

# Mineral Royalties are Not 'Personal Effects' in Texas

A Texas court concluded that “personal effects,” in a last will and testament did not include mineral royalties, report Charles Sartain and Rusty Tucker in Gray Reed’s **Energy & the Law** blog.

The case involves a woman’s will that listed her checking account and miscellaneous property. The will also directed her independent executor to receive “all my personal effects to clear my estate after my death.”

The will did not mention mineral royalties that the executor started transferring to his personal account. Her heirs contested the executor’s use of those royalties.

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