

The last Will and Testament of Ephraim Gount.

Ephraim Gount
deceased.

J. G. Gount "Son"
appointed
March 29th 1870

North Carolina, Catawba County, February 24th 1870
In the name of God Amen. I, Ephraim Gount
being in delicate health, but of sound mind,
and memory, and considering the uncertainty of
my earthly existence; do make and declare this
my last will and Testament in manner and
mode following that is to say:-

1st That my Executor herein after named shall
provide for my body a decent burial suitable to
the request and wishes of my friends and
pay all funeral expenses out of the moneys
that may first come to hand as assets of my
Estate.

2nd Item I will and direct that my beloved wife
Catherine shall have and hold to her use my residence
and appurtenances there unto belonging during her
natural life and also all my household and kitchen
furniture and further that my beloved wife shall have
two head of cattle, four head of sheep, four head of
hogs, four Bee stands all the corn and small
grain on hand and also all the vegetables on
hand.

3^d I will and direct that my son Emmanuel
Gount and my daughter Harriet Ditz and
her heirs shall have one hundred acres of land
to be equally divided between these two parties
said land shall be so bounded as to run
parallel with the old line along the Lincoln
road on the west side of my plantation.

4th Item I will and direct that my two
sons (viz) George W. Gount and Timothy J. Gount
shall have the remainder of my plantation
equally divided between said parties and further
the said my two sons shall maintain and support
my beloved wife Catherine during her natural life
on said lands.

5th Item I will and direct that my son W. C. Gount
shall have my sowl mare and one buggy and two
Bee stands and two head of sheep.

6th Item I will and direct that my darling Harriet
Ditz shall have one bee stand, two head of sheep

7th Item I will and direct that my daughter son
J. J. Gount shall have my sowl mule. Also sheep
out and shelled. Also all the fodder, hay, straw &c.
and I further direct that my son J. J. Gount
shall collect twenty dollars and $\frac{7}{10}$ from the W.
R. R. Co. and reserve the same to his own
use and further to have one heifer, one calf,
two head of hogs.

8th Item I will and direct that my two sons
W. C. Gount and J. J. Gount shall have my road
wagon and all my farming tools and
supplements.

9th Item I lastly declare & appoint my son
J. J. Gount my lawful Executor to execute
this my last will and Testament to all intents
and purposes. I further declare all wills and
Testaments heretofore by me made to be null and
void. Signed, sealed, the above written date in
presence of

W. M. Hallman
Levi L. Gount

Ephraim Gount Seal

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court.
Catawba County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Ephraim Gount is exhibited
before the undersigned Judge of Probate for said
County by J. J. Gount, the executor therein
named and the execution thereof duly proven
by the oath and examination of Levi L. Gount
a subscribing witness thereto (which testimony and
examination is filed in the office of the said
Judge of Probate). The said will is admitted to
Probate and the will together with this certificate
to be recorded.

March 29th A. D.
1870—

W. O. Sherrill
Judge of Probate
for said County.