

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF *Titus*

COUNTY COURT, *September*

TERM, 18

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~~TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME~~—Greeting:

KNOW YE, That

Wm Becknell

this day duly appointed

of the estate of

Richard Austin

Deceased, and the said

Becknell

having given bond and approved security for the faithful performance of his duties as such.

THESE ARE THEREFORE TO AUTHORIZE the said

Becknell

to enter upon and take possession of all

the estate of said deceased, both real and personal, and administer in accordance with the law, and the orders of this Court, all and singular, the Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits thereunto appertaining; to collect, by suit or otherwise, all sums of money due said estate, and pay in accordance with the mode pointed out by law all which it owes, or such portion thereof as it may be able to pay; first making out and returning to this Court a full and complete inventory of all its property and effects, of every description, including a list of its Claims, Rights and Credits:—And the said

Becknell

hereby authorized to take proper measures, by suit at law or otherwise, for the recovery of any property belonging to said estate, which may be in the possession of any other person or persons, who may be endeavoring to retain it; and is hereby invested with all necessary power to administer said estate as required by law, subject to the discretion of this Court, to which he will make full report of all his acts in the premises, whenever required, according to law.

Given under my hand

W C Ralfe

Chief Justice of *Titus* County.

IN ATTESTATION WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, and the seal of said Court, at office in the town of *Waco* on the *06th* day of *September* eighteen hundred and *53*.

W C Ralfe
County Clerk of *Titus* County.