

I Dorcas Gingles of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory. but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say.

First. I commend my body Spirit to God who gave it. and my body to the dust from whence I came.

Secondly. That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come unto his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved sister M^{rs} Gingles who is now living with me, my undivided interest in the plantation on which I now live. Known as the Samuel Gingles tract lying on the waters of Catawba Creek consisting of my interest in said land. and also consisting of an interest in the estate of Malinda Nancy, David & Adlai Gingles decedent and also my interest in the personal estate of Adlai Gingles decedent. and also my Negro boy Balus & all my household & kitchen furniture to have & to hold

to her & To her heirs assigns forever - and lastly I do hereby constitute
& appoint my trusty friend J. Snyer my lawful Executor to all intents
and purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament according to the true
intent & meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby
revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills & Testaments by me
heretofore made - In witness whereof I the said Dorcas Gingles hereunto
set my hand & seal this the 1st day of July AD 1855

Dorcas ^{now} ~~mar~~ Gingles (seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by
the said Dorcas Gingles to be her last
(Will & Testament) in presence of us,
who at her request & in her presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses
There to

J. J. Lewis

J. W. Kendrick

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Gaston County } Nov. 18 & 14 - 1870

In matter of the will of Dorcas Gingles

J. J. Lewis and J. W. Kendrick, being sworn depone and say, and
for himself deposing and saying, that a certain paper writing
bearing date 1st July 1855 and exhibited to this Court by
J. Snyer unto the same, and purporting to be the last Will
and Testament of Dorcas Gingles, was in their presence
and that at the request

Gaston County } Nov-18 & 14 - 1870

In matter of the will of Dorcas Gingles

J J Lewis and J W Kendrick, being sworn depone and say, and
for himself deposing and saying, that a certain paper writing
bearing date 1st July 1859 and exhibited to this Court by
J J Smyer was to the same, and purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Dorcas Gingles, was in their presence
signed by said Dorcas Gingles, and that at the request
and in the presence of said Dorcas Gingles, they did
witness and sign their names to said paper writing as
subscribing witnesses thereto, and furthermore they depose
J J Lewis and J W Kendrick depone that to the best of their
knowledge and belief said Dorcas Gingles was of sound
mind and memory at the making and publishing
said will on the 1st July 1859

J W Kendrick

J J Lewis

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 11th day of Nov-
ember 1870

W. H. Withers

Probate Judge

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State of North Carolina
Gaston County

In the Probate Court

In the matter of the will of Dorcas Gingles

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Dorcas Gingles having been exhibited to this Court said paper writing bearing date 1st July 1859) and it being satisfactorily proven to the Court upon the oath of J. J. Lewis and J. W. Kendrick subscribing witnesses thereto, that Dorcas Gingles did sign said paper writing in the presence of J. J. Lewis and J. W. Kendrick, at the request of and in the presence of said Dorcas Gingles, did witness, and subscribe their names to said paper writing, and it furthermen appearing to the Court upon the oath of sa Lewis and Kendrick, that said Dorcas Gingles was of sound mind and memory at the making and publishing of said will on the 1st day of July 1859. It is therefore adjudged that said paper writing is the Last Will and Testament of said Dorcas Gingles and that the same be admitted to probate, and recorded with this certificate. This 11th day of Nov 1870 and the Executor therein

James Gingles to execute said will - took letters
Testamentary.

E. B. Withers

Probate Judge Gaston Co

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Dutchman of the County