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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **MARY JUANITA BUTCHER**, deceased, Docket No. **P08720** County Court at Law Bosque County, Texas, **MARTHA BERET BUTCHER KELLY** filed in the County Court at Law of Bosque County, Texas, on the **4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025** an **APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**. 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 **17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025** at the County Court at Law Judicial Annex in **MERIDIAN, TEXAS**.

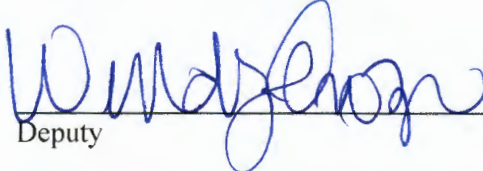
All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

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 **4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025**.

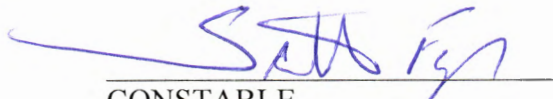


  
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**OFFICER'S RETURN ON CITATION**

Came to hand on the 4 day of Feb, 2025, at  
3:58 o'clock P M. and executed on the 4 day of Feb, 2025  
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 2/4, 2025, through 2/17,  
2025, inclusive.

  
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BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Printed name: Scott Ferguson

No. P08720

<b>ESTATE OF</b>	§	<b>IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW</b>
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<b>MARY JUANITA BUTCHER,</b>	§	<b>OF</b>
	§	
<b>DECEASED</b>	§	<b>BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS</b>

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

**Applicant: Martha Beret Butcher Kelly**

**Decedent: Mary Juanita Butcher**

Applicant files this application for an order admitting to probate the Will of Decedent, for the appointment of Martha Beret Butcher Kelly as Independent Executrix, and for issuance of letters testamentary, and shows the Court as follows:

*1. Domicile of Applicant*

Applicant, Martha Beret Butcher Kelly, Daughter, is domiciled in Bosque County, and may be served at 898 CR 1100, Meridian, Texas 76665. The last three digits of Martha Beret Butcher Kelly's Social Security number are 013. The last three digits of Martha Beret Butcher Kelly's Texas driver's license are 616.

*2. Domicile of Decedent and Age on Date of Death*

Decedent, Mary Juanita Butcher, was domiciled at 898 CR 1100, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas 76665. On the date of death, Decedent was 90 years old.

*3. Date and Place of Death*

Decedent died on April 6, 2024 in Meridian, Bosque County, Texas.

4. *Decedent's Identifying Information*

The last three digits of Decedent's Social Security number are 725. The last three digits of Decedent's Texas driver's license are 586.

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 personal property having an aggregate probable value of at least \$80,000.00. Decedent's estate consist of her Individual Retirement Accounts and Decedent's Will is being probated in order for those funds to be disbursed to the beneficiaries of her Will.

8. *Details of Will*

Decedent executed a valid, written Will on September 15, 2011, which was never revoked. The Will which is filed with this application was made self-proved as provided by Section 251.104 of the Texas Estates Code

Decedent's Will provided that in the event her husband, Howard Eugene Butcher, predeceased her, "The Lawnmower Place" was to be inherited by her son, Stephen Dwight Butcher. Howard Eugene Butcher predeceased Decedent. However, "The Lawnmower Place" was disposed of prior to the death of Decedent.

9. *Subscribing Witnesses to the Will Facts*

The subscribing witnesses to the Decedent's Will are Matthew Parum and Delfina Del Angel.

10. *Executor Facts*

Decedent's Will names Howard Eugene Butcher to serve as independent executor. Howard Eugene Butcher is deceased.

Decedent's Will names Martha Beret Butcher Kelly, whose address is 898 CR 1100, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas 76665, to serve as independent executrix without bond should Howard Eugene Butcher be unable to serve.

11. *Qualification for Letters Testamentary*

Martha Beret Butcher Kelly has not been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified by law from accepting letters testamentary.

12. *After-Born Children*

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

13. *Divorce After Execution of Will*

Decedent was never divorced.

14. *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.

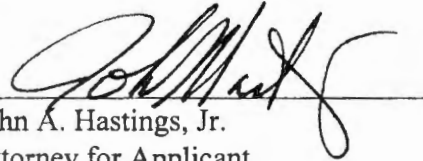
15. *Required Information*

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 Martha Beret Butcher Kelly be appointed as Independent Executrix 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, appraisalment, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Hastings, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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