

State of North Carolina, S.S. In the Superior Court
Gaston County.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Daniel Thornburg deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by J. L. Thornburg the executor ^{is named} therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Daniel Thornburg by the oath and examination of J. M. Skidmore & C. E. Ferris the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Thornburg that the said J. M. Skidmore & C. E. Ferris in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 20th day of April 1900, and the Deponent further saith, that that the said Daniel Thornburg the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his 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 said testator. And this deponent further saith, 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 attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Daniel Thornburg was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of this deponent. And heathen that deponent

said J.M. Skidmore & C.C. Ferris in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 20th day of April 1900, and the Deponent further saith, that that the said Daniel Thornburg the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his 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 said testator. And this deponent further saith, 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 attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Daniel Thornburg 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 that deponente say not.

J.M. Skidmore,
C.C. Ferris



Severally sworn and subscribed this
14th day of Sept. 1901 before me

C.C. Cornwell
Clerk Superior Court.

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Daniel Thornburg of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of ~~life~~ my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

I give, will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Minna Thornburg the Shrum and Pette plantation to have and to hold during her life, provided that she has no ^{if she has and her heirs} heirs to go to them forever, otherwise to go to my heirs who are the beneficiaries of my Will hereinafter mentioned.

I also Will and devise and bequeath to her One hundred and seventy five Dollars. Twenty five Dollars of the above One hundred and seventy five Dollars to be given her in provisions balance to be paid to her out of my Estate.

I also will and bequeath her one cow and calf and two shoats. She also shall have the privilege to take any and every kind of property she brought here and has made since she has been here on the place as her individual property.

I will give and bequeath all the balance of my Real Estate to my three children J. L. Thornburg Oney Capinter and Nancy ^{and} Costner to be equally divided between the above three children and not to be sold.

I Also will give and bequeath all the balance of my personal property to be equally divided between the above three children and if they can't agree on a division to select

property to be equally divided between the above three children and not to be sold and if they cant agree on a division to select two disinterested persons to divide it for them.

It is my will that my sister Sarah can stay on the place during her life.

I also will give and bequeath all my money notes and accounts and all surpluses due me to be collected by my executor hereinafter named and after paying all my just debts the balance to be equally divided between my above named three children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son J. G. Thornburg my lawful executor 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 and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Daniel Thornburg do hereby set my hand and seal this the twentieth day of April A.D. 1900.
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Daniel Thornburg to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness J. M. Skidmore
O. E. Ferris.

Daniel Thornburg.