

I Mary White. of The County of Gaston. and State of
N.C. being of Sound mind and memory but con-
sidering 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
1st That my Executor (hereinafter named)
shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends
and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts
howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel
of my estate. Item 1st I give and bequeath to my
Daughter Rachel E White the Black mare and also three
heads of Cattle. also three beds & furniture. I also will
that she have a home & support while she remains single
and stay on the place. Item 2nd I give and bequeath
unto my Daughter Margaret M White Fifty dollars in
money (\$50.00) also one bed & furniture also one
Bureau. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter
Martha M Norris my bay mare Nance with her increase.
I also give and bequeath unto the said Martha M
Norris my piece of bottom land adjoining the lands
of the said M Norris being two acres and the mill tract

leaves my piece of ~~land~~ ^{land} and the mill tract
of Jacob H. Hanson's heirs ~~by and~~ and the mill tract
containing by estimation five acres be in the same
more or less. to have & to hold to her and her heirs in
fee simple for ever. Also the remainder of the cattle
after Rachel gets her three heads. Also my claim
in the stock of hogs & sheep. Also the crops of bedding
Item 4th I Give and bequeath unto my son in law
Martin V. Norris. my Bugge and all my interest
in the Farming implements Also all my interest
in the other household & kitchen furniture.
Item 5th I Give and bequeath unto my two Daughters
Rachel & Martha. my two Spring wheels & reel.
Item 6th I Give to my son James H. & my three
Daughters Lucinda, Sabella, & Nancy. one dollar each.
and lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trusty friends H. B. Hoff & others. my lawful Executor
to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will
and Testament according to the true intent and
meaning of the same and every part and clause
thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void
all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore
made. In witness whereof I the said Mary White do

buried in my hand & aff'd my seal this the 8th day of
August A.D. 1871. Mary ^{her} White ^{maist}

Letters sealed and published by the said
Mary White to be her last will & Testament
in the presence of us who at her request
and in our presence do subscribe our
names as witnesses thereto.

(Witnessed before signed)

W B Hoffecker }
Lucinda B Roberts }

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } SS

Probate Court, Nov 27th 1871

A paper purporting to be the last
will & Testament of Mary White - said is exhibited before me
The undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W B
Hoffecker the Executor therein named and the due execution
thereof by the said Mary White by the oath & examination of
the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, do
depose and say and each for himself deposes and says
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now

that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now
shown to him purporting to be the last will and testament
of Mary White, deceased. That the said Mary White, in the
presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end
of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid &
has died of the 8th day of August A.D. 1871. And these
deponents further say & swear that the said Mary White the
said Testatrix did at the time of subscribing her name
as aforesaid did declare the said paper writing to be intended
by her and intended to be her last will & testament,
and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at
the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the
request and in the presence of the said Testatrix, and these
deponents further swear that at the said time when the said
Testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will & testament
as aforesaid and at the time of these deponents subscribing
their names thereto as attesting witnesses that as aforesaid the
said Mary White was of sound mind and memory of full
age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to this
knowledge information or belief of these deponents.

Emmery sworn & subscribed this 27th day of }
Nov. 1871, before me E. H. Williams, } R. B. Roffe (Deputy)
Notary Public }
procurator } Lucinda Roberts (Deputy)

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And said H. B. Huffstetter Executor therein named duly qualified
to execute said Will of Mary White & took latter Testament
-ary. —

North Carolina } Probate Court Sept 2nd 1871
Gaston County }

Wade D Rankin }
Ex parte, } The petition of Wade D Rankin respectfully
shows to said Court. That John D. Rankin late of Gaston
County died in the month of August 1871. Leaving made
his last Will & Testament constituting your petitioner
his Executor. That his estate disposed of by him consists of
both realty & chattels & shows in action to the value of
Twenty five thousand dollars. That the devisees & legatees
under said will & Testament are J. H. Rankin, M. D.
Rankin, E. C. Linebarger, Jane C. Rankin, W. J. Rankin, J. C.
Rankin, & J. M. Moore. All residing in said County &
State, of record, & are over 21 years of age except J. C.
Rankin & J. M. Moore, who are minors and without guardian.
Your petitioner therefore, asks said Court that the will &