

Estate of Thomas Connor } November  
No. 81. } deceased

This day came on to be the  
petition of Dennis M. Connor, and  
Connor for the probate of a certain  
in writing now produced in court, pre-  
alleged to be the last will of Thomas  
and it appearing that due notice of  
had been given as prescribed by law, as  
a statement of which is filed in this  
and fully considered by the court, it  
adjudged and decreed by the court to  
instrument in writing is hereby admitted  
and record as the last will of said  
deceased, and that said will, together  
petition for the probate thereof, and  
money shall be recorded in the main  
court. And Dennis M. Connor and  
Connor, being by said will constituted  
appointed executors thereof without  
are hereby recognized as such executors  
is ordered that letters testamentary  
will annexed be issued to them

The State of Texas }  
Victoria County } Know all men that I, Thomas  
O'Connor, of Refugio County, in the State of Texas,  
hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore  
made, do now make and declare my last  
will and testament as follows:

After payment of the expenses of my burial,  
and the payment of all just debts, if I shall  
leave any unpaid, I dispose of all my estate  
as follows:

First - I give and bequeath to the Catholic Church  
at Refugio, Refugio County, Texas, one thousand dollars,  
to be paid by my executor in two equal annual  
installments, one and two years respectively after  
my death.

Second - I give and bequeath to my natural  
daughter Mary O'Connor, now residing in Gonzales  
County, Texas, fifty thousand dollars, to be paid  
to her by my executor in three equal annual  
installments, one, two and three years respectively  
after my death.

Third - After reserving a sufficient sum to pay the above bequeathed legacies, all the remainder and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, shall be divided into four equal parts, and three of said parts, being three fourths of the whole, shall go to and belong to my son Dennis M.

O'Connor; and one of said parts, being one fourth of the whole, shall go to and belong to my natural son Thomas M. O'Connor. And if either of my said sons shall die during my life time, leaving children or descendants, the devise and bequest to such son shall not lapse, but shall descend to and vest in his children or descendants.

Fourth - The foregoing provisions of this will are made with the intent and for the purpose of disposing of all the property which I now own, claim and control, and all I may own, claim, and control at the time of my death, without regard to the question whether any of said property may or may not belong to the community estate of myself and

my deceased wife, the mother of my son Dennis  
Mc O'Connor, and I further declare, that if any  
claim to any of said property shall be made, by my  
said son Dennis, or by any one claiming under  
him, on the ground that such property belonged  
to the community estate of myself and the  
mother of said Dennis, then and in that  
case it is my will that after receiving a sufficient  
fund for the payment of the two legacies of one  
thousand dollars to the Catholic Convent at Refugio  
and fifty thousand dollars to my daughter Mary  
O'Connor, all the property, real, personal and mixed,  
of which I may legally dispose by will, shall be  
divided into two equal portions, one of which portions  
shall go to and belong to my said son Dennis Mc.  
O'Connor, and the other portion shall go to and belong  
to my said natural son Thomas Mc. O'Connor, and in  
case of the death of either of said sons during my  
lifetime leaving children or descendants, the devise  
and bequest to such son shall not lapse, but shall  
descend and vest in his children or descendants.

Fifth - I appoint my sons Dennis M. Connor  
and Thomas M. Connor to be the executors of this  
will, and direct that no bond be required of them,  
and that no action in regard to my estate be taken  
in any Probate Court, except the probating and  
recording of this will and the filing of an inventory  
of property and list of claims. [The words "reserving a  
sufficient fund for the," interlined before signing]  
Witness my hand this 3<sup>d</sup> day of November 1883.

Witnesses

Thomas Connor

W. L. Ballender

Wm. S. Glass

Filed Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1887. Geo Howard, Clerk County Court  
Refugio County Texas

The State of Texas } In the County Court of  
Refugio County } Refugio County  
To the Honorable the County Court of  
Refugio County  
Your Petitioners Dennis M. Connor and Thomas

Mc Connor residents of the said county of Repulse  
do hereby apply for the Probate of the written  
Will of their deceased father Thomas Mc Connor,  
who died at his residence in the said county  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1887, leaving an  
estate consisting of lands, cattle, horses and  
other personal property, of the probable value  
of----- Your petitioners further re-  
present that they are the Executors of the said  
Will as named therein and file herewith the  
original Will. They pray that after due citation  
as required by law said will may be probated  
and your petitioners qualified as executors thereof.

Glass & Ballender attys  
for Petitioners

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Repulse Co. Pa.

The State of Texas } County Court No. 1  
County of Tarrant } In Estate of Thomas

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1883, appeared in open court William C. [unclear] duly sworn deposed and says that on November, 1883, he was present and observed sign the instrument of [unclear] on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of October A.D. 1887, to him, bearing date on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of 1883, and purporting to be the last said Thomas Connor, and hea and declare the same to be his last testament; that at the time of publishing the same, the said Thomas Connor was over twenty one years of age and of sound mind and that this affiant and W. L. Ball [unclear] signature appears on said instrument on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 1883, then being respectively above the age of fourteen years and their names as witnesses to the same and at the request of said testator were present at the presence of each other.

That afterwards on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of