

REPORT OF APPRAISEMENT BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMPTROLLER

Orange County, State of Texas.

Harrell

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
Mrs. Mita Hill Stark, deceased. )

REPORT OF APPRAISEMENT

On this the 30th day of May, 1940, came on to be considered the matter of appraising the estate of the above named decedent for inheritance tax purposes, and the interested parties having waived the appointment of appraisers and requested us to make such appraisement, we, the undersigned, respectfully report:

1. That said decedent died a resident of the County and State aforesaid on the 11th day of October, 1939.
2. That the actual market value of the property which by reason of the death of said decedent has been transferred within the meaning of the inheritance tax laws of this State, was at the date of the decedent's death as set forth below.
3. And that the deductions claimed and set forth below are legally allowable as deductions in this proceeding as claims against this estate.
4. That the total actual market value of the property with respect to this estate within the meaning of the inheritance tax laws of this State, and the total amount of debts and other charges allowed in this proceeding as deductions are as follows:

Total value of Schedule A-1 (Real Estate less mortgages).....	\$ 27,555.00
Total value of Schedule A-2 (Stocks, bonds, notes, cash, etc.).....	\$243,145.24
Total value of Schedule A-3 (Live Stock).....	\$
Total value of Schedule A-4 (Chattal Property).....	\$ 69,300.62
Total value of Schedule A-5 (Insurance).....	\$
Total value of Schedule B-1 (Transfers).....	\$
Total value of Schedule B-2 (General powers of appointment).....	\$
TOTAL GROSS VALUE OF ESTATE.....	\$340,000.86
TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHEDULE D.....	\$236,176.20
TOTAL NET VALUE OF ESTATE.....	\$103,824.66

R. Lee Davis

County Judge Orange Co., Texas.

Geo. H. Sheppard

State Comptroller.

(SEAL)

This report of appraisement by County Judge and Comptroller executed and approved subject to amendment to conform with the final determination of the net estate by the Federal Government.

Filed: June 8, 1940.  
Mrs. W. A. Gunning, County Clerk,  
By Ethel Burton, Deputy.

ORDER FIXING INHERITANCE TAX

ORANGE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS.

Harrell

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
Mrs. Mita Hill Stark, Deceased. )

TRANSFER TAX

On this the 30th day of May, 1940, came on to be considered the matter of determining the cash value of said estate and the amount of inheritance tax to which the same is liable and after having heard testimony and considered the inventory and the report of appraisement, and after having heard all the parties desiring to be heard, and upon the whole record, and being fully advised:

WILL AND LET THEREBE that said decedent died on the 11th day of October, 1939; and that said estate has been appraised at its actual market value as provided by law.

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It is therefore ordered that the said report of appraisement, together with the recommendations for taxation and exemption by said appraisers, be and the same is hereby approved, and

It is further ordered, upon said report that the cash value of the several successions, estates, annuities, gifts, transfers, appointments, interest, etc., subject to taxation or exemption by reason of the death of said decedent under the laws of this State and the tax to which the same are severally liable, be and the same are hereby assessed and fixed as follows:

Beneficiary and Relationship to Decedent	Appraised Actual Market Value Dollars Cts.	Statutory Exemption	Taxable Cash Value Dollars Cts.	Rate	Tax Fixed Dollars Cts.
Helen Hughes, Second Cousin	1,000.00) 850.00)	1,000.00	850.00	4%	28.00
Grace Hill Milam, Cousin	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00	4%	20.00
Norma Hill None	500.00) 1,500.00)	500.00	1,500.00	5%	75.00
Dorothy Hill Thrasher Cousin	1,000.00) 500.00)	1,000.00	500.00	4%	20.00
Mary Drake None	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00	5%	50.00
John Drake None	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00	5%	50.00
I. B. Murray None	2,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	5%	100.00
Mme. R. Burki None	750.00	500.00	250.00	5%	12.50
Homer Stark Adopted Son	25,339.83) 5,500.00)	25,000.00	5,839.83	1%	58.40
Mrs. Stark, Adopted Son	25,339.83) 5,000.00)	25,000.00	5,339.83	1%	53.40

This order fixing inheritance tax executed and approved subject to amendment to conform with the final determination of the net estate by the Federal Government.

TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED.....\$465.30

Wherefore it is ordered that the administrator (executor) be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay and deliver forthwith to the County Tax Collector the sum of \$465.30 as and for inheritance tax to which said heirs, legatees or devisees are liable and charge the same to the respective shares as taxed herein.

It is further ordered that said appraisers' compensation and expense incurred be fixed at --- dollars.

R. Lee Davis  
County Judge, Orange County, Texas.

Examined and approved this the 5th day of June, 1940.

Geo. H. Sheppard  
State Comptroller.

Filed: June 8, 1940  
Mrs. W. A. Gunning, Clerk,  
By Ethel Burton, Deputy.

INVENTORY, APPRAISEMENT, LISTS OF CLAIMS AND ORDER

NO. 1101 IN PROBATE

ESTATE OF : IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
NITA HILL STARK, DECEASED : ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS.

Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Nita Hill Stark, deceased, produced before the undersigned appraisers on the 1st day of May, 1940, and times following, by H. J. Latcher Stark, Independent Executor of said estate.

SEPARATE PROPERTY

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100 Shares Capital Stock of Vinton Petroleum Company of Texas	\$ 1,000.00
Cash bequeathed under the will of Mrs. M. M. Stark, Deceased	20,000.00
<b>Jewelry:</b>	
Solitaire pearl ring; approximately 20 grs. 6 diamonds, platinum mounting	\$ 300.00
Pearl solitaire ring; approximately 20 grs. 16 diamonds, platinum mounting	350.00
Solitaire diamond ring; 3.50 ct. perfect emerald cut diamond, 2 diamonds .80, 20 small diamonds, platinum mounting	1,200.00
Solitaire ruby ring; 2.50 ct. ruby, 2 Trapeze diamonds, 1.50 ct., 2 Baguettes .14 ct. in platinum mounting	750.00
Antique pearl ring; Cobalt blue, 6 old mine diamonds, gold mounting	200.00
Seylon sapphire ring; approximately 25 cts., 6 Baguettes, 160 ct., 22 small diamonds, platinum mounting	400.00
Platinum wedding ring; no diamonds	10.00
Diamond platinum wedding ring; 36 square cut diamonds .72 cts., platinum mounting	140.00
Emerald cut solitaire diamond ring; 4.50 cts. 28 small diamonds, platinum mounting	1,500.00
Square cut diamond ring; 0.50 cts., 14 small diamonds, platinum mounting	1,000.00
Emerald cut solitaire diamond ring; 3 cts. gem blue, 4 small diamonds, platinum mounting	1,400.00
Marquise diamond; 6 cts., 40 small diamonds, platinum mounting	1,800.00
Black opal ring; 6 cts., 2 Trapeze diamonds, 8 small diamonds, platinum mounting	150.00
Tourmaline dinner ring; 28 small diamonds, platinum mounting	175.00
Tourmaline dinner ring; 24 small diamonds, gold mounting	125.00
Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity pin; 20 diamonds .40	25.00
Diamond platinum necklace; 1-2.50 ct. fine pear shaped diamond, 1-.40 ct. round diamond, 1-.35 ct. round diamond and 76 small diamonds	1,375.00
Antique pearl brooch; 32 diamonds, 1.50 cts. 8 Baroque pearls	250.00
Diamond necklace; 15 diamonds, 1.50 cts., 1 diamond, .33 cts., 44 small diamonds	200.00
Phi Beta Phi gold pin; 3 small diamonds .30 and four small diamonds	20.00
Four Phi Beta Phi gold pins; one small diamond	4.00
Diamond onyx bracelet; 112 diamonds 2 cts., 20 onyx pieces (2 onyx pieces cut)	250.00
Jet necklace	50.00
Pair jet ear screws; 32 diamonds 1.25 cts.	150.00
Pair jet ear drops, gold mounting	10.00
Pair jet ear drops, silver mounting	8.00
Antique black enamel rose diamond pin, 19 rose diamonds	50.00
Diamond platinum brooch; reversible diamond onyx center, 4 diamonds .40, 2 diamonds .50, 28 onyx squares, and 44 small diamonds	300.00
Diamond platinum brooch; 1 diamond .35, 38 small diamonds 3/4 cts.	200.00
Diamond platinum onyx bar pin; 4 diamonds .80, 12 onyx pieces	50.00
Flexible onyx bracelet, 36 diamonds .66, platinum mounting	125.00
Pearl red stone ring; gold mounting, 6 Baroque pearls	25.00
Emerald, pearl antique ring; 1.50 ct. emerald 12 Baroque pearls	75.00
Pearl diamond ear screws; 6 diamonds .50, platinum mounting	85.00

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Antique gold tassel drop	15.00
Diamond platinum & pearl lorgnette chain; 44 pearls and 5 diamonds	100.00
Pair crystal diamond ear drops; 8 onyx beads, 24 diamonds	125.00
Strand of pearls, 89 graduated oriental pearls, one 3 ct. Marquise diamond in platinum clasp	5,500.00
Strand of pearls; 76 graduated oriental pearls, one 1.50 ct. Marquise diamond in platinum clasp	5,000.00
(Due to popularity of Japanese cultured pearls, oriental pearls have decreased materially in demand and have, therefore, reduced market value to a minimum).	
Diamond lorgnette; 41 diamonds	100.00
Pearl pendant; 32 pearls, 4 diamonds, gold mounting	125.00
Antique necklace watch; 24 diamonds, Swiss movement	75.00
Diamond sapphire bracelet; 18 square diamonds 2-1/4 cts., 486 diamonds 6 cts., 64 calibrated sapphires	400.00
Flexible diamond bracelet; 13 major diamonds, approximately 5.45 cts., 169 diamonds, 2 cts., platinum mounting	1,000.00
Flexible diamond bracelet; 37 emerald cut graduated diamonds, 18 cts.	24.00
Straight lined diamond platinum bracelet; 40 diamonds, 5 cts.	425.00
Diamond platinum watch, Tiffany & Co. movement, 2 diamonds, .90, 12 small diamonds	280.00
Tourmaline diamond antique brooch; 134 diamonds, 2 cts.	150.00
Strand of jade beads; 93 graduated beads, 25 diamonds in platinum clasp	65.00
Strand of opal beads, 65 graduated beads with crystal in between, gold clasp	150.00
Opal diamond gold and platinum brooch; 88 diamonds, 4 cts., 3 opal drops, approximately 15 cts. each, 1 Cabaschon opal, appx. 10 cts.	350.00
Antique necklace, 152 Baroque pearls, 3 emerald beads, 4 Spinel beads	75.00
Pair Baroque pearls and spinel gold ear drops, 8 pearls, 2 spinels	25.00
Pair Baroque pearl and emerald ear drops	50.00
Jade necklace; 4 jade butterfly on jade drop, 2 pearls, gold mounting	40.00
Jade silver ring	5.00
Jade gold ring	10.00
Simulated pearls ear screws (no value)	
Gold pearl brooch, 72 pearls	10.00
Two pair gold ear screws	10.00
Two gold lorgnette chains	15.00
Spalling Gormon wrist watch (damaged)	5.00
Gold pearl pin	7.00
Gold bar pin	10.00
Antique garnet pearl bar pin	5.00
Pair small gold scissors	5.00
Antique gold bracelet	10.00
Pair jade ear drops	10.00
Scrab gold pin, turquoise	5.00
Pair gold seed pearl ear drops	7.00
Pair jade ear drops and bracelet set in silver	10.00
Ladies wrist watch on silver turquoise bracelet (damaged)	5.00

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Double kappa Gamma gold pin	3.00
One lot of silver and turquoise jewelry consisting of: 2 rings, 1 necklace, 2 pins, 5 pair ear drops, 2 bracelets	15.00
	<u>\$28,973.00</u>

Total Separate Property \$47,973.00

**COMMUNITY PROPERTY**

Real Estate

Description	Value of Community 1/2 Interest
Lots 25 to 32 inclusive, Lakeshore Addition, Travis County Texas	\$ 200.00
12.091 acres, Abstract No. 897, Survey No. 7, Geo. W. Spear League Survey, Plat No. 150, Austin, Travis County, Texas.	12,000.00
73' off Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block No. 40 Amended Sheldon Survey, City of Orange, Texas	350.00
Lots 1 to 8, Block No. 48, Amended Sheldon Survey, City of Orange, Texas	7,500.00
Lots 1 to 6, Block No. 49, Amended Sheldon Survey, City of Orange, Texas	2,750.00
27' x 123' off Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block No. 104A, Amended Sheldon Survey, City of Orange, Texas	300.00
77,100 of an acre out of Block "J", City of Orange, Texas	600.00
1.72 acres in Christian Warner Survey, Abstract No. 213, City of Orange, Texas	350.00
3 acres in Richard Ballew League, Abstract No. 2, Orange County, Texas	75.00
2 acres in Joseph Richey Survey, Abstract No. 21, Orange County, Texas	185.00
3.024 acres in H. H. Longley Survey, Abstract No. 129, Orange County, Texas	725.00
5 acres in T&O R.R. Company Survey No. 21, Abstract No. 194, Orange County, Texas	20.00
Improvements on Lot No. 6, Fractional Block No. 1, Upper Survey, City of Orange, Texas	2,500.00

Personal Property

910 shares capital stock, Montgomery Ward & Company at \$26.75 per share plus \$114.00 accrued dividend	24,705.00
211 shares capital stock, Kroger Grocery Company at \$28.50 per share	2,795.75
120 shares capital stock, United Gas Improvement Company at \$14.00 per share	840.00
7 shares capital stock, The Texas Corporation at \$47.50 per share	166.25
20 shares capital stock, Miami Copper Company at \$15.825 per share	315.63
70 shares Consolidated Oil Corporation at \$8.75 per share	306.25
30 City of Orange Water & Dock Bonds at \$100.00 each plus accrued interest of \$275.00	17,937.50
1000 1/3 shares capital stock, Star Long Leaf Lumber Company at \$109.14 per share	90,950.02
2 shares Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas at \$25.00 per share	25.00

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3 shares Cameron Telephone Company, Cameron, Louisiana at \$100.00 per share		200.00
5 shares Chenier Business College, Beaumont, Texas at \$25.00 per share		125.00
500 shares preferred stock Finance Securities Corp., Houston, Texas and 150 shares common stock Finance Securities Corp., Houston, Texas		No value
20 shares preferred and 150 shares common stock, National Bond and Mortgage Company, Houston, Texas		No Value
125 shares Orange Furniture Company, Orange, Texas		No Value
1 share Orange Trading Company, Orange, Texas at \$150.00 per share		150.00
350 shares capital stock of Orange Car and Steel Company, Orange, Texas, at \$2.70 per share		950.00
1 share Orange Products Company, Orange, Texas at \$100.00 per share		50.00
50 shares capital stock of Orange Investment Company, Orange, Texas		No value
3715 shares capital stock of Orange Cameron Land Company at \$10.00 per share		15,575.00
503.04 shares Orange County Water Company, Orange, Texas at \$25.00 per share		12,576.00
1000 shares Quick Silver Corp., New Mexico		No value
8 shares L. J. Tillery Oil Company, Beaumont, Texas		No value
100 shares United States Shares Financial Corporation		No value
Cash First National Bank, Orange, Texas		16,820.62
1 Packard Sedan - Four Door		450.00
Boat "Mita"		500.00
<b>Household Furnishings:</b>		
<b>Residence</b>		
Appliances	\$ 4,837.65	
Draperies	378.50	
Musical Instruments	490.00	
Furniture & Miscelany	8,699.45	
Objects of Art	1,878.50	
Pictures	54,162.50	
Books	551.95	
Silverware	5,196.50	
China & Glassware	2,179.50	
Linens	2,891.75	
		78,866.50
<b>Garage</b>		
Appliances	\$ 2,079.50	
Draperies	11.00	
Furniture & Miscelany	943.75	
China & Glassware	826.00	
		3,860.25
<b>Clubhouse</b>		
Furniture & Miscelany		10.00
<b>Outside</b>		
Furniture & Miscelany		18.50
	\$82,755.26	41,377.62
<b>Total Community Property</b>		<b>\$257,370.64</b>

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We, the undersigned appraisers, solemnly swear that the foregoing is a full and fair appraisement of the Estate of Nita Hill Stark, deceased, produced before us by H. J. Litcher Stark, Independent Executor.

O. L. Baker  
 Geo. S. Colburn  
 D. A. Pruter

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said O. L. Baker, Geo. S. Colburn and D. A. Pruter, this 9 day of July, 1940.

(SEAL) Eunice Robinson  
 Notary Public in and for Orange County, Texas.

LISTS OF ALL CLAIMS DUE OR OWING TO SAID NITA HILL STARK, DECEASED.

SEPARATE PROPERTY

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COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Items	Value of Community 1/2 Interest	
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Ed Walters	\$ 84.50	\$ 42.25
Estate of Frank G. McDonald (Texaco Filling Station)	15,000.00	7,500.00
Executors Fees - Estate of Mrs. M. H. Stark, deceased accrued to 10/11/39	53,252.95	26,626.47
<b>Notes Receivable</b>		
Orange Furniture Company \$2,250.00 Dividend Note - Compromise Settlement effected and 40% of face value received 11-4-39	977.00	488.50
	Total	\$ 34,657.22

LISTS OF ALL CLAIMS DUE OR OWING BY SAID NITA HILL STARK, DECEASED.

SEPARATE DEBTS

Funeral and Last Illness Expense:	AMOUNT DUE
Mrs. Catherine S. McNeill, Nurse	\$ 30.00
Miss Sue Self, Nurse	50.00
Mrs. Grace Howard, Prac. Nurse	9.00
Mrs. A. G. Pearce, Room for Nurse	35.00
Jack Lee, Blood	50.00
E. L. Barker, Blood	25.00
F. A. Litcher Hospital - Hospital	43.74
F. A. Litcher Hospital - Hospital	267.91
Dr. H. W. Pearce - Doctor	2,000.00
Wheeler Funeral Home - Funeral Services	2,250.00
	<u>Total</u>
	\$ 4,780.65

COMMUNITY DEBTS

ITEM	AMOUNT DUE BY COMMUNITY ESTATE
City of Austin, Texas, Year 1939 R-31117 15.531	\$ 519.75
Year 1939 R-31118 15.60	15.75
	<u>Total</u>
	\$ 535.50

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State and County Taxes - Travis County - For the Year		
1939 receipt #10602	\$ 119.25	59.62
Accrued Taxes:		
City of Orange 1939	\$ 1,523.92	
State & County Sabine, Newton, and Jasper Counties 1939	3,017.84	
West Orange Ind. School Dist. 1939	6.00	
	\$ 4,547.76	2,273.88
Federal Income Taxes 1939	\$ 4,027.58	
Federal Income Taxes 1939	1,863.17	
	\$ 5,890.75	2,945.38
State & County - Orange County (1939) 10-26-39	\$ 3,432.77	
Orange Ind. School Dist. 12-21-39 (1939)	794.65	
	\$ 4,227.42	2,113.71
Accounts Payable:		
The Latcher & Moore Lumber Co. 10-1-39	\$387,968.95	
Accrued Interest	9,864.35	
	\$397,833.30	198,816.65
Estate of Mrs. M. M. Stark (For Money Borrowed)	\$ 30,000.00	15,000.00
Accounts Payable:		
Mrs. Bernice Redding	\$ 16.00	
E. A. Massengill 11/15 of \$37.50	27.50	
W. R. Smith 11/15 of \$100.00	73.33	
Mrs. Cassia Griffith 11/15 of \$12.50	9.17	
Joe Mata 11/15 of \$18.00	13.20	
I. B. Murray 4/7 of \$50.00	28.57	
Ed Walters 4/7 of \$21.00	12.00	
Fred Tabor 4/7 of \$10.00	5.71	
Pete Trahan 4/7 of \$20.00	11.43	
Southern Music Co.	77.39	
Nieman-Marcus	466.05	
O. D. Lemons	6.45	
The Park Market	12.92	
Irene Lozman Estate	2.55	
Mrs. Bessie B. Kerr	6.33	
Joe Brieda - Payroll Roslyn	286.00	
Joe Jenkins - Payroll Roslyn	273.00	
C. B. Mahaffey - Payroll Roslyn	290.30	
John Jordan - Payroll Roslyn	296.00	
Allan Mahaffey - Payroll Roslyn	264.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue - C.A.B. Tax - 3rd Quarter	43.03	
Texas Unemployment Comp. Con. - Sept.	17.79	
Roderick L. Downing - P/R July	35.50	
Clernia Henderson 11/31 of \$30.00	10.65	
Leona Batcher 11/31 of \$30.00	10.65	
Julia Wells 11/31 of \$30.00	10.65	
L. E. Wells 11/31 of \$30.00	21.32	

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ceased, my testator, that have come to my knowledge or are known by me.

H. J. Latcher Stark  
Independent Executor of the Estate of Nita Hill  
Stark, Deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said H. J. Latcher Stark, this 9 day of July, 1940, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

(SEAL) W. B. Simmons  
Notary Public in and for Orange County, Texas.

NO. 1101 IN PROBATE

ESTATE OF : IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
NITA HILL STARK, DECEASED : ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS.

On this the 11th day of July, 1940, came on to be considered the inventory, appraisement and lists of claims owing to, and of the debts and claims at the time of this order and with reference to inheritance taxes, as now required by law, owing by Nita Hill Stark, deceased, filed herein by H. J. Latcher Stark, Independent Executor of the Estate of Nita Hill Stark, deceased, on the 11th day of July, 1940; and the same having been examined by the court and the court being satisfied that the same should be approved, it is accordingly ordered that such inventory, appraisement and lists of claims owing to and of the debts and claims owing by Nita Hill Stark, deceased, be, and the same are hereby, approved and that the same be recorded upon the Probate Minutes of this court along with this order.

R. Lee Davis  
Judge of the County Court of Orange County, Texas.

Filed: July 11, 1940  
Mrs. W. A. Gunning, Clerk,  
by Ethel Burton, Deputy.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

NO. 1105

ESTATE OF : IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
DAVID D. WELLS, DECEASED : ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY:

Your petitioner, Julia Wells, shows to the Court:

I.

That she resides in Orange County, Texas.

II.

That David D. Wells is dead and died on the 22nd day of February, 1940, at Orange in the County of Orange in the State of Texas.

III.

That at and before his death the said David D. Wells resided and had his domicile in the County of Orange aforesaid.

IV.

That at the time of his death the said David D. Wells was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probable value of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and left a written will duly executed and herewith filed, in which your petitioner was appointed executrix.

V.

That the said David D. Wells at the time of executing said will was over twenty-one (21) years of age and was then married and of sound mind.

VI.

That the said testator executed the said will with the formalities and solemnity and under the circumstances required by law to make it a valid will and that such will has not been

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