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TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

Estate of *Margaret L Curtis*  
DECEASED.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *W. R. Poynter*  
as Principal, and *T. B. Robinson* and *A. W. Lander*  
as Sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of said County of Dal-  
las, and his successors in office, in the sum of *Two thousand (\$2,000.00)* dollars:  
conditioned that the above bound *W. R. Poynter* who has  
been appointed Temporary Administrator of the Estate of *Margaret*  
*L Curtis* Deceased, shall well and truly perform all the  
duties required of him under said appointment.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190

*W. R. Poynter* [SEAL]  
*T. B. Robinson* [SEAL]  
*A. W. Lander* [SEAL]

I do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Temporary  
Administrator of the Estate of *Margaret L Curtis* Deceased, in  
accordance with law, and with the order of Court appointing me such Administrator.

*W. R. Poynter*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *5* day of *Jan* 190

*J. R. Shauls*  
County Clerk, Dallas County, Texas.  
By *B. F. Cullum* Deputy.



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No. 3523

COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

BOND OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR.

ESTATE OF

*Margaret L. Curtis*  
DECEASED.

Filed *Jan 5* A. D. 1904

*J. R. Howard* Clerk.

By *D. F. Cusum* Deputy.

Examined and Approved this *5*

day of *Jan* A. D. 1904

*S-18* *Ed. L. Linder*  
County Judge, Dallas County.

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Estate of Margaret }  
L. Curtis, Deceased.) In County Court, Dallas County, Texas.

Now comes W.R.Poynter, temporary administrator, of the estate of Margaret L. Curtis, deceased, and for his final report herein says:

(1)

That on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1904 he was duly appointed temporary administrator of said estate, and that since that date he has collected for said estate on Life Insurance Policy #5282 in the Conservative Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles, Cal. the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

(2)

That since the date aforesaid he has paid out of the amount so collected by him as temporary administrator the following claims against said estate:

To Frank Ellis, mdse. -----	\$5.95
.. T.G. Robinson, drugs. -----	\$6.15
.. S.S. Taylor, services in col. Ins. -----	\$10.00
.. A.W. Lander, funeral expences -----	\$65.35
<del>.. W.R. Poynter, advancement to acct. -----</del>	<del>\$5.00</del>
.. W.R. Poynter, mdse. -----	\$18.05
.. Dr. B.R. Anderson, professional services -----	\$36.00
.. C.P. Haynes, for legal services. -----	\$20.00
.. Frank R. Shanks, Co. Clk. copy of letter of ad. -----	\$1.00
.. W.R. Poynter, Commission on money col. & paid out --	\$108.07
Total, -----	\$270.57

An itemized statement of each of which claims duly sworn to and receipted have been filed with the clerk of this court, *I are attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.*

(3)

That if there ~~are~~ any other claims or demands against this estate they are unknown to this administrator, save and except court costs incurred which he is informed by the clerk is None Dollars.

(4)

That the amount of funds now remaining in the hands of said administration belonging to said estate is \$1729.43.

(5)

That the parties entitled to receive said estate are Belle Starks a feme sole more than 21 years of age and Dan Starks and Lawrence Starks, both of whom are minors, the guardian of both of whose estate is W.R. Poynter, all of which parties reside at New Hope, Dallas County, Texas, and are all the children and only children of the said Margaret L. Curtis, dec'd.

The foregoing is a complete and correct statement of the matters to which it relates.

*W. R. Poynter*

Temporary administrator of  
Estate of Margaret L. Curtis.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1904.

by W.R. Poynter.

*C. P. Haynes*  
Notary Public in and for  
Dallas County, Texas.

Premises considered the said W.R. Poynter, temporary administrator prays that the court may examine, approve and confirm this final statement of account, that the court make and enter an order directing this administrator to pay over to the said parties or their legal guardian, as the case may be, the said balance of money on hand after first paying all court costs, and that he as such temporary administrator be finally discharged by proper order of this court.

*Haynes & Haynes*



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Estate of Margaret  
L. Curtis, Dec'd.

Final Report of  
W. R. Poynter, Tem-  
porary Administrator.

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*W. R. Poynter*

Recorded in L-399

Exhibit Room

LAW OFFICES OF  
HAWKINS & HAYNES,  
Slaughter, L. EGG,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

Slaves

Estate of Mrs M. L. Curtis To

1903	Frank Ellis Dr		
Dec 4	Shirt & coat	2 <sup>00</sup>	Shoes
"	7 Copy Book	5	Tablets
"	17 Oysters	1 <sup>00</sup>	Oil
"	18 Chocolate	1 <sup>00</sup>	Flannel
"	23 Overalls	1 <sup>00</sup>	Hose
			2 <sup>50</sup>
			3 <sup>50</sup>
			1 <sup>25</sup>
			5 <sup>25</sup>

I Frank Ellis do Solemnly Swear that the above act is true & correct and that all lawful offsets have been allowed.

Frank Ellis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1904

W. H. Anderson  
Notary Public  
Dallas, Tex

Received of W. H. Anderson Notary Public of the Estate of M. L. Curtis deceased the sum of \$5.25 in full settlement and satisfaction of my claim against said estate  
Frank Ellis



J. G. Robinson  
New Hope Tex.

1903.

July	14	To	cuticura Salva	50.
Dec.	16	"	2 R	.80
"	18	"	5 R	1.50
"	14	"	2 R	.80
"	19	"	3 R	1.00
"	20	"	2 R	.80
"	21	"	2 R	.75

6.15

I, J. G. Robinson do solemnly swear  
that the above account against M. L. Curtis  
deceased is true and correct and  
that all lawful offsets have been  
allowed.

J. G. Robinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 29. day of Feb. 1904

A. W. Lander

A. P. Dallas

J. G.

Received of W. R. Bayliss Temporary  
Administrator of the estate of Margaret L.  
Curtis, deceased, the sum of \$6.15 in  
full settlement and satisfaction  
of my claim against said estate,  
Feb. 29, 1904

J. G. Robinson

Insurance Company.  
OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

State Manager

203 Main Street - Houston Building.

Dallas, Texas, Feby 15th 04 1904

W.R. Foynter  
Administrator of Estate of  
Mrs. M.L. Curtis

Dr. To J.S. TAYLOR  
For Services in making up Proofs of Death of Mrs. M.L. Curtis  
to collect the Life Insurance Policy #5282 for \$2000.00  
according to the requirement of the Conservative Life Ins.  
Company of Los Angeles Cal.

Amount due for same \$10.00

Items: Taking 4 Notarial Affidavits  
To one trip to New Hope with the Proof Blanks  
and having them filled out properly Jan'y 13th, 04  
Taking the Statement of four References and  
writing same out with my own statement of the  
credibility of these witnesses, together with my  
Certificate of authority ~~xxxx~~ to take such  
Depositions as Notary Public, from the County  
Clerk of Dallas County.

J.S. Taylor  
407 Main St  
Dallas Tex

Feb 29, 1904  
Received of W.R. Foynter, temporary administrator of the estate of  
Margaret L. Curtis deceased, the sum of ten (\$10.00) Dollars in full  
settlement and satisfaction of my claim against said estate.

J.S. Taylor

IN re Estate of Margaret E. Curtis,  $\frac{0}{0}$  County Court, Dallas County, Texas.

C.P. Haynes to W.R. Poynter, Temporary Administrator, dr.

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For legal services in and about said estate:

Advice, preparing application & order of appointment----- \$10.

Services in closing temporary administration, preparing

final report, orders, discharge, etc.----- \$10.

Total, \$20.

Feb 29, 1904  
Received of W.R. Poynter, Temp. Administrator of Estate of Margaret E. Curtis deceased  
the sum of \$20<sup>00</sup> in full settlement and satisfaction of my claim against said  
Estate.  
C.P. Haynes.



*[Faint, mostly illegible text from a document or envelope, possibly containing a receipt or legal notice.]*

**Company,**  
INCORPORATED.  
**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

**DIRECTORS.**  
 C. L. SPENCER,  
 W. D. OUTBEE,  
 W. L. CURTIS,  
 R. P. CLAY AND  
 W. R. POYNTER.

New Hope, Tex. March 17 1904  
 Received of W. R. Poynter, Temporary administrator  
 of the estate of M. L. Curtis, deceased, the sum of one \$17  
 Dollar in full settlement and satisfaction of my  
 claim against said estate for certified copy of  
 the order appointing said administrator

Frank R. Shanks  
 County Court Clerk

Dallas County, Texas  
 By C. C. Hall Deputy

*When signed  
 will return*

*W. R. Poynter*

Estate of M. L. Curtis to A. W. Lander Dr

1903 Dec 22 - 2 Paus	25
" 23 Mustard	10
" 24 Casket	50.00
" " Shroud	5.00
" " Hearse	10.00
	<u>\$65.35</u>

I A. W. Lander do solemnly swear  
that the above is true & correct  
and that all lawful offsets  
have been allowed

A. W. Lander

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1904

H. D. Humphreys  
Notary Public  
Dallas County  
Texas

in  
claim  
file

Recd of W. R. Poynter (int of M)  
Administrator of the estate of Mrs  
Curtis deceased the sum of \$65<sup>00</sup>  
in full satisfaction & settlement  
of my claims against said  
estate.  
Feb'y 29 1904  
A. C. Lander

HAYNES,  
DALLAS, TEXAS





W. R. Boynter,  
 Fancy Groceries, Dry Goods,  
 Notions, Etc.

2	1/2 gal Syrup <sup>60</sup>	130	260
ii	Sugar Rais <sup>75</sup>	1/2 <sup>75</sup> Dry Apples <sup>20</sup>	175
4	1/2 Bush Potatoes <sup>75</sup>	1/2 <sup>75</sup> Sugar <sup>10</sup>	35
5	2 Bags Coffee		75
7	1 Bot Suet		75
8	1 Bot Syrup <sup>100</sup>	Clear <sup>75</sup>	75
12	1 Bot Syrup <sup>100</sup>	1/2 <sup>100</sup> gal Syrup <sup>60</sup>	140
14	1/2 <sup>100</sup> Sol <sup>10</sup>		170
15	Viniger <sup>20</sup>	Crax <sup>10</sup>	45
18	Soda		30
19	Extract		10
23	Coffee <sup>50</sup>	1/2 <sup>115</sup> flour <sup>115</sup>	105
"	To Cash (loaned)		775
"	" Mrs Lawrence		500
"	" Mrs Booth	Don	195
			25
			\$18.05

J. W. P. Boynter do solemnly swear that the above account against Mrs M. L. Curtis deceased is true and correct, and that all lawful debts have been accounted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 29 day of Feb. 1904

W. R. Boynter  
 A. W. Lander  
 W. R. Dallas County Tex

Received of W. R. Boynter Temporary Adm. of the Estate of Margaret L. Curtis deceased the sum of \$18.05 in full settlement and satisfaction of my claim against said estate.  
 Feby 29. 1904  
 W. R. Boynter

10-11-1904

Spencer Company,  
INCORPORATED.  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

DIRECTORS.  
C. L. SPENCER.  
W. D. GUTHRIE.  
W. L. CURTIS.  
R. P. CLAY AND  
W. H. POWELL.

New Hope, Tex. *Feb 29* 1904

Received of W. D. Guthrie Temporary  
Administrator of the Estate of Margaret D. Curtis,  
deceased, the sum of \$26<sup>00</sup> in full settlement  
and satisfaction of my claim against  
said Estate.  
L. R. Amelunor *LD*





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Feb. 23, 1904

Received of W. R. Boynton, Trustee adm  
of the Estate of Margaret L. Curtis deceased  
the sum of \$36

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FRANK H. SHAW, Co. Clerk  
of

W. R. Boynton

# \_\_\_\_\_  
 In re temporary administratorship ) 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 1904.  
 of the estate of Margaret L. Curtis.)

This day came on to be heard for examination of the final report of W.R. Poynter, temporary administrator of the estate of Margaret L. Curtis deceased, and the same having been examined by the court and it further appearing from examination that the same is correct and shows a true balance of Seventeen Hundred Twenty four and 14/100 Dollars due said estate, and it appearing to the court that Belle Starks, Dan Starks and Lawrence Starks and that each of said heirs are entitled to said estate in equal shares are the true and only heirs of the said Margaret L. Curtis and it further appearing to the court that the said Belle Starks is more than 21 years of age and a feme sole and that Dan Starks and Lawrence Starks are minors and that the lawful guardian of their estate is W.R. Poynter, and that all of ~~which~~ said parties reside at New Hope in Dallas County, Texas:

It is ordered that the said account be and is hereby approved and the same, together with the accompanying vouchers, be recorded by the clerk. It is further ordered that the said W.R. Poynter, temporary administrator, upon paying to the said Belle Starks the sum of Five Hundred Seventy four and 14/100 Dollars, the amount due her from said estate and to W.R. Poynter, guardian of the minors aforesaid, the sum of Eleven Hundred forty eight and 28/100 Dollars, the amount due them from said estate, and filing with the clerk of this court receipts therefor, shall be finally discharged as such temporary administrator.

*E. S. Landrodale*  
*clerk*



# 3523

Estate of Margaret  
L. Curtis, Dec'd

Order approving  
Final Report of  
W.R. Boyette, Tem-  
porary Administrator

~~W.R. Boyette~~

The State of Texas, )  
 County of Dallas. )

To the Hon. Probate Judge of said County and State:-

We the undersigned children and only heirs at law of our mother, Mrs. Margaret <sup>L</sup> Curtis, deceased, who departed this life December 23rd, 1903, do hereby request that Mr. W. H. Poynter of said County and State be appointed Temporary Administrator of the estate of our said mother and that upon the termination of his administration that he be appointed Guardian <sup>of the estate</sup> of Lawrence Starks and Daniel Starks who are minors, and ~~we~~ hereby waive citation by personal service,

(Miss) Bell Starks  
Lawrence Starks  
Daniel Starks







to about \$ 20 *and \$5.00 advanced to deceased on Dec. 23 1902*. That all of said amounts are now due and cannot be paid except through an administration on said estate.

Wherefore the best interests of said estate require the appointment immediately of a temporary administrator under the provisions of Art. 1930 of the Rev. Civ. Stat. of Texas.

Premises considered, your petitioner prays that he be appointed, forthwith, temporary administrator of said estate, and that the order for his appointment may give him full and necessary authority in the premises, including authority to the following effect, viz:

(1) To collect said sum so due on said policy of insurance, with or without suit, and to execute proper receipts and acquittances therefor.

(2) To pay said bills for physician's services, funeral expenses and for merchandise, *and money advanced.*

(3) To pay all reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by him in the collection of said insurance money and in the preservation, safe keeping and management of said estate, and all reasonable attorneys fees that may be necessarily incurred by him in the course of said administration, and the court costs which may accrue in course thereof.

(4) After making the payments above provided for, to hold the balance of said estate subject to the further orders of this court.

Your petitioner prays that the amount of bond to be required of him be fixed in the order for his appointment as temporary administrator of said estate.

*Shanklin & Harris*  
Attorneys for W. R. Poynter, petitioner.

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Application for  
Appointment of  
W.R. Cozter  
Temporary Administrator  
of Estate of  
Margaret L. Cozter

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FRANK R. SHANKS, Co. Clerk.

*B. J. Calloway*

LAW OFFICES OF  
HAWKINS & HAYNES,  
COCKRELL BLDG.,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

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