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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **LOIS K. BICE**, deceased, Docket No. **P08668** County Court at Law Bosque County, Texas, **DONNA BICE READ AND DARBIE BOWMAN** filed in the County Court at Law of Bosque County, Texas, on the **26th day of June, 2024** a **FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AS A MUNIMENT OF TITLE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER DEATH OF DECEDENT**. 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 **29th day of July, 2024** 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 **12th day of July, 2024**.

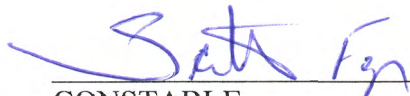


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**OFFICER'S RETURN ON CITATION**

Came to hand on the 15 day of July, 2024, at  
11:44 o'clock A M. and executed on the 15 day of July, 2024  
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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 7/15, 2024, through 7/29,  
2024, inclusive.

  
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CONSTABLE  
BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Printed name: Scott Ferguson

No. P08668

ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW  
LOIS K. BICE, §  
DECEASED § OF  
§ BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

**FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AS A MUNIMENT OF  
TITLE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER DEATH OF DECEDENT**

**Applicant(s): Donna Bice Read as Joined by Darbie Bowman**

**Decedent: Lois K. Bice**

Applicant files this application for the probate of the written Will of Decedent as a Muniment of Title, and shows the Court as follows:

***Applicant***

1. Applicant, Darbie Bowman, a devisee in Decedent's Will, is domiciled in Bosque County, and may be served at 707 North Erath, Meridian, Texas 76665. The last three digits of Darbie Bowman's Social Security number are 897. The last three digits of Darbie Bowman Texas driver's license are 532. Applicant, Donna Bice Read, a devisee in Decedent's Will, is domiciled in Bosque County, and may be served at 6781 HWY. 22, Meridian, Texas 76665. The last three digits of Donna Bice Read's Social Security number are 966. The last three digits of Donna Bice Read's Texas driver's license are 340.

***Decedent's Information***

2. Decedent, Lois K. Bice, was domiciled at 6781 HWY. 22, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas 76665. On the date of death, Decedent was 75 years old.

3. The last three digits of Decedent's Social Security number are 721. The last three digits of Decedent's Texas driver's license are unknown.

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THE DEATH OF DECEDENT  
ESTATE OF LOIS K. BICE, DECEASED, CAUSE NO. P08668

***Fact, Date, and Place of Death***

4. Lois K. Bice, Decedent, died on November 14, 2009, in Meridian, Bosque County, Texas.

***Jurisdiction and Venue***

5. 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.

***Property***

6. Decedent owned real and personal property having an aggregate probable value of at least \$4,500,000.00. There being 170 acres included in the aggregate amount located in Bosque County, Texas.

***Medicaid Benefits***

7. Decedent did not receive Medicaid benefits on or after March 1, 2005.

***Details of Will***

8. Decedent executed a valid, written Will on January 23, 2001, which was never revoked. The Will was made self-proved as provided by Section 251.104 of the Texas Estates Code.

***Subscribing Witnesses to the Will***

9. The subscribing witnesses to Decedent's Will are: Chenay Fuller and Anewby Way.

***Devisees***

10. To the extent known by the Applicant, the Decedent's devisees are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Status	Address
Darbie Bowman	Daughter	Adult	707 North Erath Meridian, Texas
Donna Bice Read	Daughter	Adult	6781 HWY. 22 Meridian, Texas
Diane Bice Hightowr	Daughter	Adult	6781 HWY. 22 Meridian, Texas

***Heirs and Possible Heirs***

11. To the extent known by the Applicant, the Decedent's heirs who would inherit in the absence of the devisees are as follows:

Name	Relationship	Status	Address
Don Bice	Surviving Spouse	an adult	Donbice@sbcglobal.net

***Executor Facts***

12. Decedent's Will named Darbie Bowman, who may be served at the address listed earlier, as executor to serve without bond or security.

13. Decedent's Will named Donna Bice Read, who resides in Texas and may be served at 6781 HWY. 22, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas, as executor to serve without bond or security.

14. Decedent's Will named Diane Bice Hightowr, who resides in Texas and may be served at 6781 HWY. 22, Meridian, Bosque County, Texas, as executor to serve without bond or security.

***After-Born Children***

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

***No Unsecured, Unpaid Debt***

16. Decedent's estate does not owe an unpaid debt, other than any debt secured by a lien on real estate, or for another reason there is no necessity for administration of the estate.

***Marriage Dissolution After Execution of Will***

17. No marriage of Decedent was ever dissolved.

*Devisees Under Section 257.051, Texas Estates Code*

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

*Time Between Date of Death and Application*

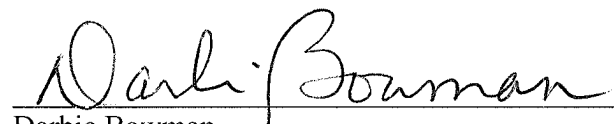
Although more than four years elapsed between the date of Decedent's death and the filing of this application to probate Decedent's Will, Applicant is not in default in failing to present the Will for probate on or before the fourth anniversary of Decedent's death. Applicant used reasonable diligence soon after Decedent's death to locate the Will and file it for probate and was unable to locate the Will.

*Relief Requested*

19. 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 as a muniment of title without any administration of the Will or estate required, and that this Court enter all other orders it deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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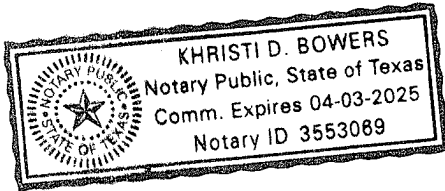
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I, Darbie Bowman, being duly sworn, state on my oath that each fact stated in the above First Amended Application for Probate of Will as Muniment of Title is within my personal knowledge, is true in substance and in fact, and that no material fact or circumstance, to my knowledge, has been omitted.

  
Darbie Bowman, Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on July 10, 2024.

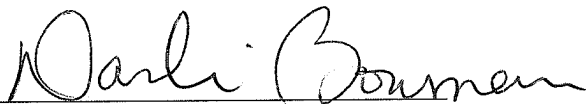


  
Notary Public, State of Texas

**Certificate of Service**

I certify that a true copy of this document was served in accordance with Rule 21a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on the following on July 10, 2024:

Don Bice by efile.

  
Darbie Bowman  
Attorney for Darbie Bowman