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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **LARRY DALE STAFFORD**, deceased, Docket No. **P08616** County Court at Law Bosque County, Texas, **IRVING MASSART** filed in the County Court at Law of Bosque County, Texas, on the **7th day of November, 2023** an **APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY PURSUANT TO TEXAS ESTATES CODE 401.001**. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court **no earlier than 10:00 am** on the **first Monday** next after the expiration of ten days, from the date of posting this citation, the same being the **20th day of November, 2023** at the County Court at Law Judicial Annex in **MERIDIAN, TEXAS**.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of the citation at the Courthouse Door of the county in which proceedings are pending, or at the place in or near said Courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the Clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in Meridian, Texas. This the **8th day of November, 2023**.





TABATHA FERGUSON
Bosque County Clerk



Deputy

OFFICER'S RETURN ON CITATION

Came to hand on the 8 day of Nov, 2023, at 11:54 o'clock A M. and executed on the 8 day of Nov, 2023 by posting a copy of the within citation for ten days, exclusive of the day of posting, before the return day hereof, at the County Courthouse door of Bosque County, Texas, or at the place in or near the said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, that is from 11/8, 2023, through 11/20, 2023, inclusive.


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BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Printed name: Scott Ferguson

No. _____

ESTATE OF

§IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW

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Wendy Orozco

LARRY DALE STAFFORD,

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DECEASED

§BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

**APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
PURSUANT TO TEXAS ESTATES CODE 401.001**

**Applicant: Irving Massart
Decedent: Larry Dale Stafford**

Applicant files this application for an order admitting to probate the Will of Decedent, for the appointment of Irving Massart as Independent Executor, and for issuance of letters testamentary, and shows the Court as follows:

1. Domicile of Applicant

Applicant, Irving Massart, is domiciled at 255 E. Norway, Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas 76690, and may be served at 255 E. Norway, Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas 76690. The last three digits of Irving Massart's Social Security number are 722. The last three digits of Irving Massart's Texas driver's license are 932.

2. Domicile of Decedent and Age on Date of Death

Decedent, Larry Dale Stafford, was domiciled at 259 W. Greenland Street, Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas 76690. On the date of death, Decedent was 76 years old.

3. Date and Place of Death

Decedent died on October 28, 2023 in Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas.

4. Decedent's Identifying Information

The last three digits of Decedent's Social Security number are 646. The last three digits of Decedent's Texas driver's license are 973.

5. *Jurisdiction and Venue*

This Court has jurisdiction over this matter and venue is proper because Decedent resided in this county and had a domicile or fixed place of residence in Texas.

6. *Time Between Date of Death and Application*

Four years have not elapsed since the date of Decedent's death and before the application.

7. *Property*

Decedent owned real and personal property having an aggregate probable value of at least \$600,000.00.

8. *Details of Will*

Decedent executed a valid, written Will on October 19, 2007 which was never revoked. Decedent's Will is self proven. A copy of Decedent's Will is filed herewith inasmuch as the surviving spouse of Decedent has the original in her possession and has failed to deliver the original to the Executor named in Decedent's Will. Demand has been made upon Decedent's surviving spouse to produce the original of Decedent's Will. A copy of that demand letter is attached hereto.

9. *Subscribing Witnesses to the Will Facts*

The subscribing witnesses to the Decedent's Will are Ronald D. Hankins and another individual of which the name is illegible.

10. *Executor Facts*

Decedent's Will names Irving Massart, whose address is 255 E. Norway, Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas 76690, to serve as independent executor without bond.

11. *Qualification for Letters Testamentary*

Irving Massart is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary.

12. *Decedent's Majority*

At the time Decedent executed the Will, Decedent was at least 18 years of age, was of sound mind, and executed the Will with the formalities and solemnities and under the circumstances required by law to make the Will valid.

13. *After-Born Children*

No children were born to or adopted by Decedent after execution of the Will.

14. *Divorce After Execution of Will*

Decedent was never divorced after execution of the Will.

15. *Government Agency or Charity Named as Devisee*

Decedent's Will does not name the State of Texas, an agency of the state, or a charitable organization as a devisee.

16. *Required Information*

Pursuant to Section 256.052(b) of the Texas Estates Code, no information required for this application has been omitted.

Applicant requests that citation issue to all persons having any interest in Decedent's estate as required by law, that Decedent's Will be admitted to probate, that Irving Massart be appointed as Independent Executor and receive letters testamentary, and that no action be had in this court in relation to the settlement of such estate other than the probating and recording of such Will and the filing of an inventory, appraisal, and list of claims of such estate, or an affidavit in lieu of the inventory, and that this Court enter all other orders it deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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