

State of North Carolina,

County of Gaston.

I, John W. Costner of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being mindful of the uncertainty of human life, and impressed with the necessity of providing for the disposition of my property after death and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare my last Will and testament in manner and form following, to-wit:

ITEM. I desire that first of all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of whatever property I may leave and shall constitute a first lien on the same.

ITEM. I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Jane E. Costner, all my personal property of any and every kind, to be hers to dispose of as she sees fit; in doing this I have taken into consideration the fact that she has several children yet to raise.

ITEM. I hereby devise to my said wife, Jane E. Costner, a life estate in all the land I now own or of which I may be seized and possessed, provided nevertheless that if it shall become necessary for her to pay out any amount of money from my insurance policy, from my personal property or otherwise on the tract of land in Gaston County, Gastonia Township, adjoining the lands of W.R. Moten, Mrs. H.A. Torrence and W.W. Farries, containing 48 acres more or less, in

tract of land in Gaston County, Gastonia Township, adjoining the lands of W. R. Moten, Mrs. H. A. Torrence and W. W. Farries, containing 48 acres more or less, in order to secure the title to the same; then the said sum of money paid by her shall constitute a lien upon said land, and in case the same is not paid in five years by the heirs at law, then I direct that the said land shall be sold, and this amount together with the value of her life estate paid to her and the residue to my children then living share and share alike.

ITEM. After my wife's death subject to the above provisions I hereby give and bequeath to my children and to my grand-child, Willie, son of my deceased son, Ed, all my real estate share and share alike, the said grand-child to take his father's part as if he were living.

Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend, J. Lee Robinson of Gastonia, Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 21st day of August, A. D., 1904.

J. W. Costner,

(Seal)

We, the undersigned residents of Gaston County, at the request of the testator, he acknowledging the above writing to be his last will and testament and in the presence of each other, have signed the same as witnesses thereto. The signature was made in our presence.

21st August A. D., 1904.

Geo. A. Sparrow

W. T. Adams.