

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
PATRICIA JEAN STEPHENS, DECEASED



KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK

COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

DOCKET NO. 12081

**CITATION ON APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL  
AND FOR LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY-POSTED**

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN STEPHENS, Deceased Docket # 12081,  
COLORADO COUNTY PROBATE.**

Notice is hereby given that

**CHARLES MARTIN STEPHENS and DARRELL BRICE STEPHENS**

Has filed in the COLORADO COUNTY PROBATE of said County, on 23rd day of July 2025, an application for the probate of the Last Will and Testament of said PATRICIA JEAN STEPHENS, Deceased and for Letters Testamentary.

(Said Application for probate of Last Will and Testament are on file in the Probate Court Pending File.)

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of posting this citation, the same being the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, at the said Court in Columbus, 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.

All interested persons are further advised that they have the right to employ an attorney and that if they or their attorneys fail to file a written notice with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of ten days after the posting of this citation the court may enter orders with binding effects upon said persons.

The name and address of the attorney for applicant (or applicants) is:

**JOHN M. MERCK  
P.O. BOX 1567  
EL CAMPO, TX, 77437**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2025.



**KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK**

**318 Spring Street Suite 103  
Columbus, TX 78934**

By: *Daelyn Hedman* Deputy

**OFFICER'S RETURN**

Came to hand on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 2025, at 4 o'clock P.M., and executed on the 31st day of July A.D. 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 COLORADO COUNTY, Texas or at the place in or near of said Courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, that is from 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025, through 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, inclusive.

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**Justin Lindemann, Colorado County, Sheriff**

By: *Justin Lindemann* Deputy