

James J. White's Last Will and Testament,

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

1st I will & devise that my executrix hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, & shall out of the first money that may come into her hands to pay all of my funeral expenses together with all my just debts contracted by me since April 1873, to whomsoever owing. Claiming the benefit of the Homestead & Bankrupt laws, against all debts prior to said date.

Item 2nd I will and devise to my beloved wife Mary A. White, all my personal property, consisting of stock, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, together with all debts owing to me from any & every source whatsoever. Item 3rd I will and devise to my beloved wife Mary A. White all of my real estate known as the Homestead place, during her natural life time, with the privilege to sell it, with all or as much of the personal property as she may deem proper, either buy land with the proceeds

with the privilege to sell it, with all or as much of the personal
property as she pleases, and either buy land with the proceeds
or divide the money equally between my three children
John J. White, Isaac A. White, & Mary E. White, and if land
is bought then said land to be divided equally between
the above named children at the death of their mother, to
have & to hold to themselves and their heirs in fee simple
forever, and lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved
wife Mary A. White, my lawful executrix to all intents
& purposes of this my last Will & Testament, hereby
revoking all former wills by me made heretofore.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal affixed thereto, this the 12th day of December 1878,
J. H. White

The above instrument consisting of one page & a ^{piece} ~~leaf~~,
was nowhere submitted by Jas H. White, the testator in
the presence of us, and was at the time declared to be his,
the last will and Testament, & we at his request signed
our names hereunto as attesting witnesses.

Zinnia Thayer.
R. W. Huggstetter.

North Carolina } Probate Court, March 3rd 1874.
Gaston County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of Probate, Lemmie Riser and H. B. Hufferdeller, and made oath that they did see J. F. White, late of Gaston County, sign, seal, & deliver the foregoing paper writing to be his last will & Testament as it purports to be; and at the same time the said Testator J. F. White, requested the said subscribing witnesses to sign their names as attesting thereto; and in the presence of each other and in the presence of said Testator did sign their names thereto as such attesting witnesses, & said Testator at the time of declaring said paper writing to be his last will & Testament, was of sound mind & good ^{& well} disposing memory.

Lemie Riser
H. B. Hufferdeller.

Witnesses subscribed to before me,
This the 3rd day of March 1874:

E. H. Withers,

notary Judge Gaston County, NC.