

In the Name of God Amen

I, C. E. Gount, being of sound mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, I therefore constitute, ordain and make this my last will and testament in way and manner as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> My desire is at my decease that my body be decently buried as is customary amongst Christians.

2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath unto my husband, G. D. Gount all my real estate, to have and to hold during his natural life, consisting of the plantation we now live on with all the mills and mill fixtures and machinery, water and water powers, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way pertaining to said land and premises, and to have the privilege of converting or changing the mills into other machinery, and also have the power of forming companies by stock or otherwise to enable him for the building of such machinery as he sees proper for the best advantage and interest of my heirs and make good and lawful title to all who take stock, and provided further that the mills could so be converted into other machinery then my husband, G. D. Gount shall have the power of contracting with companies for the building of such machinery to the best advantage both for the heirs and company, but provided my husband should not live until my youngest child becomes upon age then my son, G. D. Gount have the power and authority carrying out the foregoing in room and stead of my husband.

I also further will that at the decease of my husband my real estate shall be equally divided amongst my heirs as follows, viz: Gallie Rockell has already received four hundred dollars as an advancement which shall be deducted from her interest of my estate then after this is deducted then she comes in with the rest of my heirs, viz: J. M. Gount, Ida Gount, Emma Gount and Edith Gount.

(See other side)

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1888

C. E. Gount (Seal)

Witness }  
G. H. Moser }  
D. M. Smith }

State of North Carolina } In the  
Columbia County } 2<sup>d</sup> Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of C. E. Gount, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of Court of said County, and the due execution thereof by the said C. E. Gount is proven by the oath and examination of G. H. Moser and D. M. Smith, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, both depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1888.

And the deponent further saith that this said C. E. Gount, the testator aforesaid, died, at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the time when said testator subscribed her name to the said Last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said C. E. Gount was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Geo. H. Moser (Seal)

D. M. Smith (Seal)

Generally sworn and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1888

J. W. Rothen  
C. C.