Hugh F. Ewing of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina, being of feeble health but of soundness of mind; & knowing that we must all pass away from this Stage of Existance, I do make & declare this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows; First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends & pay all my funeral Expenses together with all my just debts to whomsoever owing. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E Ewing all of my Real & personal property Whatsoever & wheresoever it may be during her natural life time for her support & comfort; nevertheless I will that a suitable granite stone be placed at each of deceased children's graves & also one to my own grave out of my estate; & at the death of my wife Mary E. Ewing I will that the plantation on which I now live shall become the property of my Nephew Hugh Featherston Ewing in fee simple forever. & at the death of my wife if there should be personal property left I will that my brother in law John Garrison shall have fifty dollars out of my Estate & if there should still be a remainder of personal Estate I will that it be Equally divided among my brother Samuel Ewing's children. & Lastly I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary E Ewing as my Executrix to Execute this my Last will & Testament, hereby revoking all former wills heretofore made by me, In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & Seal, this 8th day of August 1868.

Hugh F. Ewing (Seal)

witness M H Hand

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Hugh H. Ewing (Seal)

witness M. H. Hand
witness M. J. Finley

State of North Carolina / In Probate Court
Gaston County / for said county

June 14 1869. This day the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will &
Testament of Hugh H. Ewing dec'd was offered for probate by Mary
E. Ewing the Executrix therein named; & the said paper writing was
proved to be the last will & Testament of the said Hugh H. Ewing dec'd by the
oaths of M. H. Hand & M. J. Finley subscribing witnesses thereto
for on the Examination of the said subscribing witnesses they on their
Examination & on their oaths declared that they did see the Testator the said
deceased Execute the said paper writing to be his last will & Testament & at
the time he was of sound mind & memory & that they on their
thereupon the said Mary E. Ewing duly qualified as Executrix of said
will.

E. H. Whitney Probate Judge (Seal)
for Gaston county