

# Last Will & Testament of Evan Gantt

I Evan Gantt of the County of Caldwell 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

I<sup>st</sup> That my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the negroes that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

II I give and devise to my beloved son Chas. T. Gantt the land that I bought of my brother Jesse Gantt for ever provided that I pay to my executor the sum of Six hundred Dollars for my estate

III I give and devise to my beloved wife S. C. Gantt all my other personalty Real personal and mixed of whatever kind money notes to have and to hold during her natural life provided by the remains she shall have and to hold during her life and after her death go to all my children equally including my son Chas. T. Gantt for ever.

IV I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Chas. T. Gantt my lawful executor to all intent and purpose to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same hereby making and repealing null and void all wills and testaments heretofore made by me in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1894

Evan Gantt *Deed*

I equal here published and declared by said Evan Gantt to be his last will and testament in presence of J. C. Connor, C. F. Connor

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Caldwell County }

A paper purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Evan Gantt deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County by Charles T. Gantt the executor therein mentioned and the two executors thereof by the said Evan Gantt by the oath and examination of C. F. Connor and S. J. Cline the subscribing witnesses thereof, who being duly sworn do 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1894

And the deponent further said, that the said Evan Gantt the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his last will and testament and subscribed by him and admitted to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an assisting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and this deponent further said that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an assisting witness thereof, as aforesaid the said Evan Gantt was of sound mind and memory of full age able to execute a will and of no age under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

C. F. Connor *Deed*  
S. J. Cline *Deed*

Sincerely sworn and  
Subscribed this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 1896 before me  
J. W. Rockett  
C. J. C.