

No. 91

In the Name of God, Amen! I, William James Gause, of the County of Brunswick in the State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of perfect mind and sound memory, do make and declare this my last will & testament, in manner following - viz: - I, the first, I commend my soul to God who gave it me, beseeching his gracious acceptance thereof through the merits of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. I, the second, I wish all my debts paid as soon as practicable, to effect which I leave it directed my with my Executors to dispose of such property as they may think most advisable, either real or personal. Of the former I own an undivided share of the land my father Samuel Gause, died possessed of & the plantation on which I now reside, and whereas I am indebted to the estate of Peter Gause my wife's late dec'd father a certain sum created in the division of the real estate between the heirs of the said Peter, which said sum I wish paid out of such part of the personal estate of said Peter to which myself & my heirs are & will be entitled unless my Executors consider it more advisable to make payment otherwise. I, the third, After the payment of all my debts, as aforesaid, I wish all the residue of my Estate to be equally divided between my dearly beloved wife Sarah Ann and my only & much loved child Mary Jane. In which division I do hereby authorize & empower my wife if she wishes it to retain the Real Estate or any part thereof in her share at such sum as it may be valued at by the persons making the division between my wife & our daughter Mary Jane - so as to have the shares equal in value as aforesaid. I, the fourth, if my said wife should die before a second intermarriage then it is my wish that our daughter Mary Jane should inherit what I here bequeathed to my said wife & if my said daughter should die before her coming of age or intermarriage then it is my wish that my wife should inherit the share of the said Mary Jane our daughter & be it further understood that if my said wife should die previous to a second marriage as aforesaid and our said daughter Mary Jane should die previous to her coming of age or intermarriage as aforesaid, then it is my wish that the whole of the estate bequeathed to them, as aforesaid, should be equally divided between my four children & my brother, viz: Margaret Gause, Mary Gause, John Gause, & Samuel Gause, and the two brothers & one sister of my wife, viz: Peter Gause & Saml Gause & Eliza Jane Gause, to be equally divided between the said eight heirs named as aforesaid share & share alike to them & their heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby appoint my friend Doctor B. D. Cowell, Executor, and my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Ann, executrix of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of December 1884.

Witness my hand and seal
 of Sarah Gause
 Lewis Gause

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Brunswick County Court. } The execution of the above Will was proved in
 January Term, 1885. } open court by the oath of Lewis Gause, & ordered
 to be recorded. Recorded in Book B. pages 13 & 14 - Edw. Fitz Gerald, Clerk.
 Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908 -
 Ratified Feb. 1, 1908 - Copied from Old Records Book B. C. p. 13, 14.

State of North Carolina, } In the name of God, Amen! I, Lydia
 Brunswick County. } Gause, being about to depart this life, but of sound mind
 and perfect understanding, do constitute this my last Will & testament and hope
 it will be received as such by all. First I most humbly bequeath my soul to
 God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, through
 the all-sufficient merits of my Redeemer. I give my body to the
 earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection
 from thence at the last day. I leave all my Estate, Real & Personal
 to my loving daughter Lydia Ann Gause and the heirs of her body
 with the exception of a legacy or legacies here in after mentioned.
 I give & bequeath to my niece Lydia Ann a negro girl named Ligger daughter
 of Phyllis. It is my particular desire in the event of my daughter dying
 without issue that the property herein bequeathed to her may return
 to my lawful heirs in the same manner as though I had never had a
 child. I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Samuel Potter
 & my friend John B. Baker, Executors to this my last will & testament.
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day
 of November, 1884.

Lydia Gause (seal)
 Signed & sealed in presence of us we being called to witness the same
 and write our names in her sight. Saml. P. Russ, Thos. Randall,
 January Term, 1885. The due execution of this will proved in
 open court by the oath of S. P. Russ & ordered to be recorded. Recorded
 in Book B. p. 15.

Edw. Fitz Gerald, Clerk.
 Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908 -
 Ratified Feb. 1, 1908 - Copied from Old Records Book B. C. p. 15.