

Item. And whereas my youngest son Lucian A. is a minor of the age of fifteen years, now therefore my will and desire is that my said Percy, his mother is constituted and appointed guardian of the said my youngest son to have and to hold the custody and guardianship both of his respective person & estate until the said Lucian A. Gause shall arrive at the full age of twenty one years.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Percy Gause, my lawful Executrix, also my beloved sons Olin B. Gause and Lucian A. when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last Will & 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 William Gause do hereunto set my hand & seal the Seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

William Gause

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Gause to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

D. W. Bennett

J. H. Brooks.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, Special Session 1908. Ratified Feb'y. 1st., 1908.

Copied from Old Records, Book B, page 77, to 84.

No. 244

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James L. Stansland is exhibited in open Court and pronounced for probate by Neoma Stansland the Executrix therein named which said paper writing is in the following words and figures, to wit:

I, James L. Stansland, of the County of Brunswick 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 Executrix, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of

relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved wife, twenty acres of land so as to include the plantation in the north end of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house, all out houses & other improvements to have & to hold to her the said Neoma for and during the term of natural life in satisfaction of her dower and third of and in all my real estate.

Item. I give and devise to my eldest son, Alva, all of that tract of land whereon he now lives, twenty acres, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and devise to my son John D. all of that tract of land whereon he now lives, twenty acres, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and devise to my youngest son, Stuart, twenty acres of land adjoining his brother John D. Stansland and, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter all the tract of land whereon I now live, twenty acres, except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my Will - to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all my beds and furniture, all the household & kitchen furniture, all of my cattle, hogs, and one sorrel mare and cart, all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation whereon I now live, and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death.

Item. I give and bequeath to Mary Simmons after my wife's death my mare, crop, stock and plantation tools during her natural life, then to be sold and equally divided by my children share and share alike, to them and each and every of them, their executors, administrators and assigns absolutely forever. and

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Neoma my lawful Executrix 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 & parcel thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said James L. Stansland do hereunto set my hand and seal the 17th day of March 1860.

James L. Stansland

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be by the said James Stansland, 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.

John H. Brooks,

Thomas Simmons

And the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of John H. Brooks and Thomas Simmons the subscribing witnesses, whereupon it is adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said James C. Stansland and it is ordered to be filed and registered as such. And Neoma Stansland the Executrix named in the said Will is duly qualified according to law by taking the oath in such cases prescribed.

Recorded agreeably to an act of the General Assembly, Special Session Ratified Feb'y, 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book B, page 85 vs.

at paper writing purporting to be

No. 214

The Last Will and Testament of Joel Reaves, Jr. is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joel Reaves, Jr., one of the Executors therein named, the other executors refusing, and is therefore proved by the oath and examination of Jesse H. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the hand writing signature of Samuel Langdon another subscribing witness thereto, who is now dead, is proved by the oath of Jesse H. Davis and John D. Taylor, as also the death of the said Samuel Langdon. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part and parcel thereof is the last will and testament of the said Joel Reaves and the same is ordered to be registered and filed. And therefore the said Joel Reaves, Jr., Executor as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Said Will is in the following words and figures:-
State of North Carolina.

In the name of God, Amen! I, Joel Reaves, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and considering the uncertainty of this life, do make, publish and declare the following and no other to be and contain my last Will and Testament: that is to say,

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son James C. Reaves, my will, my name, and I do direct that my son James C. Reaves shall provide for my body and

suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts out of the moneys that shall first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Secondly I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Reaves to have and to hold for and during her natural life and no longer the following described property, real & personal, viz: my plantation on Cape Fear River where I now live, my negro slaves Nancy, Henry & Betty, one horse, one yoke of oxen, two carts and my Berouche, all my stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop and two splits in the right ear, and a split in the left ear, also as many of my tools and farming utensils as my Executors shall think necessary for her use, also one half of my household and kitchen furniture, the division of said furniture to be fairly made between my said wife and my daughter Mary by my Executors.

Thirdly I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Reaves my negroes, Lucy & Ned; one half of my household kitchen furniture, also my mare named Eliza, and from and after her natural death the following property, viz: One horse, one yoke of oxen, one Berouche, stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop & two splits in the right ear & a split in the left ear, the other half of my household and kitchen furniture and the following slaves, viz: Nancy, Henry and Betty, the foregoing negro slaves to be held by my daughter Mary for and during her natural life, and after her death to such child or children as she may leave her surviving, but in case she die without leaving any surviving child or children then Nancy, Henry & Betty to be the property of my wife's children (by her first husband) viz: Sarah E. Moore, wife of Rev. W. M. D. Moore, Charlotte Robbins, wife of Enoch Robbins and William Hamilton & the other slaves above named, to wit: Lucy, Betty & Ned to be the property of my other children herein after named share & share alike.

Fourthly I give, devise and bequeath to my son Samuel F. Reaves a tract of land containing one hundred and seventy five acres or thereabouts, being the tract purchased of John W. Moore, also all my stock of hogs and cattle, marked with a crop & two splits in the right ear and an overbit in the left ear, and also my slaves Helen & James.

Fifthly I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Watts my negroes Susan and her child

Sixthly I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary