

Notary Judge Gaston County, N.C.

The said Mary A. White, Petrix. named in the foregoing Will of the late J. L. White of Gaston County, this day duly qualified to execute said Will & took latter Testamentary thereon,
March 3rd 1874, J. H. Wilkes, Notary Judge —

I Gideon Blackwood of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory; but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make this my last Will & Testament, in the manner & form following; "that is to say that;" First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suited to the wishes of my relations & friends, and to pay all my just debts, and funeral expenses, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my, & as a parcel of my Estate, Item 1st I give & devise to my ^{three} daughters, Margaret, Mary & Elizabeth Blackwood, the place or tract of land whereon I now live, and also the Horis Tract, and the Mill Tract, and the Ten acres that I bought of Adams, all my Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, & my two mares, my two wagons, & the Gearing, my interest that is three fourths of a Thresher machinery, all the farming utensils,

Blacksmith Tools, Axes & Chisels, all my House-hold & Kitchen furniture,
The loom & all that belongs to it, The Clock, and one rifle and
one shot Gun, cooking utensils, Wash pot & the tubs, all the
Wool & cotton on hands, all the beds & bedding, Wheels & cards, & the
seal, one Grind stone, also my library of Books, and with
my Chest of drawers, and all the crop on hands; Item 2^d, I
give and devise to my daughter Ann Gamble the place known
as the Sinclair Tract. It is now therefore my will that
J. B. Oats, is & be constituted & appointed to execute this my last
will & Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the
same, and every part and every Clause thereof. Hereby revoking, &
declaring void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore
made, In Witness Whereof I the said Gideon Blackwood do
hereunto set my hand & seal, This the 26th of January A.D. 1869.
Signed, Sealed, published & declared in the presence of
J. B. Oats & Gideon Blackwood (seal)
J. L. Thomas.

North Carolina } Probate Court
Gaston County } March 17, 1874.

The foregoing paper writing
purporting to be the last will & Testament of Gideon Blackwood
bearing date Jan'y 26th A.D. 1869, is this day offered for Probate, before
said Court now here, by John B. Oats, the Executor therein named.

July 20, 1874, is this day official for me, &
said Court now here, by John R. Oats, the Executor therein named,
And said paper writing by the Examinations & oaths of the subscri-
bing witnesses thereto, J. B. Oats, & J. F. Thomas, is proven to be the last
Will & Testament of said Gideon Blackwood late of Gaston County, N.C.,
as it purports to be, for said attesting witnesses thereto to wit, J. B. Oats,
& J. F. Thomas did testify on oath; as follows to wit; That they did
see & witness the said Testator Gideon Blackwood, yet in his
natural life time, and in the full soundness of his mind, and
well disposing memory, sign, seal, deliver, and declared said
paper writing at the same time so to be his last Will & Testament,
and at the same time said Testator Gideon Blackwood requested
the said subscribing witnesses to sign their names thereto as such
attesting witnesses thereto, which the said subscribing witnesses did
sign their names to the same as such attesting witnesses thereto.

Signed J. B. Oats.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

" J. F. Thomas.

this the 17th March 1874, -

E. H. Withers Probate Judge, -

And the said Executor therein named J. B. Oats, this day duly qualified
as such Ex'r to execute said foregoing Will of said Gideon Black-
wood, late of Gaston County N.C., & said Executor took latter
Testamentary thereon and thereupon E. H. Withers Probate Judge, -