

at by the Commissioners appointed to divide my property among my heirs.

Fourthly- I give to my grand children, children of my son Samuel F. Rowell, three hundred dollars to be equally divided among them.

Fifthly- I give to David C. Stokes Five Dollars and he never to have any more of my estate whatever.

Sixthly- It is my will and desire that the distributive share that fell to Adeline Bordeaux be hers so long as she lives and then go to her children to be equally divided share and share alike.

Seventhly- It is my will and desire that the balance of my estate be equally divided among my four heirs, to wit: Adeline Bordeaux, William H. Rowell, John C. Rowell, and the children of my late son Samuel F. Rowell.

Eighthly- I do hereby appoint my sons William H. Rowell and John C. Rowell Executors to carry out this my last Will and Testament

Samuel Rowell

Signed in the presence of

Joseph Green

John P. Lennor

July 1st, 1908.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of General Assembly, Special Session, 1908. Attest

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No. 99

A paper writing purporting to be

The Last Will and Testament of William Gause is brought into open Court and is propounded for probate by Percy Gause and Olin B. Gause who are therein named Executors and Executrix thereof which said paper writing is in the words of following, to wit:—

I, William Gause, of the County of Brunswick & State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say,

First- That my Executors, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate so it respects my worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and bequeath in full manner following:

to wit:—

Item- I have given, devised and bequeathed to my son Thomas F. Gause Peter, Dolly, John, Abner, Sam, Harry, Lizzie, Flora, Bette, Jenny, Jim, Mary & her child, not named, these were all young and valuable negroes. I also gave him 8 cows & calves, two goats of oxen, several head of my cattle and some sheep, a valuable possession of land on Lockwood's folly and Ebb's creek. I also gave him one half of rice hope swamp, called the Big Swamp which said tract of land sold winter before last for four thousand dollars; I gave him a four hundred dollar note due me by him, and a five hundred dollar note.

Item- I gave and bequeathed to my son John W. Gause, Jim, Mariah, Willie, Friday, Tony, Becky, Peggy, Daniel, Justice, Loucass, Meriner, Delia, Lela, Robert, the above named negroes, were all young, valuable negroes. I gave him a valuable possession of land on Lockwood's folly at the upper bridge and one half the big swamp, called Walden & rice hope; I gave him six cows & calves, one goat of oxen, several head of dry cattle & some house hold furniture—also four hundred dollars due me by him.

Item- I have given and bequeathed to my son Wesley C. Gause, Solomon, Joshua, Nester, Mary Ann, Gertie, Little Peter, Clara & (old Tony which he exchanged with one for a girl) Minnie, a young woman & her two children were sold for him, as he preferred having the money than to have them—the above named negroes were all young valuable negroes except Nester. She was almost forty years old; I gave him two hundred dollars on his brother Wm., which sum was due me.

Item- I gave and bequeathed to my son Samuel P. Gause, Lydia, Jubiter, Bella, Thomas, Little Bella, Henry, Dolly, Mariah, Sarah, Anne, Amy, Sam, Russell, Patricia, Sam, Richard, Little Tony & Dick, as Dick was old & infirm he gave him to me my life time during which time he died—the above named negroes were most of them young, valuable negroes; I gave him a valuable tract of land on Lockwood's folly; I gave him a note of about five hundred dollars on James Baugh which was due me; also another note of one hundred dollars on John Picket and three hundred dollars due me by him; I gave him a gun for which I gave fifty three dollars & one cow and half. I furthermore give, devise & bequeath to my first children, namely, Thomas F. Gause, John W. Gause, Wesley C. Gause, and Sam P. Gause five dollars to each one of them after my debts are paid.

Item- I give, devise & bequeath to my beloved wife P. Gause certain negroes with their increase, namely, by her

big Tony, Isaac, Selia, Edwin, Patty, Lydia, Henry, Susan, Patience, Ann, Emma, Caroline, & Michael and all their increase, except what have been already disposed of, and my stock of cattle, oxen, my hogs, goats & sheep, all the domestic fowls & poultry, all my horses & mules that I own at my death, my boats and seines, also my household and kitchen furniture, my crockery, ware and silver plate, & farming utensils, bees & hives, all my vehicles, Buggy, wagons and carts, all the crop of every description that may be upon my plantation, & all the provisions on hand at the time of my death; furthermore I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, P. Gause, one fifth part of all my land on the sea board, that is from the beach to the public road, including all the buildings on the seashore plantation & one third of my part of Tailors beach & one third of the back lands lying on the North side of Crow Swamp including the tracts of land called Bear house & George Lewis old field joining the Bear house on the same side of the swamp. Beginning at the head of Crow branch, running from thence an easterly course down said branch to the run of Crow Swamp and down the run of said swamp to the mouth of Crow branch & up the various runs of said branch to the head thereof, from thence to the beginning and the lands called Edwards place on the south side of Crow Swamp - also the Charlotte Bay tract of land including the buildings & improvements in Wolf Neck and the land which I bought from William Brooks, except the part I sold to Samuel Franks, Junior, To have and to hold to her the said P. Gause, to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Emory P. Gause, certain negroes, namely, Hannah, Nancy, and David, Frank, Joshua, Gabriel, John, Amelia with their increase, to him & his lawful heirs, and in case he should die without issue, the said negroes with their increase to return to his own sister & his own brothers M^rs. Olin B., & Lucien A. I further give and bequeath to my son E. P. one fifth of my land on the seashore & beach of what remains after my wife P. Gause's part is taken out and one fifth of the back lands of what remains from my wife's part - to have and to hold to him the said E. P. Gause, and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Francis A. wife of A. Shingall, the negroes she now has in her possession, namely, Betty, George, Lema, Sam, Charlotte, Maggie, Dollie, Feller with their increase to her & her children and in case she should die & leave no issue, the said

negroes and their increase to return to her own brothers Emory P., M^rs. B., Olin B., & Lucien A. - Frances A. wife of A. Shingall has received in full for her part of my lands one negro man named Joe, valued at one thousand dollars, and a boy named Lewis valued at five hundred dollars.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son, M^rs. B. Gause, certain negroes, namely, Fizzy, Albert, William, Richard, Esther, & Sarah with their increase to him and his lawful heirs, and in case the said M^rs. B. should die without issue, the said negroes with their increase to be returned to his own sister & his own brothers to be equally divided among them; I also give and bequeath to M^rs. B. one fifth of my land as mentioned & laid out for Emory after my wife's part is taken out - to have and to hold to him the said M^rs. B., & his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Olin B. Gause certain negroes, namely, Murrier, Jubiter, Flora, Beck & Laza with their increase unto him the said Olin B. Gause and his lawful heirs, but in case Olin B. Gause should die without issue, the said negroes with their increase to be returned to his surviving own brothers & sister. I give and bequeath to my son Olin B. Gause one fifth of my land on the seashore & beach of what remains after my wife's part is taken out; and one fifth of my back lands of what remains after my wife's part - to have and to hold to him the said Olin B. Gause & his heirs in fee simple for ever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my youngest son, Lucien A. Gause, certain negroes, namely, Molly, Little Selia, Daniel, Charles, Elmira, Little Tony, and Moses, with their increase to him the said Lucien A. Gause & his lawful heirs, but in case Lucien A. should die without issue the said negroes with their increase to be returned to his own surviving brothers & sister to be divided among them. I give and bequeath to my youngest son Lucien A. Gause one fifth of my land on the seashore & beach of what remains after my wife's part is taken out - to have and to hold to him the said Lucien A. Gause & his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item - My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devisees and legatees above mentioned and the debts owing some collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided four parts to my said wife and her children in equal proportion share & share alike to them and each & every one of them their executors, administrators, assigns, and assigns forever.

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 son 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 Olm 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

also all the land which I purchased last from my son Saml Gause, where he lived, and all the land I purchased from John Gause, joining the land I purchased from Samuel Gause with a late survey of fifty acres joining the aforesaid land on and in Little River Swamp. Also one hundred acres on the head of Shallotte, known by the name of the cowpen place with the following negroes, viz: - Ned, Bellah, George, York, Betty, Rachael, Beed's child Ned, Bellah's child Harry, Caesar, Leuffy, Quash, and Patty and the future issue and increase of such as females, also four at the death of my wife E. Gause, and one half of all my stock of all kinds to be proportioned off to him immediately after my decease, with his proportionable part of the debts due me, and money in hand, if any, to him and his heirs forever. But in case he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, or marries, then all the negroes with their issue and all other property to be equally divided among my surviving children, and should any of them die then their children to receive the distributive share of such child deceased. Item, I devise unto my loving wife Elizabeth Gause fifty acres of land including my dwelling house during her natural life and after her decease, with Tom, to descend to my son Peter which I have allotted unto her as a full portion of her dower, with the following negroes - Beaulford, Charles, Jenny, Tom, Peter, David, Quash, Flora, Adam, Hagar, Jack, York, and Sophia with the proportionable part of the debts due me, and money in hand if any, also one half of my stock of all kinds, during her natural life, and after her decease the negroes with their increase, with all other property to be equally divided among my children now living, I also give unto her the use of my household and kitchen furniture during her natural life, and after her decease for two beds & furniture with the remaining part of the household and kitchen furniture to be delivered to my son Peter, with all the plantation tools, but in case my son Peter, should marry before the death of my wife E. Gause, my will is that one half the household and kitchen furniture be delivered to him on his marriage. Item, I devise unto my grandsons Benjamin William Gause, and William Wilson, all my lands on the West side of Lockwood's Creek to be equally divided between them by my Executors according to its value. Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my beloved sons Samuel Gause, William Gause and Peter Gause when he arrives to the age of twenty one years and my son in law John Gause, Junior, Executors to this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke all wills by me made heretofore and declare and pronounce this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my

hand and seal this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

N.B. My intention and meaning is, in the division of the Plantation where I live, between my sons William and Peter, that the division line already mentioned shall be the boundary between them whether there should be an equal number of acres or not. This added before signed.

Signed, sealed and declared
to be the last will and testament of
the testator in presence of us. *Wm Gause* *(seal)*
Elisha Sellars
Mary Sellars
Thomas Sellars
J. Gause, Junr.

This may certify that I was present at the signing & sealing of this my husband's last will and testament and am fully satisfied with its contents thereof. Witness my hand this ninth day of May, 1801.

Elizabeth Gause.

Witness - Elisha Sellars
Mary Sellars
Thomas Sellars
J. Gause, Junr.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of General Assembly, Special Session, 1908.
Ratified Feb. 10, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book A. W. p. 28, 29, 30.

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, did possess 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

No. 33

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 are 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.