

Gaston County - In the Probate Court

In the Matter of the Will } Before J. B. White C.S.C.
of John Harrison.

J. B. Gullick being duly sworn, deposes and says,

That John Harrison, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will & Testament, and that affiant is the Executor named therein.

~~of the said John Harrison consisting of Real Estate & personal property, is worth about \$35,000~~
Further, that the property so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application, and that Mr. Ellen Harrison, Widow, and David A. Martha A. John B. Edward L. Emma A. and Betty May Harrison (the last three infants) Children of said Testator. Robert A. & William R. Harrison also Children of Testator of full age & Rachel Hammel all residents in Gaston County are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to & subscribed before me,

J. B. Gullick

This 26th day of November 1883

J. B. White Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina, Gaston County
I, John Harrison of the County & State aforesaid being of sound Mind and Memory but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in presence of

I John Harrison of the County & State aforesaid being of Sound Mind
And Memory but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner
and form following. That is to say,

First

I Will & allow my beloved Wife & six unmarried Children
viz: David A. Martha A. John L. Edward L. Emma A. & Hatty May
to live together on my plantation & enjoy the same rights & privileges
as they now do. So long as may be agreeable to them & when
they cannot live on such terms. I give & devise to my Daughter
Martha A. Harrison the One Seventh of my said plantation to her
and her heirs in fee simple forever.

second

I Will & allow my beloved Wife to have & to hold the ballance
of my land for the support of herself & family until Jan. 1st 1894.
at which time I Will & desire that the ballance of my land be
equally divided between my beloved Wife & five Children viz:
David A. John L. Edward L. Emma A. & Hatty May. to them
and their heirs in fee simple forever. My said Wife Lot to include
the dwelling & all out buildings and her three Children Edward L.
Emma A. & Hatty May shall have their Lots adjoin each other
and their Mother Lot.

third

I give and devise to my two Sons Robert A. Harrison & William A. Harrison
in addition to what I have already gave them the sum of five
dollars each.

And therefore I sheweth the execution named in said Will as aforesaid,
duly qualified as such by testimony and subscribing to the said Will.

Fourth I Will And allow Mrs Rachel Hammel to have a House on and support from my said plantation so long as she may see fit to stay on the same.

Fifth I give my Son John L. Harrison one black Mule. Logon.

Sixth I give And devise unto my three Children, David A. Martha A. And John L. each one bed And bedding also a support out of such provisions as may be on said place so long as they may stay on the same.

Seventh I give And bequeath to my said beloved Wife, M. Ellen Harrison all the remainder of my personal property of whatever kind. And Lastly I do hereby constitute And appoint J. H. Gullick my lawful Executor to all intent And purposes to execute this my last Will And Testament according to the true intent And meaning of the same. hereby revoking And declaring void all other Wills And Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof, I the said John Harrison, do hereunto set this my hand And Seal, this 15th day of October 1883.

John Harrison 

Signed And declared by said John Harrison, to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request And in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto.

Thos. J. Hornbl

J. H. Mellon

Thos. J. Kumble
J. H. Mellon

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Haston County } November 26 - 1883.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John Harrison deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court, for said County by J. H. Kumble the Executor therein named, & the due execution thereof by the said John Harrison was proven by the oath & examination of Thomas J. Kumble & J. H. Mellon the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn did each for himself depose & swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John Harrison, that the said John Harrison in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, & which bears date of the 15th day of October 1883.

And the deponent further saith, That the said John Harrison the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him & exhibited to be his last Will & Testament & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto, & at the request & in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to said last Will as aforesaid, & at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said John Harrison was of sound mind & memory of full age to execute a Will, & was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last Will & Testament of the said John Harrison deceased, & the same is ordered to be recorded & filed,

And therefore I Kumble the Executor named in said Will as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking and subscribing to the oath required by laws and better testimony were sworn to the said J. H. Kumble upon the estate of said John Harrison deceased, this 26th day of November 1883.

J. B. White Clerk Superior Court