

South Carolina
County of Gaston.

In the name of God, Amen!
I, Daniel Rhys, of said County and State being
of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty
of life do make this my last will and testament in witness
whereof following, viz:
Item: I will & bequeath to my beloved wife, Louisa, all
my property that may be on hand at my death, such as bonds,
notes, accounts and money & other personal property of
whatever kind & description, to have & to hold during the term
of her natural life; and it is my will and desire that my wife
shall have & control the property above bequeathed as she may
see proper during the term of her natural life, and that she
have or use of said property, except such as may be
necessary for the payment of debts of my estate, shall be
sold during the life of my said wife, without her full
consent & assent thereto. And if my wife shall see
proper, she may sell or cause to be sold the property
above bequeathed and shall divide the proceeds as directed
in Item 2nd of this my last will and testament; or in case
she shall see proper not to sell said property, she may
divide the same in kind among the legatees named
in Item 2nd, the said division

divide the same in kind among the legatees named in said Item 2nd, the said divisions to be per stirpe and not per capita.

Item Second: I will and bequeath that at the death of my wife the property above disposed of shall be sold by my executor hereinafter named & equally divided according to the following directions, viz:
To Julietta M. Peerson wife of E. L. Peerson, one third; and in case I should survive my daughter the said Julietta M. Peerson, then her children shall have & take their mother's portion & represent her;
To my daughter Sarah H. Fingers, one third; and in case I should survive my said daughter Sarah, then her children shall have & take her portion and represent her.

To Charles Stone and Robert Stone, sons of Gabriella Stone, who is now deceased, the remaining one third of said property; and in case either of the said boys should die before me, the survivor shall take the whole of their double portion.
Item Third: In the event that either of my

daughters above named should die, leaving no children surviving her; Or in ~~other~~ event that Charles & Robert should die, leaving no children, before my decease; then in that case the survivors shall take & share the said property according to the divisions specified in Item 3rd:

that is to say: per stirps & not per capita.

Item Fourth: I give and devise to my beloved wife my home place, to have & to hold during the term of her natural life according to the reservation made by me in a deed made the 11th day of December 1873, to my son Robert B. Rhyne having given to my son Hugh J. Rhyne a plantation in Mecklenburg County, and to my sons Robert B. and Albertus Rhyne my home place (the interest of Albertus having been purchased by Robert before the deed was made by me to Robert) I consider that they have received their portion and share; and this division of my personal estate will about equally divide my estate among my children.

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I hereby nominate and appoint my son
Hugh J. Rhymer as executor of this my last
will & Testament, hereby revoking all other
and former wills made by me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and seal ~~And this~~ my last will &
Testament consisting of four pages, this the 17.th
day of December A.D. 1873.

Daniel Rhymer. And

Signed, sealed, published & declared
in our presence, who at his request
& in his presence & in the presence of
each other have subscribed our names
as witnesses: this 17.th day of December
1873.

R. D. Rhymer.

A. Rhymer.

B. C. Cobb.

State of North Carolina,
Eastern County, }

Probate Court,
May 10, 1878.

H. T. Rhynes Ex'r of
Samuel Rhynes.

Ex Parte.

B. C. Cobb being duly sworn deposes
& says: that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the
last will of Samuel Rhynes deceased, and that said
Samuel Rhynes signed said will in his presence,
& in the presence of the other witnesses whose names
are subscribed thereto, & declared the same to be
his last will & testament: Affiant further
swears that said Samuel Rhynes was of sound
& disposing mind & memory at the time of
executing said will, and was capable of making
a will at that time: Affiant further swears
that he & the other witnesses signed the same
as witnesses at the request of, & in the presence
of the testator, & in the presence of each other:
Affiant further swears that he is acquainted
with the handwriting of R. D. Rhynes one of the
witnesses to said will & from his

executing said will, and was capable of making
a will at that time: Affiant further swears
that he & the other witnesses signed the same
as witnesses at the request of, & in the presence
of the testator, & in the presence of each other.
Affiant further swears that he is acquainted
with the handwriting of R. D. Rhyme one of the
subscribing witnesses to said will & from his
knowledge of the same he knows this to be his
genuine signature. He further swears that
said subscribing witness R. D. Rhyme is dead.
Sworn to & subscribed before me. B. B. Cobb.

this 10th day of May 1878.

E. H. Withers, Clerk &

Probate Judge.

Aug 6, 1878. Whereupon Hugh T. Rhyme, the executor in the
above will named, qualified as such executor,
& took the necessary Oath & Instrumentary Thence
to execute said Will. E. H. Withers, Probate Judge,
Gaston County.

Aug 6, 1878.