

Gaston County - In the Probate Court.
 In the Matter of the Will of J. N. Friday, } Before J. J. White, Judge of Probate.

J. N. Friday, being duly sworn, doth say:
 That J. N. Friday, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament; and that he the said J. N. Friday is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said J. N. Friday, consisting of one tract of land and personal property is worth about \$1150, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application. And that Sarah Friday Widow of said Testator and his Children, Michael^r Friday, Jonas W. Friday, John L. Friday and Lee A. Friday, are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Jonas W. Friday

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this 28th day of October 1882.

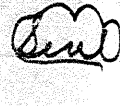
J. J. White Probate Judge.

North Carolina - Gaston County, June 18, 1874.

In the Name of God Amen, I John N. Friday of said County & State aforesaid, being in good health & sound mind & well disposing memory, do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament, in the words & figures as follows. Viz:

1. My Will is that my body be decently buried according to the wishes of my relatives & friends, and that all my just debts be paid,

1. My Will is that my body be decently buried according to the wishes of my relations & friends, and that all my just debts be paid.
2. I Will to my beloved Wife Sarah Friday the following items of personal property, viz. All my money on hand at my decease, and all of my household & kitchen furniture property, Two mules to be selected by her as her choice, and harness & harness well suited therefor as her choice, One Wagon her choice, my Buggy & harness therefor, a sufficiency of my farming tools that may be necessary to her for her support, said sufficiency to be selected by her and as her choice therefor, and a sufficiency of all my stock of Cattle & Hogs that may be necessary to her for her support, said sufficiency to be selected by her as her choice. I will the aforesaid items of personal property to my beloved Wife Sarah Friday, and for her to have and to hold the same during her natural life time, and during her widowhood, or so long as she may remain my Widow, and at her death, or if she should marry again, then the aforesaid personalty, I will it to be equally divided between all my Children.
3. I Will to my Son Michael A. Friday the Place (Plantation) on which I now live, containing by estimation one hundred & thirty nine (139) acres be the same more or less, and valued at (\$750.00) Seven hundred & Fifty dollars. But with the understanding that my beloved Wife Sarah Friday, is to have her support off of this said tract, or Plantation, known as the Noone place, during her life time, and so long as she may remain my widow.

4. I Will to my four Sons, Jonas W. Friday, John C. Friday, Lee A. Friday & Michael A. Friday, my part and my interest in the Wheat Thresher, AND I also Will to my said four Sons my Blacksmith tools, And lastly I hereby Appoint my Son Jonas W. Friday my Executor, to Execute this my last Will & Testament according to its wording, signed, sealed, declared & published to be my last Will & Testament, in the presence of
- E. H. Withers
L. C. Withers
- (Signed) John A. Friday 

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
Gaston County

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J. A. Friday deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by J. W. Friday, the Executor therein named, AND the due execution thereof by the said J. A. Friday was duly proven before me as follows, to wit: by the Oath and examination of E. H. Withers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: Who being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. A. Friday, that the said J. A. Friday in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, AND which bears date of the 18th day of June 1874, And the deponent further saith that the said J. A. Friday the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing the same.

Writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 18th day of June 1874.
And the deponent further saith that the said J. N. Friday the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said 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 time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting Witness thereto as aforesaid, the said J. N. Friday, 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 this deponent saith not. And it appearing to my satisfaction that L. C. Withers, the other subscribing witness to said paper-writing is not a resident of this State. The oath and examination of L. P. Stone and Jonas Hoffmann were taken by me, as to the handwriting of said L. C. Withers, who being duly sworn upon such examination say, that said L. C. Withers is not a resident of this State, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of said L. C. Withers subscribing witness as aforesaid and believe the signature at the end of said paper writing purporting to be the signature of the said L. C. Withers as a subscribing witness thereto to be the genuine handwriting of said L. C. Withers. And as to the handwriting of the said J. N. Friday, testator as aforesaid, I took the oath and examination of F. W. Thompson, who being duly sworn declares and says: That he is acquainted with the handwriting of the said

J. N. Friday Testator as aforesaid. that he has examined the Signature at the end of said paper writing purporting to be the Signature of the said J. N. Friday, Testator, as aforesaid and believes the same to be in the genuine handwriting of the said J. N. Friday

It is therefore Considered by the Court, that the said paper-writing and every part thereof, is the Last Will & Testament of the said John N. Friday deceased, and the same is Ordered to be recorded and filed,

And thereupon Jonas N. Friday the Executor therein named, as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such by taking and subscribing to the Oath required by law, and taking the necessary Letters Testamentary thereon. This 7th day of November 1882.

J. J. White Probate Judge

Sound and disposing Mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament and dispose of all my Estate that I may die Seized and Possessed of in the following manner. Viz.

Item 1st

I direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid,

Item 2nd

I will and bequeath to my Sister Sarah Love all my Land and all my Interest in the Horses and Mules and all my Interest in cattle, Horses & Sheep and one Negro Girl named Amanda and her increase