

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all Persons Interested in the Administration of the Estate of
Samuel T. Bledsoe, deceased.
Ann Maria Bledsoe has filed, in the County Court
of Dallas County, an Application for the Probate of the last Will of
Samuel T. Bledsoe, deceased, and for Letters Testamentary,
which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in
May, A. D. 188*2*, at the Court House, in the City of Dallas, at which
time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Application, if
they see proper.

WITNESS, A. HARWOOD, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office
in the City of Dallas, this *21st* day of *April*,

A. D. 188*2*.

A. HARWOOD, County Clerk Dallas Co., Texas,
By *W. H. Thacker* Deputy.

Filing Writ	15
Deputy Notary	75
Filing & papers	30
Entire order Probate	50
Will & application for	50
Appointing & papers	15
Filing Summary	75
Accounting Same	2.00
Final Decree	5.10
	3.00
Stamps for	78.10
	2
Judges fee	810.10

1882

No. 379

COUNTY COURT.

ESTATE OF

Saml. T. Bledsoe,

Deceased.

Notice of Application for Probate of
Will and Letters.

Issued this 21st day of
April, 1882

A. HARWOOD, County Clerk,

By W. H. Shacker, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

Came to hand the 21 day of April
1882, and executed the 22 day of April
1882, by posting up three copies of this Writ at
three public places in Dallas County, one of which
was the Court House Door of said County. /one

Lancaster one mesquite
Ben F. Jones
Sheriff, Dallas Co.

By Louis Jacoby Deputy.

Sherriffs fees \$ 3.00

The State of Texas } In County Court
County of Dallas } Term, 1882

To the Hon R. E. Burke, Judge of the County Court
of Dallas County Texas, sitting in matters of Probate

Your petition, Ann Maria Bledsoe, (The widow and
Relict of Samuel J. Bledsoe Decd) who resides in Dallas
County and State of Texas, would respectfully represent
unto your Honor that she as the widow and Relict
of Samuel J. Bledsoe, late of Dallas County Texas Decd,
filed in your Honors Court, on the 3rd day of April
1879, the last will and Testament, together with
her petition praying that the same be probated
and admitted to Record - She further represents
that subsequently to wit in July 1880, her said
petition and said will, together with all the
records of this Court pertaining thereto, were
destroyed by fire, at the being of the Court house
of Dallas County Texas, at that time - And now ~~she~~
~~she~~ she files this petition for the purpose of
having said will substituted, and represents that
said Bledsoe is dead, - that he made a will in
his lifetime, to wit on the 12th day of March 1862
that she is his widow, and the sole legatee in said
will - that A. H. Samuel Jr, a witness to said will, is
dead, and that S. P. Samuel the other subscribing witness
to said will, resides in Korea, Limstern County Texas, - and
that the accompanying paper marked "Exhibit A" is a
substantial copy of the last will and Testament of
said Samuel J. Bledsoe Decd.

Petitioner therefore prays, that said "Exhibit A" be substituted
as and for the true last will & Testament of said Samuel J.
Bledsoe Decd, in lieu of the original, so lost & destroyed as aforesaid
and that the same be probated and admitted to record, and
she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving bond ~~and~~
for all orders & notices that may be necessary for the purposes
hereof.

Ann Maria Bledsoe

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas } Before me L. Lindsey, J.P. & Justice of the Peace
 in and for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared
 Ann Maria Bledsoe, widow and Relict of Samuel J.
 Bledsoe dead, and made oath that the matters and
 things set forth in the within & foregoing petition are
 true, and that the paper hereto annexed marked Exhibit
 A contains substantially the substance of the last will
 and testament of Samuel J. Bledsoe dead, which was
 destroyed by fire when the Court house in Dallas Texas
 was burned in July 1882.

Subscribed & sworn to before
 me this 20th day of March, 1882
 L. Lindsey, J.P.
 Dallas Co. Texas

Ann Maria Bledsoe

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Ann Maria Bledsoe

To Exhibit to provide

Samuel J. Bledsoe

March 20 1882

L. Lindsey, J.P.

Dallas Co. Texas

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McCurdy's Appraisals

Appraisals

May 14 1882

McCurdy & Co.

Attys

The State of Texas
County of Dallas

During Dr. S. J. Bledsoe's life time, he and I had frequent conversations as to the disposition of his property at, or after his death and although I cannot recollect his exact words, yet the impression was always left upon my mind that the entire estate was already given to his wife or would be hers at his death.

These conversations were always confidential and pertained largely of the intercourse between a son and his father, and so firmly am I impressed with the conviction that it was the said Bledsoe's intention that his wife should have his entire property that I am willing to swear to that conviction and further that this conviction has no other source than the conversations referred to above.

A. Bladrae

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 27th day December A.D. 1881

Louis H. Taylor

Notary Public

Dallas Co Tex

The State of Texas }
 County of Dallas }

To all whom these presents may come
 This is to certify that prior to the death
 of Dr S I Bledsoe I heard him say
 confidentially to me, that he had prior
 to the time he left home, during the
 late war, made a will in favor of his
 wife A M Bledsoe, giving her every
 thing that he at that time possessed,
 and the said Dr S I Bledson, further
 said to me, that he had not changed
 that will and that he intended for
 his wife A M Bledsoe to have all
 his property

R P Henry

Subscribed & sworn to before me

before me this 30th day of March 1882

L. J. Lindsey, J. P. & Not. P.

Dallas County, Texas

The following is an inventory of the real & personal estate of S. L. Bledson held by him & his surviving widow Ann W. Bledson at the time of his death & community property between them.

Real estate		
652 acs of land valued at \$15 ⁰⁰		\$9780.00
Personal property		
1 Brown mare valued at		50.00
1 large bay mare " "		100.00
1 old gray " " "		15.00
3 colts each " " \$20 ⁰⁰		60.00
20 head stock cattle " " 7 ⁵⁰		210.00
1 buggy " "		30.00
5 Bales cotton " " \$50 ⁰⁰		250.00
50 bushels corn " " 40 ⁰⁰		2000.00
75 lbs bacon " " \$12 ⁵⁰		937.50
4 barrels & hutchins furniture " "		100.00
		10639.38

We, the undersigned appraisers appointed to appraise the property of S. L. Bledson owned by him at the time of his death, do hereby solemnly swear that the above & foregoing inventory includes all the property shown to us, the administrators of said estate & that we have placed a fair valuation on each said property, the same being shown in said inventory.

Sworn to & subscribed before us
 on this 21st day of June 1882
 James H. Sevin, J. W.
 W. B. D. Co. Secs.

R. S. Gery
 R. A. Rawlins
 D. B. McCurdy

The following is a list of claims & money
 professed by S. T. Bledsoe deceased at the time of
 his death, the same being community property
 held by him & his surviving widow at the time of
 his death. none

S. M. Bledsoe
 " " " " " " " "

The State of Texas, }
 County of Dallas, } Before me, James H. Swindell,
 a Notary Public in and for the
 County and State aforesaid, per-
 sonally appeared S. M. Bledsoe, to me well
 known, and who signed ^{in my presence} the above and within
 Inventory of Property belonging to the Estate
 of S. T. Bledsoe, dec'd, and ~~declared~~ by me duly
 sworn, declared that the within is a true and
 correct list of all real and personal property
 belonging to said estate. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto signed my name and
 affixed the impress of my official
 seal, this 28th day of June, A.D.
 1882 James H. Swindell
 N. P. & Co Tex.

Kosse Limestone County Tex
 March 9th 1882

This is to certify that I signed as witness a
 Will made & signed by Samuel S. Bledsoe of Dallas
 County Texas in 1861 or 1862 in which he bequeathed
 to his wife Ann Maria Bledsoe all his property
 real and personal as noted and accounts

Shawden P Samuel

State of Texas

Limestone County } Before me, a Notary Public for
 Limestone County Texas, on this day personally appeared
 Shawden P Samuel, known to me, and after being
 duly sworn by me, states under oath, that the
 foregoing is true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of
 office this 9th day of March, 1882.

A. B. Bledsoe, Notary Public
 Limestone County Texas

Knowing that all men are liable die, and desiring to direct the manner in which my property shall be disposed of after my death, I Samuel S. Bledsoe, of the County of Dallas, and State of Texas being sound in mind and memory, do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Anne Mariah Bledsoe, all of my property, both personal and Real, and consisting of 780 acres of Land lying about one mile South of Lancaster in Dallas County, of State of Texas - 640 acres of which, being our headright as a Colonist in Peters Colony, patented in two summs or fractions - And 140 acres purchased by me of our Elias Smith - And the personal property, consisting of all the horses, Cattle, hogs, poultry, farming utensils &c, And all all other property belonging to me at my death, And all my Notes, and accounts, and all other personal effects of which I may die possessed to have and to hold by her forever, and dispose of as may to her seem best,

Further it is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid, This my will is made for the purpose of keeping my property out of the Courts, further than what may be necessary to have this will probated & admitted to record, Requiring no bond to be given in carrying out this will

Signed this 12th day of March 1862

Witness

N. H. Barnell Jr

S. P. Samuels

(signed)

Samuel S. Bledsoe

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Substantiated
Last Will + Testament
of
Dr. Samuel J. Redden decd

"Exhibit A"

Filed March 22nd 1882.
A. Harwood, Clerk.

Dr. H. H. Thacker, dept.

May 19th 1882

The enclose is introduced
This copy is directed
to be duly recorded
in the last will of
Dr. Redden decd
It is also my appointment
to exhibit with Henry
Ward & Co County
Notary & R. A. Rowles
are appointed appraisers
R. L. Burke
2-2-82