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State of Texas  
Dallas County

Know all men by these presents  
that I W. S. Skelton of the County of Dallas in  
the State of Texas being of sound and  
disposing mind and memory do make  
and publish this my last will and  
testament -

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
E. J. Skelton all the estate, right, title and  
interest in possession reversion or  
remainder which at the time of my death  
I shall have of, in, or to any lands tenements  
hereditaments or rents charged upon and  
issuing out of them, as well as all right  
title and interest I shall then have of in  
or to any personal property. It being my  
express purpose to hereby devise and  
bequeath unto my said wife E. J. Skelton  
all the estate both real and personal  
of whatsoever name or character of  
which I may die seized possessed or  
entitled

2<sup>d</sup> I appoint and constitute my said wife  
E. J. Skelton the sole Executrix of this my last  
will and testament and it is my will  
that she execute the same without bond  
and the Courts do have and execute no  
other power or control of my said estate  
save the probating and recording  
this my last will and testament  
Witness my hand this



the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1896

W.S. Shelton

We James Deming and Chas T. Morris both residents of the City and County of Dallas in the State of Texas hereby subscribe this instrument at the request of W.S. Shelton who subscribed the same in our presence, We signing and witnessing his signature in his presence and in the presence of each other This September 30<sup>th</sup> AD 1896

James Deming  
Chas T. Morris

W.S. Skellin  
2068

Last will  
& testament

of

the 18 day of

January 1899

of S. J. Skellin, Clerk Co. Court  
By W. S. Skellin party

Recorded June 7/1899  
E-389

The State of Texas,

Estate of

COUNTY OF DALLAS.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1899

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that the writing which has been offered for probate, is the  
 last will of \_\_\_\_\_ *W. S. Kelton* deceased, so far as I know or  
 believe; and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executor of said will.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1899

*Emma G. Skelton, Executor*  
*Albion S. Morris*  
 Notary Public  
 Dallas County, Texas

## THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons interested in the Estate of *W. S. Kelton*, Deceased:

*Mrs. E. J. Kelton* has filed, in the County Court  
 of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said  
*W. S. Kelton* 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. 1899, 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 *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *Jan* A. D. 1899

A. S. JACKSON,

County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.

By *W. B. Lawler* Deputy.

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No. 2568

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

*Cath*  
EXECUTOR'S BOND.

ESTATE OF

*W. S. Shelton Decd*

Filed

*Mch 6<sup>th</sup> 1899*  
*A. S. Jackson*  
Clerk.

By

*A. M. Rawlins* Deputy.

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

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County Judge, Dallas County

*Recorded. 2-309.*

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

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No. 2568, *W*

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

*W. S. Shelton*

Decensed.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF  
WILL AND LETTERS.

Issued this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of \_\_\_\_\_

1899

A. S. JACKSON, COUNTY CLERK.

By

*A. M. Rawlins* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *19* day of *July*  
1899, and executed the *19* day of *July*

1899, 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

*H. H. Landon* Deputy.

*Law # 225*

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In Re Estate  
of  
W. S. Skelton, dec'd.

In County Court,  
Dallas County, Texas.  
March Term 1899. March 8th 1899.

This day appeared, in open Court, James Deming, who after being duly sworn testified as follows, to-wit:

I was acquainted with W. S. Skelton, dec'd. in his life time. He is dead, he died in Dallas County, Texas on the 15th day of January 1899. I am one of the witnesses who subscribed the instrument sought to be probated as the last will of said W. S. Skelton, dec'd. That such instrument is the will of the said decedent. That at the date of the execution of said instrument as his last will the said W. S. Skelton dec'd. was more than 21 years of age. That he was at said date of sound mind. That he subscribed said instrument, as his last will, in the presence of myself and C. T. Morriss as witnesses and that said C. T. Morriss and myself signed said instrument, as witnesses, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other. That said W. S. Skelton, dec'd. died seized of an estate, both real and personal, situated in Dallas County, Texas.

Subscribed and sworn to, in open Court, this March 8th 1899.

*James Deming*  
Clerk of the Court  
Dallas County, Texas  
*By J. H. Gault, Jr.*

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FILED *Mar 6 1894*  
A. S. JACKSON,  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Tex.  
By *J. B. Taylor* DEPUTY

*Recorded June 2/99*  
*E - 391*

In Re Estate

In County Court, Dallas County, Texas.

of

W. S. Skelton, dec'd.

March Term ~~XXXX~~ 1899, March 6th 1899.

This day personally appeared in open Court C. J. Morris  
who after being duly sworn testified as follows, to-wit:  
I was acquainted with W. S. Skelton, dec'd. in his life time. He is dead, he died  
in Dallas County Texas on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~ 1899. I am one of the witnesses  
who subscribed the instrument sought to be probated as the last will of said W. S.  
Skelton, dec'd. That such instrument is the will of the said decedent. That at  
the date of the execution of said instrument as his last will the said W. S. Skel-  
ton dec'd. was more than 21 years of age. That he was at said date of sound mind.  
That he subscribed said instrument, as his last will, in the presence of myself  
and James Deming as witnesses and that the said  
James Deming and myself signed said instrument, as witnesses, at his re-  
quest and in his presence and in the presence of each other. That said W. S. Skel-  
ton, dec'd. died seized of an estate, both real and personal, situated in Dallas  
County, Texas.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this March 6th 1899.

*As Jackson Clerk of the County  
Court of Dallas Co. Tex  
By J. D. Taylor*

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FILED *March* 1899

A. S. JACKSON,  
CLERK, Dallas County, Tex.

BY

*J. H. Taylor*  
DEPUTY

*Reopened June 7/99*  
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In the Estate  
of  
W. S. Skelton, dec'd.

In County Court,  
Dallas County, Texas.  
March Term 1899. March 6th 1899.

J. M. Skelton, a witness in the matter of the probate of the will of W. S. Skelton, dec'd. being duly sworn, in open Court, testified: I knew W. S. Skelton in his life time. He was my brother. He died in Dallas County, Texas on the 15th day of January 1899. At the date of his death he was seized of an estate consisting of both real and personal property, situated in Dallas County, Texas. I have examined the instrument in writing offered for probate herein as the last will of said W. S. Skelton, dec'd and state that the same is the last will of said W. S. Skelton, dec'd and that said decedent left no other will, and that said will has not been revoked by said testator.

Sworn to and subscribed, in open Court, this March 6th 1899.

*J. M. Skelton*  
*A. Jackson*  
*Clerk Dallas County*  
*Per J. H. Taylor*

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FILED *Mch 6 1899*  
A. S. JACKSON  
BY *J. H. Taylor* SAFOFF.

*Records June 27/99*  
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INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

*M. S. Shelton dec'd*

*an undivided 1/2 interest - 600 acres of Land  
Near Trinity Mills Dallas County Texas \$ 4,500.00*  
*an undivided 1/2 interest in the Mexican  
Hotel Hotel Palace \$ 250.00*

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No. 2568

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF W.S. Shelton

**Inventory and Appraisement.**

Filed 6 day of March 1899

By W.S. Jackson County Clerk.  
W.P. James Deputy

Examined and Approved this 11 day of March 1899

W.P. James County Judge.

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Revised  
8-147

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

I, Emma J. Shelton Executrix

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.

Emma J. Shelton

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 6 day of March A. D. 1899

Chas. J. Morris Clerk County Court,  
Wm. Lewis Dallas County Shelton Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared

F. D. Casey, J. F. Williams and W. M. Shelton

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 Appraisement of the property pointed out to them as belonging to said estate.

F. D. Casey  
J. F. Williams  
W. M. Shelton

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this the 6 day of March A. D. 1899

A. S. Jackson Clerk County Court,  
By J. H. Lewis Deputy.

The State of Texas

In County Court,

County of Dallas.

Dallas County Texas.

To the Hon. Kenneth Force, Judge of the Dallas County Court.

Now comes Mrs. E. J. Skelton hereinafter styled applicant, and shows to the Court that heretofore, to wit: on the 15th day of January 1969 W. S. Skelton departed this life in Dallas County Texas. That at the date of his death the said W. S. Skelton was possessed of an estate both real and personal, situated in Dallas County Texas, of the probable value of Three thousand dollars (\$ 3000.00).

That said W. S. Skelton left a written Will which is hereto attached, as a part hereof, marked Exhibit A.

That by the terms of said Will, this applicant, the said Mrs. E. J. Skelton, the widow of said testator, is appointed the sole Executrix of said last Will and testament, without bond and free from the control of the County Court.

That said Executrix resides in Dallas County, Texas and is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary under said Will.

Wherefore said applicant prays that citation issue hereon as required by law, that the written instrument here shown to the Court be admitted to probate as the last Will and testament of said W. S. Skelton deceased, that letters testamentary be issued to Mrs. E. J. Skelton as Executrix of said Will, and that no bond be required of said Executrix and that no further action be had in this Court in relation to the settlement of the estate of said W. S. Skelton than the probating and recording of his Will and the return of an inventory, appraisal and list of claims of his estate. And she will ever pray &c.

*H. D. Casby*  
*Atty for Applicant*



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W. S. Hickman Dec.

Application to  
Proctor Will

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Filed the 18 day of  
January 1899  
J. P. [unclear] Clerk  
By [unclear]

Recorded  
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Notices Issued Jan 18, 99,