeared to be  
near the same age. Mr. Richardson is  
a reputable citizen of Dallas county, Texas  
and qualified to act as executor of  
her will. The property named in  
the will I understand is Community  
property of said S. J. Richardson and  
Mary J. Richardson and is situated  
in Camp Wagon and belongs in Dallas  
and Tarrant Counties, Texas,  
I understand Mrs. Richardson is dead,  
but I do not personally know  
that fact. The witness, W. M. Johnson,  
who signed with me, is over 21  
years old and he signed in my  
presence and that of the testator &  
at the request of the latter  
Edward M. Bowler  
I have subscribed before me this  
May 25, 1886.

W. M. Johnson  
W. M. Johnson

W. M. Johnson, being duly sworn, testified  
as follows:

My name is W. M. Johnson,  
age 38 years, residing in Dallas, Dallas Co.  
Texas. I know Mrs. Mary J. Richardson  
in her lifetime. She was in my presence at  
the time she and her husband S. J. Rich-  
ardson executed the will. She was in

apparent poor health, and of sound mind  
and disposing memory. She is now  
dead, died at her residence in  
Dallas, Dallas Co. Texas, early in  
March, 1856. Her husband, S. G.  
Richardson is in no way disqualified  
to act as executor of the will.  
He and she were both over 60  
years old when they made this will.  
Wiley D. Motter.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this  
May 25, 1856.

W. H. Hughes Clerk of Court  
Pal J. H. Anderson

No. 2152.  
In the Matter of the Probate  
of the Will of Mrs.  
Mary J. Richardson dec'd

Sworn Elements by  
Edward M. Brundage,  
a subscribing witness,  
and Wiley B. Woolen.

FILED May 25 1896

L. H. RUGHES, Clerk County Court.

By

*J. M. Taylor*  
NOTARY

Recorded

In the Matter of  
Probate of the Last Will and  
Testament of Mary J. Richardson, Deceased

IN COUNTY COURT  
Dallas County, Texas.  
No. 2152v

Monday, May 25, 1896.

Now on this day came on to be heard the petition of S. Q. Richardson for the probate of the last will and testament of Mary J. Richardson, deceased, said instrument being attached to his petition and produced in open court, purporting and alleged to be the last will and testament of the said Mary J. Richardson, deceased, and the evidence, a statement of which is filed in this case and ordered to be made part of the record herein, being fully heard and considered by the court, and said instrument being duly inspected by the court, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument in writing, being of date December 30, 1895, and signed by the said Mary J. Richardson and by the said S. Q. Richardson, it being their joint and several will, and attested by S. W. McWinkin and E. M. Browder as subscribing witnesses thereto, is hereby admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Mary J. Richardson, deceased, and said instrument with the evidence establishing the same is ordered to be recorded at length in the minutes of the court.

It is further ordered and adjudged that Epps Knight, W. H. Gaston and Oliver Thomas, resident citizens of the city and county of Dallas, State of Texas, be and the same are hereby appointed as appraisers of the estate of the said Mary J. Richardson as covered and conveyed by said will, and they are directed, in conjunction with the said S. Q. Richardson, who is named therein as the sole legatee and devisee, as well as the sole executor of said will, to make and to return into court an inventory, appraisement and list of claims as provided and required by law in such cases.



TESTAMENT OF MISS S. Q. RICHARDSON, DECEASED.

PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND

IN THE MATTER OF

NO. 3125  
DISTRICT COURT, TEXAS.  
IN COMMON COURTS

And it further appearing to the court that by the terms of said last will and testament, the said S. Q. Richardson is named as the sole legatee and devisee therein, and also is appointed and empowered thereunder to act as the executor of the same without bond or security, and without further responsibility or accountability to the court after probate of the same; it is therefore ordered and decreed by the court, that upon the coming in and approval of the aforesaid appraisement, inventory and list of claims, as required by law, the said S. Q. Richardson shall take under said will as is therein directed and specified, and that he shall be invested with all the powers, rights and authority of an independent executor as therein provided and as the law contemplates in such cases.

No. 2152

In the Matter of  
The Estate of Mary J.  
Richardson, Deceased.

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Decree of Court  
Probating the Last Will and  
Testament of Mary J. Richardson.

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To be Entered as of May 25, 1896.

*Entered  
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