While Houston H. Lea was in 1848 the Administrator of the estate of John Timmons, as shown by the document below, Dr. John Hardie was the initial legal guardian of John Timmons' orphaned son, William.

Friday January 14 dent privately towahe year 1848 and report the This Court there after same to the next term NAD Ordered that bourt we adjourned until tonorrow morning ten C'elbek Saturday January 15th 1545 leourt met pursu and to adjournment. N4D James Dickems Adme Petition for Title. re Timmond Edecutor & Report the Relition . William Wright Administrator gall and Singular the goods and chattele rights and credits which were of James Hickson late of said bounty decidto compel Houston to be Executor of the fast Will and Testament of John Timmond late of said leventy deceased to convey all the right title interest and claim which the said John Timmond deceased had in and to the following described tracts or parcels of land being and being in the leventy of madicon and state of flatama, to Wit _ The South West quarter of Section telenty and and the north West quarter of Section twenty light and the South East quarter of Section twenty, all three quarter Sections being in Township fite Range ane West, also the South Event quarter of the Dorth East quarter of Section tedenty of Township fire Range and West and the West half of the North Conship East quarter of Section tedents nine tive Range One West - to him the said William " aright Administrator as afreesid, stie ordered by the bourt that Cublication be made in the Almoerat a newspaper printed in the town of Heuntsville for three months requiring all peleons interested in the Estate of said John Ummons decreased as a foresaid to be and appear before the Judge of the comphans bourt great bounty