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E. H. Mitrus Probate Judge
Gaston County, N.C.
August 24, 1876.

I John Rankin of Gaston County, North Carolina, on
this the 27. day of March 1874, do make & publish this my
last will & Testament. First - I direct that my Executor shall
pay all my just debts, & funeral expenses, and put up to
my Grave a Headstone. Second I will my cloths to my Son
William Rankin, and my bed to Nancy Rankin my
Granddaughter. Third I will all the balance of my Estate
to be divided as follows to wit, to Margaret Moody one-fourth
to Eliza Shumeth one-fourth, to William and Nancy Rankin
one-fourth, & to my Son Alexander Rankin's Children one-
fourth. And I direct my Executor to sell my land, and
divide the Proceeds in four Equal parts. I appoint my
brother Richard Rankin my Executor to see this my last
will executed. In witness whereof I set my hand & seal.
John Rankin (initials)
mark.

Witness J. B. Wilson

Hampton Padgett

(Subscribed on next page)

North Carolina } Probate Court, November 3rd 1876.
Gaston County, }

The foregoing Paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of John Rankin dec'd, late of Gaston County, dated March 22, 1874, is this day offered before said Court now here for Probate, by R. Rankin, the Executor therein named, whereupon, and upon the oaths & Examinations of James D. Wilson, & H. Padgett, the said subscribing witnesses thereto, the same said foregoing Paper writing is duly proven to be the last will & Testament of said John Rankin dec'd, as it and as the same purports to be, & the same is ordered to be recorded, whereupon said Richard Rankin the Executor therein named duly qualified as such Executor, and took letter Testamentary thereto, to Execute said will of said John Rankin late of Gaston County.

W. H. H. Probate Judge Nov 3rd 1876.

I Ebenezer N. Scott, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament, in and to the effect following, to wit: