

State of North Carolina / In the Superior Court.
 Gaston County

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ephraim Friday, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by W. J. Friday the Executor therein mentioned, and the due Execution thereof by the said Ephraim Friday is proved by the oath and Examination of R. M. Sandifer, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is a subscribing Witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ephraim Friday. That the said Ephraim Friday, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 9th day of July 1883. And the deponent further saith, that the said Ephraim Friday the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting Witness thereto, and at the request of said testator.

and affirmed, and this deponent well understands
his name at the end of said Will as one attesting Witness
thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said
testator. And this deponent further swears that at the said time
when the said testator when the said testator subscribed his
name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the
time of deponent's subscribing his name as one attesting
Witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Ephraim Friday
was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute
a Will and was not under any restraint to the
knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.
And further this deponent swears not.

R. W. Sandifer, Clerk

Signed and subscribed this 16th day of June 1893.
before me, E. L. Wilson, Clerk Superior Court.

Ch. Pascoe and F. C. Ferguson being duly sworn ^{and}
each for himself, that he is well acquainted with the hand writing
of Jacob Fronberger having often seen him write
and from his said acquaintance with said
hand writing, that he verily believes that the signature
subscribed to the paper writing now shown him
as a Witness thereto, which paper writing purports

to be the last Will and Testament of Ephraim Friday, bearing date July 9th 1883, is the true and genuine signature of the said Jacob Fromberger, who is now a resident of the state of South Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to } Eli P. Pason
before me, this 16th day of } F. C. Ferguson
June 1893.

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Testament of Ephraim Friday } O. W. Carpenter

being duly sworn says that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Ephraim Friday late of Gaston County, now deceased, having often seen him write and that he believes from his said knowledge of his hand writing, that the signature purporting to be that of the said Friday, attached and subscribed

his hand writing, that the signature purporting to
be that of the said Friday, attached and subscribed
to the paper writing now shown him and purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of the said Ephraim
Friday, bearing date July 9th 1883, to be the true and
genuine signature of the said Friday.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.
This June 16th 1893.

E. L. Wilson Secy.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court.
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In the matter of the last Will }
of Ephraim Friday, died. } Adjudication.

It appearing to the Court on the oath and
examination of R. M. Sanchez, one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto that the paper writing
propounded by Wm. J. Friday the Executor therein
named is the last Will and Testament of
Ephraim Friday and that the same was duly
executed by the said Ephraim Friday in the presence

of said Witness and that, at the time of
signing the same the said Ephraim Friday
was of sound mind, and of full age to
execute a Will, and was not under any restraint,
and it further appearing on the oath & Examination
of O. P. Paine and J. C. Tanguason the other subscribing
Witness to said Will is now a resident of
the State of South Carolina, that they are well
acquainted with the handwriting of the said
Jacob Touchette having often seen him write
and from their said knowledge of his hand-
writing, that they believe that the signature attached
to the said paper writing purporting to be the
Will of the said Ephraim Friday as a subscribing
witness thereto, is the genuine signature of
the said Jacob Touchette, and it further
appearing from the oath of O. D. Carpenter that
he is acquainted with the handwriting of the
said Ephraim Friday, having often seen him
write and from his said knowledge, he
believes that the signature attached to the said
paper writing is the true and genuine signature
of the said Ephraim Friday &c.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by

refers that the signature attached to the said
super-writing is the true and genuine signature
of the said Ephraim Friday &c.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by
the Court that the said super-writing
and every part thereof is the last Will
and Testament of the said Ephraim
Friday and the same is ordered to be
recorded and filed.

This 21st day of June 1893.

E. L. Wilson. Clerk

Superior Court.

Will-

I, Ephraim Friday of the County of Gaston and
State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and
memory but considering the uncertainty of my
earthly existence, do make and declare this my
last Will and Testament in manner and
form following, that is to say:

First

That my Executor hereinafter named shall
provide for my body a decent burial suitable
to the wishes of my relatives and friends
and my station in life, and pay all
funeral expenses including a tombstone suitable

for one of my Estate. together with all my just
debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing
out of any money that may first come
into his hands as a part or parcel of my
Estate.

Thus, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Merinda C. Friday, my house hold & Kitchen
furniture, One horse and one mule, seven
head of hogs, two cows and calves, the live
stock to be selected by her. My two-horse wagon
buggy and harness, and gears and farming
implements to be selected by my said wife
sufficient to operate a two-horse farm.
It is also my will that my said beloved
wife shall have the right to live in my
dwelling house, and have her support and
maintenance off of the Two hundred and
fifty acres of land herein after willed to my
son Harrison H. Friday. During the term
of her natural life.

Thus I give and devise to my unfortunate son
Harrison H. Friday Two hundred and fifty
acres of land to be taken off of my home

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of your natural life.
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acres of land to be taken off of my home
place by metes and bounds, by beginning
at a Mulberry on the North bank of the South
Fork of the Catawba River, the division corner
between my said tract and my said son
Harrison's eight acre tract, and run thence
down the river to a Willow stake in the old
Channel, the division corner between Henry
Cooper and myself, thence a straight line to
the mouth of the ditch, cut and adopted as the
division line between Henry Cooper and
myself, thence up said ditch as it meanders
to a stake on the south side of the branch
coming down from my house, where
it runs to the old Channel of the river, thence
a straight line to the Hickory corner on the
Rail Road, the same being a corner between my
land and the land lately owned by my brother
Nicholas Friday, thence following my old line
between me and Nicholas Friday to a post oak
and red oak corner on the south side of the Rail Road.

thence along another of my old lines. two
 hundred poles to the oak corner between my
 lands and the lands of Eugene Linckey and
 the lands lately owned by my said brother
 Nicholas Friday, thence to a point on my outside
 line, a new corner, at such a point as will
 when closed up by running the old line or
 lines to the beginning corner include two
 hundred and fifty acres so as to include
 and the buildings, to have and to hold the same
 during ^{the term of} his natural life, at his death if he has any
 legitimate child or children or the representative
 of such, the same is devised to them and their
 heirs forever, share and share alike, but in case
 my said son dies without leaving any child
 or children, or the representatives of such, the said
 land is to be the property of my other three
 children or their real representatives to be held
 by them equally, in common, subject to the
 afore said incumbrance of my wife in case
 she is still living.

I also will and bequeath to my son Harrison
 200 bushels of corn 50 bushels of wheat and four

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200 bushels of corn 50 bushels of wheat and forage
enough to feed two head of horses and four head of
cattle twelve months and 500 lbs. of bacon, also
fourteen dollars worth of sugar and coffee, all to
be selected by my said Executor, also my gold
watch.

Shew

I will and devise to my son William J. Friday
my two daughters, Mary E. Summerson and
Jane M. C. Costner and my son Harrison H.
Friday all the remainder of my real and personal
property equally to be divided between them,
to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever.
Subject to the following charges as of the date of
my death, the said William J. Friday's share to
be charged with \$2590⁰⁰. The said Mary E. Summerson
with \$2244⁰⁰. The said Jane M. C. Costner \$2439⁰⁰
and the said Harrison H. Friday with \$2220⁰⁰.

Shew.

I hereby appoint my son William J. Friday guardian
of my son Harrison and his Estate, with power
in the said Harrison, in case he becomes
dissatisfied with his said guardian's Management

of his person or Estate, to select another discreet
man to be appointed by the probate court, as
another guardian, who is to have equal
authority with my said son William J. Friday
as guardian. I also here by appoint said
William J. Friday Executor of this my last
Will and Testament.

In witness
whereof I, the said Ephraim Friday ~~testament~~
set my hand and seal, this 9th day of July 1883.

Ephraim Friday test
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said
Ephraim Friday to be his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us, who at his
request and in his presence do subscribe our
names as witnesses thereto.

J. Fromberger
R. M. Sanchez.

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In the matter of the last Will / Before C. L. Wilson
of Susan Summerray said. Clerk superior Court.

Gaston County

In the Matter of the Last Will { Before E. L. Wilson
of Susan Summerow decd. Clerk Superior Court.

H. M. Summerow being duly sworn
doth say that Susan Summerow late of said
County is dead, having first made and published
her Last Will and Testament and that deponent
is one of the Executors named therein.
Further that the property of the said Susan
Summerow consisting of Cash. Cattle. House-
hold and Kitchen Furniture &c. is worth about
\$600⁰⁰ so far as can be ascertained at the
date of this application and that Sabina
Wingate, Louiza Edgemon, Adeline McLeod
Susan Harris, H. M. Summerow and R. A. Summerow
are the parties entitled under said Will to the
said property.

H. M. Summerow.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the 4th day
of July 1893.

E. L. Wilson. Clerk
Superior Court.