

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

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The state of Texas } I know all
Galveston County } men by
them present, that I Geo W Davis
of the County and State aforesaid
do make publish and declare this
to be my last will & testament
Item 1st I give devise and bequeath
all my property to my beloved
wife save any part thereof which
I may convey before this takes ef-
fect.

Item 2nd I hereby assign upon
my said wife the thought educa-
tion of our children.

Item 3rd I appoint my said wife
sole executrix hereof and directs
that she be not required to give
bond and security as such; and
that the Probate Court shall have
no jurisdiction of my estate ex-
cept to require a full inventory
thereof as the statute provides.

In witness whereof I humbly
sign my name at office in
Galveston Texas this the 26th
day of June A D 1888.

Geo W Davis

5-1853
P ✓ Gold Davis
Will

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Nov 17 1898

A. D. JACKSON, Clerk,
Co. Court Dallas County.

By W. Taylor Treas.

Recorded
Books 8.P. 380

The State of Texas, } Estate of *Geo. W. Davis Deed,*
 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 _____ 189 _____
 (SEAL)
 (SEAL)
 (SEAL)

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

Camilla J. Davis
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this *28* day of *Nov* 189 *9*
A. S. Jackson
 County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.
 By *A. W. Rawlin* Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *Geo W Davis* Deceased :
Mrs Camilla J Davis has filed, in the County Court
 of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said
Geo W Davis 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 *January* A. D. 189 *9*, 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 *19* day of *Dec* A. D. 189 *8*

A. S. JACKSON,
 County Clerk, Dallas Co., Texas.
 By *J. Taylor* Deputy.

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No. 2553

COUNTY COURT,
DALLAS COUNTY.

Cuth
EXECUTOR'S ~~BOND~~

ESTATE OF
Geo. W. Davis
Deed

Filed *May 28* 189*9*
A. Jackson
Clerk,
By *Al Rawlins* Deputy.

Approved this _____ day of _____
189*9*

County Judge, Dallas County

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

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Court

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No. 2553

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF
Geo. W. Davis

Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF
WILL AND LETTERS.

Issued this *19* day of *Dec*
189*8*

By *A. Jackson* COUNTY CLERK.
Al Rawlins Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the *20* day of *Dec*
1898, and executed the *20* day of *Dec*
1898, 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
two of which were in the same town or city.

BEN E. CAWELL, SHERIFF, DALLAS CO.
Ben E. Cawell Deputy.

RECORDED BY DALLAS, TEX.
95 *225*
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CERTIFIED COPY INFORMATION

INSTRUMENT: C/C Will and Order Probating
VOLUME: PAGE:
CAUSE # 2081, Estate of George W. Davis, Deceased
AMOUNT: \$4.00

mailed
6/21/68
2081

Honorable Tom E. Ellis
County Clerk
Dallas County Courthouse
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Our attorneys, Butler, Binion, Rice, Cook & Knapp, have informed us that they need a certified copy of the Will of George W. Davis and also the Order of Probate. Our records indicate that the Will is recorded in Vol. E, Page 380, Record of Wills, Dallas County, Texas, and the Order of Probate is recorded in Vol. O, Page 106, Probate Minutes of Dallas County, Texas.

We would appreciate your obtaining certified copies of these instruments and sending them to:

The Humphreys Foundation
P. O. Box 1139
Liberty, Texas 77575

Very truly yours,

L. Q. Van Deventer
L. Q. VanDeventer

LQ/ed
6-17-68
LQV/ed

THE HUMPHREYS FOUNDATION

517 TRAVIS ST. P. O. BOX 1139
LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575

TRUSTEES
J. G. BERTMAN, JR.
JOHN S. BOLES
JOHN M. WINTERBOTHAM

L. Q. VANDEVENTER, Mgr.

June 20, 1968

Honorable Tom E. Ellis
County Clerk
Dallas County Courthouse
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Enclosed is our check # 647 in the amount of \$4.00
to cover the cost of Will and Order Probating
Estate of George W. Davis.

Thank you,

L. Q. VanDeventer
E. D.

L. Q. VanDeventer

LQV:ed

Enclosure 1

March 15, 1935.

Sun Oil Company,
820 Esperson Building,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen: Attention: Morris Cyderon,
 Your Lease No. 12,212.
 Re: Estate of George W. Davis,
 Deceased, No. 2553, Dis. #2081.

Answering your letter of March 13 relative to the estate of George P. Davis, whom you stated was the father of Wirt Davis of Dallas, wish to advise that after calling Mr. Wirt Davis we were able to locate the estate you are interested in: to-wit, George W. Davis, deceased, No. 2553.

The application to probate Mr. Davis' will showed he died in the City of Corsicana, Texas, on Sept. 27, 1898, and left an estate valued at approximately \$100,000.00. His will was filed for probate on December 19, 1898, and probated here on January 31, 1899. No inventory and appraisement was ever filed in this estate.

We can furnish you with a certified copy of the application to probate the will and notice of application to probate the will, the fee for same being \$2.25. If you wish these certified copies kindly send us exchange for that amount and the copies will be promptly prepared and sent you.

Yours very truly,

ED. H. STEGER, County Clerk.

By _____
Deputy.

S.

SUN OIL COMPANY

J. EDGAR PEW
VICE PRESIDENT

SAN JACINTO LIFE BUILDING
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

R. W. PACK
GENERAL AGENT

820 Esperson Bldg.,
Houston, Texas
March 11, 1935.

Please refer to Lease #12,212

County Clerk
Dallas County
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Please send us the following:

In Re:Estate of Geo. P. Davis, Dec'd.

- (1) Application to probate will
- (2) Citation and return
- (3) Inventory & appraisement insofar as the "East 800 Acres of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Wm. Everett League, Liberty County, Texas" is concerned.

Please send bill along with the above to this office.

Yours very truly,

SUN OIL COMPANY

BY Marion Lyman

MG:2

March 12, 1935.

Sun Oil Company,
820 Esperson Building,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen: Attention -- Morris Gyderon
 Your Lease No. 12,212.
 Re: Estate of Geo. P. Davis,
 Deceased.

In reply to your letter of March 11 ordering certified copies of certain instruments in the estate of Geo. P. Davis, deceased, beg to advise that we have no record of the Geo. P. Davis estate. We have an estate in the name of Geo. Davis and one in the name of Geo. E. Davis. However, neither of these estates show the property listed which you refer to.

Yours very truly,

ED. H. STEGER, County Clerk.

S.

By _____
Deputy.

SUN OIL COMPANY

J. EDGAR PEW
VICE PRESIDENT

SAN JACINTO LIFE BUILDING
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

R. W. PACK
GENERAL AGENT

820 Esperson Bldg.,
Houston, Texas
March 13, 1935

County Clerk
Dallas, Texas.

For--Verna Stephenson
Please refer to Lease #10,212--Liberty Co.

Gentlemen :

In answer to your letter of March 12, 1935, please be advised that the Mr. Davis that we are attempting to locate is the father of Wirt Davis of Dallas, whom we understand is rather well known there.

Perhaps this will be of some help in getting the papers that we asked for in our letter of March 11, 1935 on the Estate of Geo. P. Davis, Deceased. The records of Liberty County, or the abstractor, may have made an error.

Please refer to our letter of March 11, 1935, and attempt to determine the name of the deceased father of Wirt Davis of Dallas, this being the man on whom we want the papers asked for in said letter of March 11, 1935.

We regret that we cannot be more definite in stating what we are looking for.

Yours very truly,

SUN OIL COMPANY

BY *Morris Lyndeson*

MG:2

SUN OIL COMPANY

J. EDGAR PEW
VICE PRESIDENT

SAN JACINTO LIFE BUILDING
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

R. W. PACK
GENERAL AGENT

ATT. Verna Stephenson

820 Esperson Bldg.,
Houston, Texas,
March 18, 1935.

County Clerk
Dallas, Texas.

IN RE: Lease #12,212--Liberty County
Est. of George W. Davis, dec'd.
#2553 Dis. #2081

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find check for \$2.25 to cover the following:-

- (1) Application to probate will of Geo. W. Davis, dec'd.
- (2) Citation and return thereon

We thank you very much for looking into this matter for us, and also the prompt attention which you have given same.

Yours very truly,

SUN OIL COMPANY

BY Morris Lydecker

MG:2

The State of Texas & Estate of Geo. W. Davis
770-2553 County of Dallas & deceased.

Proof of the last will and Testament
of Geo. W. Davis deceased;

This day personally appeared in Open
Court John L. Henry who being duly
sworn as a witness in the above entitled mat-
ter, and examined on behalf of the Appli-
cant to prove said will, says:—

I was well acquainted with Geo. W. Davis
deceased during his lifetime and knew him
for many years previous to his death;

That the said will is wholly written by
the said Testator in his own handwriting
with which I am familiar, and the signature
is his.

That the Testator at the time of executing
said will which bears date of 26th June
1888 was more than twenty one years of
age and was married and was of sound and
disposing mind and memory.

That said Testator died at Corsicana, Texas
on the 27th day of September A.D. 1898;

That Testator was a resident of Oak Cliff
Dallas County State of Texas;

John L. Henry
Subscribed and sworn to by John L. Henry before
me, in Open Court on this 31st day of June
1899 W. Jackson, Clerk of the County Court
of Dallas County Texas
By J. H. Conroy

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Esq. Geo. Davis
decedent

(4)

Proof of will

July 31 1889

S. JACKSON,
Notary Public, Dallas County, Tex.

J. Bayler

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State of Texas } In the Estate of
County of Dallas } Geo. W. Davis, deceased.

To the Honorable County Court of said County:

Now comes your petitioner, Mrs. Camilla G. Davis, and shows to the Court that she resides in the said County of Dallas and is the surviving wife of Geo. W. Davis deceased;

That on the 27th day of September A.D. 1898, the said Geo. W. Davis, who, at and before his death, had his domicile in the County of Dallas, State of Texas, aforesaid, died in the City of Corsicana, County of Navarro, State of Texas;

That at the time of his death, the said Geo. W. Davis, was seized and possessed of certain real and personal property of the probable value of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, being situate in different parts of the State of Texas; and that deceased left a written will, duly executed and herewith filed, in which your petitioner was appointed independent executrix ~~with bond~~;

That your petitioner is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary;

That by the terms of said will, all of the said property is devised to your petitioner;

Wherefore your petitioner prays that
citation be issued to parties of interest
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 fur-
ther orders be made as may be nec-
essary and proper to the Court -

Mrs. Camilla G. Davis
by Wirt Davis, atty.

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Estate of Geo. W. Davis
Deed.

Application to
Probate Will

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Dec 7 1898

A. S. JACKSON, Clerk,
Co. Court Dallas County.

By *J. H. S. [Signature]*

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No. 1553

The State of Texas } Estate of Geo. W. Davis
County of Dallas } deceased.

Proof of last will and testament of
Geo. W. Davis, deceased:

This day personally
appeared in open Court Wirt Davis
who being duly sworn as a witness in the
above entitled matter and examined on be-
half of the Applicant to prove said will, says:

I was well acquainted with Geo. W. Davis
deceased during his lifetime and knew him
for many years previous to his death;

That the said will is wholly written by
the said Testator in his own handwriting
and the signature is his;

That the Testator at the time of executing
said will which bears date of the 26th June
A.D. 1888, was more than
twenty one years of age and was married,

That Testator was of sound and disposing
mind and memory at the time of executing
said will, and that he died at Corsicana
Texas on the 27th day of September A.D. 1898.

That Testator was a resident of Oak
Cliff, Dallas County, State of Texas

That I have had access to all of Testator's
papers and have been closely related to him
in both business and domestic affairs and
have never found nor seen any other than
the present will -

Wirt Davis
Sworn to by Wirt Davis before me in open Court on this
the 31 day of January 1899 At Jackson Clerk Court
County Dallas Co. Texas
By J. H. Taylor, Jy

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No. 2553 ✓

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Est. Geo. W. Davis
Ward

Proof of will

FILED Jan 31 1889

H. S. JACKSON,
Notary Public, Dallas County, Tex.

H. Taylor

Recorded

8-381

GULF PRODUCTION COMPANY

HOUSTON, TEXAS.

In Reply Refer to File

February 22, 1935.

Re: Clayton Harper Survey, Liberty County.

ORDER NUMBER IWC-15.

Clerk of the Probate Court,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I understand that the last will and testament of
Geo. W. Davis, who died September 27, 1898, was probated in
Dallas County on January 31, 1899.

Will you kindly furnish me with a certified copy
of the inventory filed in this estate, and enclose bill
for same to the Gulf Production Company, P. O. Drawer 2100,
Law Department, Houston, Texas, mentioning above order
number.

Yours very truly,

Irwin W. Coleman

Irwin W. Coleman.

February 23, 1935.

Mr. Irwin W. Coleman,
Gulf Production Company,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen: Clayton Harper Survey, Liberty County.
Re: Order Number IWC-15.

Answering your letter of February 22 requesting certified copy of inventory and appraisement in the estate of Geo. W. Davis, deceased, No. 2553, who died September 27, 1898, wish to advise that no inventory and appraisement was ever filed in this estate.

Yours very truly,

ED. H. STEGER, County Clerk.

By _____ Deputy.

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CERTIFIED COPY INFORMATION

INSTRUMENT: C/C Will and Order Probating
VOLUME: PAGE:
CAUSE # 2081, Estate of George W. Davis, Deceased
AMOUNT: \$4.00

Honorable Tom E. Ellis
County Clerk
Dallas County Courthouse
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Our attorneys, Butler, Binion, Rice, Cook & Knapp, have informed us that they need a certified copy of the Will of George W. Davis and also the Order of Probate. Our records indicate that the Will is recorded in Vol. E, Page 380, Record of Wills, Dallas County, Texas, and the Order of Probate is recorded in Vol. O, Page 106, Probate Minutes of Dallas County, Texas.

We would appreciate your obtaining certified copies of these instruments and sending them to:

The Humphreys Foundation
P. O. Box 1139
Liberty, Texas 77575

Very truly yours,

L. Q. Van Deventer
L. Q. VanDeventer

LQV/ed

November 16, 1965

Mr. Hollis D. Young
4303 Trail Lake Drive
Houston 45, Texas

Estate of Geo. W. Davis, Deceased
No. 2553 Closed No. 2081

Dear Sir:

The Will of Geo. W. Davis, deceased was filed Dec. 19, 1898
under No. 2553.

This was an Independent Administration. The wife was
appointed in the Will as sole executrix without bond, therefore
she was Independent of the Court, and did not have to file any
Report with the Court.

Yours very truly,

Tom E. Ellis, County Clerk

By Deputy

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17. 11/11/11
October 10, 1965

Oct. 4, 1965

Probate Clerk
Dallas County
County Courthouse
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am working for Texaco Inc. as an Independent Contractor
and am interested in the following estate probated in Dallas
County:

Estate of George W. Davis Cause No 2553 2081
(He died Sept 27, 1898)

I am interested in the accounts or report of the Executor
in the years 1915 to 1920 which would be among the papers of the
Estate if the Estate was not closed at that time.

If the name O.C. Board or Octave C. Board appears on any of
the annual accounts or in any checks that might be presented in re
the annual accounts for the years 1915 through 1920 I would like to
order certified copies of same.

I enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope for your
reply and thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Harris D. Young
Harris D. Young
4303 Trail Lake Drive
Houston 45, Texas

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Estate of Geo. W. Davis } On this 31st day of Jan =
deceased } uary 1899 came on to be
heard the application of Mrs. Camilla G. Davis
wife of Geo. W. Davis, deceased, for the probate of
a certain instrument in writing now produced
in open Court, purporting and alleged to be the last
will and Testament of Geo. W. Davis, deceased,
And the Court having heard said Application and
the evidence in support thereof, and it appearing
to the Court that due and legal notice of said
application has been given and no objection thereto
offered, and it further appearing to the Court from
the written testimony of Jas. R. Henry and
Wirt Davis, credible and disinterested wit-
nesses who reside in the County of Dallas, State
of Texas, and who knew Geo. W. Davis in his lifetime,
that said Geo. W. Davis died in Navarro County, State
of Texas on the 27th day of September A.D. 1898,
that at the time of his death he was seized of and
possessed of certain real and personal prop-
erty and that his residence was in Dallas County,
State of Texas; That the instrument now here of-
fered for probate bearing date of the 26th day of
June 1888, and filed in this Court on the
19 day of Dec^r, 1898, is wholly in the hand-
writing of said decedent and that the signature
thereof is the genuine signature of said Geo. W. Davis.
That at the date of said instrument, said
testator was more than 71 years of age and
of sound and disposing mind and memory.
It is considered by the Court, and so ordered
and decreed, that the said instrument be and

the same is now here adjudged to be the last will and Testament of said Geo. W. Davis, deceased, and that said will together with the application for the probate thereof and all the testimony in this case be recorded in the minutes of this Court.

It is further ordered that Mrs. Camilla G. Davis named in said will as executrix, be and she is hereby appointed ~~Executrix~~ Independent Executrix without bond, according to the terms of said will, and that the Clerk of this Court issue to her Letters Testamentary when she shall have qualified as the law directs.

It is further ordered that Judge A. T. Wattle, J. C. Taylor & Wirt Davis, be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to appraise the estate of said Decedent.

✓ No. 7553
 Estate of Geo. W. Davis
 Decedent
 Verree J. Cook
 Prob. Clerk of Court
 (6)
 Cook
 D-106
 28.00
 50.00
 87.00

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TOM E. ELLIS

County Clerk
Dallas County, Texas

REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPIES

Date 11/15/73

Please prepare _____ Certified copies of Last Will and Testament and Order
Probating Will

Styled: Estate: Geo. W. Davis

Ordered by: Mr. Jerry N. Jordan, Attorney
Turner, Rodgers, Sailors, Jordan & Calloway
Return to: 2400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

Address: _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State)

Remarks: (This is your statement Charges Due)

By: Edith Pope, Deputy

Location of Instrument AND DETERMINATION OF FEE:

Charges Due

Type of Instrument _____ Fee \$ 4.00

Vol. No. _____ Page No. _____

Cause No. 2553

Film No. _____

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CASHIER'S COPY

FORM NO. 497

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2553 Davis, Geo. W.

Prepare c/c of will and order probating

Mail to Jerry N. Jordan, Atty.
Turner, Rodgers, Sailors, Jordan & Calloway
2400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

With Bill - work order, charges due.

rg 11-14-73

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