

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

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The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of

*Bettie C. Higgins*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we,  
as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dallas, and  
his successors in office, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars;  
conditioned that the above bound \_\_\_\_\_, who has  
been appointed \_\_\_\_\_  
shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

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we DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the  
last will of *Ms. Bettie C. Higgins* deceased, so far as <sup>we</sup> know or  
believe; and that <sup>we</sup> will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will

*Sau P. Cochran*  
*R. H. Higgins*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of April 1900 189 \_\_\_\_\_*A. S. Jackson*

County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.

By

*J. J. Collier*

Deputy.

## THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins* Deceased:

*Sau P. Cochran* & *Robert H. Higgins* has filed, in the County Court  
of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said  
*Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins* 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 March A. D. 1900, at which time and place all persons interested  
in said Estate shall appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

WITNESS: A. S. JACKSON, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City  
of Dallas, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900 A. D. 189 \_\_\_\_\_

A. S. JACKSON,

County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.

By

*J. J. Collier*

Deputy.

No. 2771

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

Oath of  
EXECUTOR'S ~~DEED~~

ESTATE OF

Bettie C. Higgins  
deced

Filed Apr 2, 1900 189  
A. S. Jackson, Clerk.

By B. F. Cullum Deputy.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189

County Judge, Dallas County.

A. D. Aldridge & Co., Stationers, Printers and Binders, Dallas

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No. 2771

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Mrs Bettie Higgins

Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF  
WILL AND LETTERS.

Issued this 14 day of

July 1900 189

A. S. JACKSON, COUNTY CLERK

By J. H. Taylor Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 14 day of July  
1900 and executed the 14 day of July  
1900, 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. CABELL, SHERIFF, DALLAS CO.

By B. F. Cullum Deputy.

HERBERT PRITCHARD CO., DALLAS, TEX.

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Mar. 12, 1900.

Instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Higgins, deceased, produced in court and proven by the written testimony of Robt. S. Price, one of the subscribing witnesses, to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Higgins, and the same is decreed and established as such proof thereof is ordered of record.

~~Instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Higgins~~ produced in court and proven by the written testimony of P. M. Lancton one of the subscribing witnesses to the codicil to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Higgins and the same is decreed and established as such will and testament and together with the proof thereof is ordered of record.

Sam. P. Cochran and Robt. H. Higgins testamentary executor are confirmed as executor without bond.  
B. C. Meller, C. B. Gillespie and Gray Sumpter are appointed appraisers.

L. L. ALBRIGHT,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
237 MAIN STREET,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

Mar. 12, 1900.

Instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bettie C. Higgins deceased, produced in court and proven, by the written testimony of Robt. S. Price one of the subscribing witnesses to the will and P. M. Lantieri one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil, to be the last will and testament with Codicil of Bettie C. Higgins and the same is decreed and established as such will and testament and the same <sup>together</sup> ~~with~~ with the proof is ordered of record.

Sam. P. Cochran and Robt. H. Higgins, testamentary executors are confirmed as executors without bond.

B. O. Mellin, C. B. Gillespie and Guy Sumpter are appointed appraisers.

STATE OF TEXAS, :  
 : In the County Court March Term, 1900.  
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.:

In the Estate of Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, Deceased.

On this the 12 day of March A. D., 1900

personally appeared in open Court Robt. S. Price, who being duly sworn desposes and says that on the 4th. day of May, A. D. 1893, he was present and saw Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins sign the instrument filed in this Court on the 14th. day of February, A. D., 1900, and now shown to him bearing date on the 4th. day of May A. D. 1893, purporting to be the last will of her, the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and heard her publish and declare the same to be her last will and testament. That at the time of the signing and publishing of same, the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins was over twenty-one years of age and of sound mind. That this affiant James R. Craver and Charles W. Phillips, whose signatures appear on said instrument, on the said 4th. day of May, A. D., 1893, then being credible witnesses above the age of 14 years, subscribed their names as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the said testator, Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and signed same in her presence as witnesses and in the presence of each other. That afterwards on, to wit: the 22nd. day of November, 1899, the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins died in the said County of Dallas, in which she had her domicile at and before her death, and that without having revoked said will so far as known to affiant.

Affiant further states that he is familiar with the hand writing of Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and knows that the hand writing shown to him in the Court as her last will and testament, including the signature thereto, is duly in the hand writing of the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins.

*Subscribed and sworn to before me in open court this the 12 day of Mar. 1900.*

*Robt. S. Price -*

*A. Jackson*

*By B. F. Cullom County Clerk Dallas Co. Tex.*

STATE OF TEXAS, :

In the County Court March Term, 1900.

COUNTY OF DALLAS.:

In the Estate of Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, Deceased.

On this the 12 day of March A. D., 1900, personally appeared in open Court P. M. Lawton, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 25th. day of June, A. D., 1895, he was present and saw Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins sign the codicil to the will in this Court filed on the 14th. day of February A. D., 1900, and now shown to him bearing date on the 4th. day of May, A. D., 1893, purporting to be signed by the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and heard her publish and declare the same to be a part of her last will and testament, and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins was over twenty-one years of age and of sound mind, and that this affiant and Fred T. Mesley, and A. W. Pillet, whose signatures appear on said instrument, on the said 25th. day of June, A. D., 1895, then being credible witnesses, above the age of 14 years, subscribed their names as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the said testator, Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and signed the same in her presence as witnesses and in the presence of each other. That the said instrument filed in this Court on the 14th. day of February, A. D., 1900, and now shown to affiant bearing date on the 4th. day of May A. D., 1893 is wholly in the hand writing of the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, and that he is familiar with the hand writing of the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins. That afterwards on the 23rd. day of November, 1899, the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins died in the said County of Dallas, in which she had her domicile at and before her death, without having revoked said will or codicil so far as known to affiant.

P. M. Lawton

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court this the 12 day of

March A. D., 1900.

By B. F. Cullum  
Deputy

A. Jackson

County Clerk, Dallas County, Tex



State of Texas ,    |  
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County of Dallas.  |

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, deceased.

To the Honorable County Court in and for the county of Dallas, State of Texas:

Your petitioners, Sam P. Cochran and Robert H. Higgins, show to the Court that they both reside in the County of Dallas, State of Texas; that on the 22nd day of November, 1899, Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins, who at and before her death had her domicile in the City and County of Dallas, State of Texas, died in the said County of Dallas; that at the time of her death the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of Twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, and left a written will, duly executed and herewith filed, in which your petitioners were appointed executors without bond.

That there is a necessity for an administration upon the estate of the said Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins.

That Your petitioners are not disqualified by law from acting as said executors and accepting letters testdmentary.

Wherefore Your petitioners pray that citation be issued to all parties interested in said estate, as required by law, that said will be admitted to probate; that letters testdmentary be issued to Your petitioners, and that such other and further orders be made as to the Court may seem just and proper.

*L. L. Albright*

Attorneys for Petitioners.

# INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

Mrs. Bettie C. Higgins.

2/3 Interest in a store building and lot on Main St., in Lexington, Ky.,		\$7766.67
1/2 Interest in west one-half of lot No.7, Block No.40, North side Main St., Dallas, Texas.,		\$4000.00
1/2 Interest in East one-half of lot No.1, Block No.32, S.W. Corner Main & Market Sts., Dallas, Texas.,		\$5000.00
5 Shares City National Bank Stock, Dallas, Texas,		\$900.00
1 Note S. P. Cochran, dated 12/21/97,	\$200.00	
Interest, 6% per Annum	<u>12.00</u>	\$ 212.00
1 Note R. H. Higgins, dated 12/17/98,	\$500.00	
Interest to April 1, 1900,	<u>31.67</u>	\$ 531.67
20 Shares Security Mortgage & Trust Co.'s Stock,		Nil.
Interest in six shares Security Mort'g & Trust Co.'s Stock,		Nil.
1 Note of Joel Higgins, Jr., dated 7/1/93,	\$1600.00	
Interest on same,		\$1600.00
1 Note of A. C. Owsley, of Denton, Texas,	\$2000.00	
Interest on same to 3/1/1900	<u>80.00</u>	\$2080.00
Amount due from C. S. Book Fund,		\$ 19.00
Rents for Nov. from Dallas Store Buildings to 4/1/1900,		\$ 265.33
Amount due from Mrs. L. H. Smith,		\$375.00

22,799.67

*E. J. Dimpster*  
*C. B. Hisspie*  
*R. O. Weller*

Appraisers

No. 2771  
 COUNTY COURT.  
 ESTATE OF Edith C. Higgins  
 Inventory and Appraisement.  
 Filed 2 day of April 1900  
 By W. Jackson County Clerk  
B. Callahan Deputy  
 Examined and Approved this 2nd day of Apr 1900  
Michaelson County Judge

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.  
 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.  
 Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 189\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk County Court,  
 By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 COUNTY OF DALLAS.  
 Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared  
Guy Sumpter, C. D. Gillespie, and B. O. Weller  
 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.  
Guy Sumpter  
C. D. Gillespie  
B. O. Weller  
 Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1900  
Wesley Breg  
 Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas  
 Clerk County Court,  
 Deputy.