

State of North Carolina }
Gaston County } In the Superior
Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of W.M. Nolan deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joseph M. Nolan, the executor therein named and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Wm T Henderson that A.L. Henderson the subscribing witness thereto is dead and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said Wm T Henderson that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said A.L. Henderson ^{as A} and that the said A.L. Henderson, subscribing witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said A.L. Henderson. It is therefore considered by the Court that that the paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said W.M. Nolan and the same is ordered to be read and filed.
This March 8th 1897

L.H. Davis, C.S.C.

Item

is therefore proved by the oath and
examination of Wm T Henderson that A.L.
Henderson the subscribing witness thereto is
dead and it is further proved by the oath
and examination of the said Wm T Henderson
that he is well acquainted the hand writing
of the said A.L. Henderson, ^{as a} subscribing witness
to the said will is in the handwriting of the
said A.L. Henderson. It is therefore considered
by the Court that that the paper writing and
every part thereof is the last will and
testament of the said W.M. Nolen and
the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.
This March 8th 1897,

G.H. Davis, C.J.C.

I W.M. Nolen in the name of God Amen of the
County of Gaston and State of North Carolina
being in 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~~ as

as follows that is to say, first that my
Executor (herein after named) shall provide for
my body a decent burial and pay all burial
expenses.

Item 1st I give & devise to my youngest daughter
Mignon R. Wilson (Wife of W. W. Wilson) the sum
of Seven hundred Dollars.

Item 2nd I give and devise to my son W. M. Nolan
the sum of Nine hundred Dollars which I have
already paid to him and for which I hold his receipt.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my daughter H. Jane Craig
(Wife of J. S. Craig) two small tracts of land 1st
Tract 14 acres lying on the Armstrong Gap road
joining lands of W. N. Craig and J. S. Craig
and bounded as follows Beginning at a pin and
runs S 13 1/2 E 29 poles to a stone thence S 27 1/2 W 54 poles
to a stone thence N. 80 W 8 poles to a stone thence
N. 7 E 100 1/2 poles to a Hickory in W. N. Craig's line
thence with A. S. 55 1/2 E 31 poles to the beginning 2nd Tract
21 1/4 acres joining lands of W. N. Wilson & A. Clementine
Wilson and J. S. Craig and bounded as follows Beginning
at a small Black oak of J. S. Craig corner and runs with
his line S 12 W 66 poles to a stone thence S 50 W 42 poles

Wilson and J. S. Craig and bounded as follows: from
at a small Black oak of Shroig, corner and runs west
his line S 12 W 66 poles to a stake thence S 50 W 42 poles
to a post oak. W. W. Wilsons corner thence with his line S 53 W
31 poles to a stake in his line thence N 52 W poles to a stake
thence N 37 W E 31 poles to a stake thence S 65 E 39 poles to
a stake thence N 20 E 26 poles to a fence thence N 61 W
E 40 poles to a fence thence N 20 E 34 poles to the
beginning and also the sum of three hundred dollars
to be paid to her by her brother Joseph M. Nolan.

Item 4

I give and devise to my son Joseph M. Nolan all the
remainder of my lands about 143 acres including
all my improvements provided he pays to his sister
Jane Craig the sum of three hundred dollars as
above willed, and I also will and bequeath to him all
money and personal property on hand at my death
and it is my will that he pay my funeral expenses
and pay any necessary expenses to execute this my
last will and Testament.

And Lastly

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Joseph M.
Nolan my lawful Executor to see into and
properly to execute this my last will and
Testament according to the true intent

and meaning of the same and every part
 thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly
 null and void all other wills and Testaments
 by me heretofore made in witness whereof
 I the said Wm. Nolan do hereunto set my
 hand and seal this 9th P^m. day of June
 in the year 1885 Signed Sealed & delivered in
 presence of A. L. Hudson
 Acknowledged in presence of J. D. Nolan Seal