

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

Case Number 2571

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The State of Texas,

Estate of

*E. L. Thomson*

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

*Bettie F. Thomson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* ~~1903~~ *1903*

*Carroll Bell*  
Notary Public

My commission expires *December 1903*

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of *E. L. Thomson*, Deceased:

*Bettie F. Thomson* has filed, in the County Court  
of Dallas County, State of Texas, an application for the Probate of the last Will of said  
*E. L. Thomson* 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 *Sept* A. D. 190*3*, at which time and place all persons interested  
in said Estate shall appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

WITNESS: ~~FRANK R. SHANKS~~ County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of  
Dallas, this *29* day of *June* A. D. 190*3*

*FRANK R. SHANKS*  
*A. J. JACKSON*  
County Clerk Dallas County, Texas.  
By *W. H. Rawlins* Deputy.

No. 3439  
COUNTY COURT,  
DALLAS COUNTY.

EXECUTOR'S ~~WOMEN~~  
*Applicant*  
ESTATE OF  
*E. L. Thomson*

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DEC 12 1903  
FRANK R. SHANKS, Clerk.  
CLERK COUNTY COURT.  
By *B. J. Cullen* Deputy.  
DEPUTY.  
Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
189

County Judge, Dallas County.

*Recorded - 3 - 2-18*

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

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No. 3439  
COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
*E. L. Thomson*  
Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of  
Will and Letters.

Issued this *29* day of *June* 190*3*  
FRANK R. SHANKS, County Clerk,  
By *W. J. Cullen* Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to and the *30* day of *June*  
190*3* and executed the *30* day of *June*  
190*3* by posting up three copies of this Will in 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.

*E. L. Thomson*  
Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas  
By *W. J. Cullen* Deputy

JOHN WILLIAMS, PRINTER, DALLAS.

*Posting 3 Notices*  
*Recorded 4-3-00*  
*258*

State of Tex  
County of Dallas

Knowing the uncertainty  
of life and the certainty of death and  
being now of sound mind I make this  
my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto my wife  
Betty F. Thomson for the term of her natural  
life all the property both real and personal  
of which I may be possessed of to have  
and hold the same during her life and  
to see convey and in any way dispose  
thereof that she may deem fit for the  
benefit of herself and our children.

At her death I direct that all my  
estate then in existence shall be  
equally divided between my children  
or their heirs. Share and share  
alike. I furthermore will that the  
Probate Court have nothing to do  
with my estate save and except

to probate this my will, and I hereby name  
and appoint my said wife Bettie Thomson  
the executrix of this my last will, and  
direct that she be not required to give any  
bond as such.

Written dated and signed by my  
own hand this July 9th 1887

E. L. Thomson

Witness

J. M. Pace

D. A. McCarty

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JUN 29 1903

FRANK W. McCarty

Estate of  
E. L. Thomson, Decd <sup>3</sup> Nov 13-1903-

Be it remembered that on this date  
came on to be heard the application  
of Mrs Bette J. Thomson, surviving  
widow of E. L. Thomson deceased  
to probate the will of said decedent  
and to be appointed independent executor  
of said estate in accordance with  
the last will and testament of said  
decedent presented on Court for  
probate. And advice being had upon  
said application as required by law  
and said will being produced in  
open Court dated July 9<sup>th</sup> 1887, and  
signed by E. L. Thomson and attested  
by J. M. Pace and Dr J. M. Carthy as  
subscribing witnesses thereto, and it  
being given upon the sworn testimony  
of J. M. Pace in open Court and reduced  
to writing and signed and sworn to  
by said J. M. Pace, that the instrument  
proffered is the last will and testament  
of E. L. Thomson, and was signed by  
said E. L. Thomson on July 9 1887  
and signed by said J. M. Pace and  
Dr J. M. Carthy as subscribing witnesses  
at the request of said E. L. Thomson  
all of whom signed said instrument, testator  
and witnesses in the presence of each  
other on the date thereof; and that said  
E. L. Thomson died on June 17<sup>th</sup>  
1903, and at the time of his  
death was a resident citizen of  
Dallas County, State of Texas

And it appearing that said applicant  
Betty Thomson is named in said  
will as sole legatee, and appointed  
Independent Executor of said estate  
It is considered, and so ordered and  
decreed by the Court that said instrument  
aforesaid is the last will and testament  
of said E. L. Thomson, now deceased  
since June 17th 1903, and the same  
should be and is hereby probated,  
and ordered to be recorded as required  
by law as the last will and testament  
of said E. L. Thomson, deceased, <sup>together with the testimony of said J. M. Poye aforesaid</sup>  
And said will naming the said Betty  
Thomson as independent Executor  
of said estate, <sup>without bond and</sup> without further  
action of the probate Court over said  
estate. It is further ordered that said  
Betty Thomson be and she is  
hereby appointed Independent Executor  
of said estate, <sup>without bond</sup> and upon the filing of  
an inventory and appraisement of  
said estate that no further action  
or proceedings be had by the probate  
Court in reference to said estate  
and the said Betty Thomson as <sup>said</sup>  
Independent Executor is authorized  
and empowered to control and dispose  
of said estate ~~and representative~~  
without control or intervention of  
the Probate Court -  
It is further ordered, that Mrs. Afferson  
W. H. Gorton and John Gorton are  
appointed appraisers of said estate  
to inventory and appraise the same



Estate of  
E. L. Thomson

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Judgment  
Probating Will

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8/596 Probate  
Minutes

No. 3439

PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } ESTATE OF  
County of Tarrant } E. L. Thomson Deceased.  
Proof of Last Will and Testament of E. L. Thomson Deceased.

This day personally appeared in open Court J. M. Pace  
who, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to  
prove said Will, says: I was well acquainted with E. L. Thomson  
deceased, during his lifetime; I knew the above decedent for about 22 years  
before his death; the signature of the said deceased to the instrument now shown to me, and offered for probate  
as his last Will and Testament, filed in this Court on the 29th day of June 1903 A. D. 1887  
and bearing date on the 9th day of July 1887 was made by the deceased  
on said last named date at Tarrant, Texas in presence of myself  
J. M. Pace and J. A. McCarty

the other subscribing witness, all of said witnesses being over the age of fourteen years. At the time of the  
making of said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and he declar I the said  
Will so made by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness,  
together with J. A. McCarty at the request of the said testator,  
in his presence and in the presence of each other. The said deceased at the time of the execution of said

instrument was about 44 years of age; the said E. L. Thomson  
departed this life on the 17th day of June 1903  
about sixteen years after making said Will, in the County of  
Tarrant in the State of Texas, where and at which time his residence and  
principal estate was situated. J. M. Pace

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of April 1903 in open Court,  
Frank R. Shanks Clerk  
County Court Tarrant County, Texas.  
By J. F. Curran Deputy.

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No. *3439*

PROOF OF WILL.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of *Texas*

*A* Term, 189...

ESTATE OF

*E. J. Thomson*  
*E. J. Thomson*  
Deceased

Filed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

**FILED**

A. D. 189...

ap'd recorded the *NOV 13 1903* day

of *FRANK R. SHANKS* A. D. 189... in the

of *CLERK* COUNTY COURT.

Probate Minutes of *W. B. Cullow* DEPUTY.

County, in Volume \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

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MUSE & ALLEN  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
DALLAS, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) IN THE COUNTY COURT, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS  
County of Dallas. )

To the Hon. Ed S. Lauderdale, Probate Judge:

Your petitioner, Bettie F. Thomson, files ~~last~~ the last Will and Testament of her deceased husband, E. L. Thomson, for the probate thereof, and shows as follows:

1. That the decedent, Dr. E. L. Thomson died at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas, on the 17th day of June, 1903; that at the time of his death he was, and for many years prior thereto, had been a resident citizen of the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, and that his estate is situated in said Dallas County, and the same is of the probable value of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars or more, and consists of real estate and personal property.

2. That your petitioner, Bettie F. Thomson, his surviving wife, is named as Independent ~~Administratrix~~<sup>Executrix</sup> in his last Will, which is filed herewith, and she resides in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

3. That your petitioner is not disqualified by law from accepting letters and acting as Independent ~~Administratrix~~<sup>Executrix</sup> of said estate as directed by the terms of said Will. That a necessity exists for the probate of said Will in order to establish title ~~to~~ the property devised under its terms to your petitioner and collect and dispose of said estate.

Premises considered, your petitioner prays that said Will be admitted to probate, and that she be appointed Independent Administratrix thereof in accordance with the terms and direction thereof, and will ever pray.

*Muse & Allen*  
Attorneys for Petitioner,  
Bettie F. Thomson.

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Estate of E.L. Thomson,  
Deceased.

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Application for Probate of Will

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JUN 29 1903

FRANK J. DAVIS, Co. Clerk,  
BY *W.M. Lawless* DEPUTY.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

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

*H. C. L. Thomson, deceased*

*One House and Lot, Corner of Cedar  
and Evergreen Streets in the City  
of Dallas, Texas - Homestead of  
H. C. L. Thomson and Wife Value \$ 4000<sup>00</sup>  
Household and Kitchen Furniture  
valued at \$ 650<sup>00</sup>*

No. 3639

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF  
*E. J. Thomson*  
*Deceased*

Inventory and Appraisement.

FILED

DEC 12 1903

FRANK R. SHANKS,  
County Clerk.

By *B. F. Cullum*  
Deputy.

Examined and Approved this

day of *Dec* 1903

*W. S. Hedges, Jc.*  
County Judge.

*Recorded - 7-169*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

*Bette J. Thomson, Independent Contractor*

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.

*Bette J. Thomson*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *30th* day of *November* A. D. 190*3*

*Charles Bell*  
County Clerk

By *Notary Public*

*My Commission expires Nov. 25 - 1906.*

Before the Undersigned Authority, this day personally appeared

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DALLAS.

*John H. Gaston and W. H. Gaston*

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.

*John H. Gaston*  
*W. H. Gaston*

by *John H. Gaston*  
*W. H. Gaston*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the *11* day of *Dec* A. D. 190*3*

*S. Hayes a Notary Public*  
*for Dallas County, Texas.*