

I, Henry Carpenter, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this life, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

I will that my Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all my just debts, out of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item 1. I give to my wife Mahala Carpenter all my real estate during her natural life time, and I also give to my wife all the personal property, also all money on hand or at interest during her natural life time, and after her death I will that my personal property be sold and be equally divided together with any money and notes at interest or accounts among my three sons, John Carpenter, Andrew Carpenter and Hoke Carpenter.

Item 2. I give and bequeath seventy five acres of land to be cut off the eastern end of the plantation to my son P.L. Carpenter which he is to have after the death of my wife and also in consideration that he shall live with her and provide a support for her while she may live.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath the balance of my land, about one hundred acres to my son William Carpenter which he shall have after the death of my wife.

And I do hereby appoint my son Phillip L. Carpenter my lawful Executor to

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And I do hereby appoint my son Phillip L. Carpenter my lawful Executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intent thereof.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th. day of March, 1899.

Henry Carpenter X (Seal)
his mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared in our presence by Henry Carpenter to be his last will, and we in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Jacob Kiser.

M. S. Beam.

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

In the matter of the last will of Henry Carpenter.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Jacob Kiser and the oath and examination of S.P.Beam witness to the handwriting of M.S.Beam, deceased, who was one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Henry Carpenter and that the same was duly executed

by said Henry Carpenter in the presence of said witnesses and at the time of signing the same the said Henry Carpenter was of sound mind. It is thereup on adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Henry carpenter and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 5th day of September, 1903.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Gaston County.

I, William Jenkins, 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.

First. My Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, to whom and howsoever owing of the first moneys which may come into their hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I give and devise to my son Christy S. Jenkins Two hundred and six acres of land of my home place, lying on the West and both sides of Big Long Creek as