

Gaston County, In the Superior Court
 In the Matter of the Will of }
 Estlie Rhyme deceased } Before,
 J. B. White C.S.C

Peter M. Rhyme, being sworn, doth say: That Estlie Rhyme, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; And that Affiant P. M. Rhyme, is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Estlie Rhyme, Consisting of 74 1/4 acres of Land, One Horse, One Wagon,

is worth about \$800, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application.

And that Margaret Rhyme Widow of Testator, and the following Children to wit: S. A. & Friday, Henry E. & Costner, and Affiant P. M. Rhyme all of full age and residents of Gaston County, N.C. are the parties entitled under said will to the said property,

Sworn to and subscribed before me, }
 this 22nd day of December 1884, }

J. B. White C.S.C }
 Peter M. Rhyme,

State of North Carolina }
 Gaston County }

I, Estlie Rhyme of the County and State aforesaid, 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 do hereby devise to my only son Peter Marshall Rhyme, all my

First

do make ^{and} declare this my last Will ^{and} Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, -

I give ^{and} devise to my Only Son Peter Marshall Rhyme, all my "Home Place" on the following Conditions. viz:

First: That myself ^{and} beloved Wife Margaret are to have our support from said land during our natural lives, and after death our bodies a decent burial suitable to the wishes of our relatives ^{and} friends.

Second. That my said Son is to pay to each of two daughters, viz: Susan Ann Catherine Gorday ^{and} Mary Elvira, Elizabeth Costner, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100). good ^{and} lawful money.

Second

I give ^{and} devise to my beloved Wife Margaret, all the personal property of whatsoever name or description now in my possession, except one bed room and one two horse wagon. Which I this day give ^{and} devise to my only son Peter M. Rhyme.

Third

And lastly I do hereby constitute ^{and} appoint my only son Peter M. Rhyme my lawful executor to all intents ^{and} purposes to execute this my last Will ^{and} Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I, the said Esli Rhyme, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 6th day of September A. D. 1883.

Signed ^{and} sealed in presence of

Mo. A. Rutledge

John M. Rhodes

Esli Rhyme Seal

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

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Eslee Rhyme deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Peter M. Rhyme the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Eslee Rhyme, was proven by the oath and examination of M. A. Rutledge & John M. Rhodes the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposes and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Eslee Rhyme, that the said Eslee Rhyme in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing which was shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 6th day of September 1883.

And the deponent further saith, That, the said Eslee Rhyme 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 & 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 the 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 Eslee Rhyme was of sound mind & memory,

last will and testament, and this deponent did then sign and subscribe
his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto,
and at the request and in the presence of the 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 Esler Rhyme 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 these deponents say not.

M. A. Rutledge (Seal)

John M. Rhodes (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 22nd day of December 1884, before me,

J. B. White C. S. C.

North Carolina }
Gaston County } December 22nd 1884.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court, that the said
paper-writing and every part thereof, is the last Will and Testament
of Esler Rhyme deceased, and the same with the foregoing examination
and this Certificate are ordered to be recorded and filed.

J. B. White Clerk
Superior Court