

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Natchford of the County
of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind
and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail
and transitory life, do therefore, make, ordain, publish and
declare this to be my last will and Testament. that is to say
First, I give and bequeath, to my beloved wife Esther, all
the land now possessed by me consisting of two plantations
known as the home place on which I now live, and another
place known as the Burner place, with the appurtenances
situate therein, during the term of her natural life, and after
her death to be divided as follows, to my daughter Elizabeth
A Natchford I give the plantation on which I now reside known
as the home place, lying on the waters of South fork to be and forever
remain her separate property and estate. I further give unto the
said Elizabeth Natchford fifty acres of land, to be cut off of some
Burner place adjoining lands of Dr J D Maslow and west
of the great road including a new piece now in bottom
to have and to hold during her natural life. The balance
of said Burner place I give unto my two grand children
Robert A and Mary J Natchford heirs of my son Joseph
Natchford, also after my daughter Elizabeth's death

I will and allow the said fifty acres given to the said Elizabeth Rackford unto
the said Robert A and Mary J F Rackford to be equally divided between the two
to have and to hold forever - To my beloved wife Esther I give and bequeath
the following personal property to wit. two good Beds, one Bureau, one Cupboard and
contents, one Clock, one gray Mare and mule colt, one Buggy and Harness, one
Milk Cow, four chaise boxes, one felled off Saddle, six chairs and so much
Kitchen furniture as she may select, one wagon and harness, one large Milk pail
Kitch and as much provisions as my wife and family may require for one
year, to be her separate property forever, To my Daughter Elizabeth A Rackford I
give two Beds, one Bureau, one Linn and one Milk Cow, The balance of my
personal property I allow to be sold for the purpose of paying my just debts
to my three children John A Rackford, Nancy J Dickson, Margaret A Dickson
I will and allow all the property they have already received from me to
have and to keep as their several portions of my estate, Likewise I make
constitute and appoint my said son John A Rackford and my son-in-law
Abner A Dickson to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all former wills made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the fourteenth day of
September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and seventy

Joseph Rackford (seal)

Attest

Wm H Johnston
John Harrison

constitute and appoint my said son John A Rockford and my son-in-law
Alexander Eickon to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all former wills made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the fourteenth day of
September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and seventy

Joseph Rockford (seal)

Attest

Mrs H Johnston

John Harrison

J Z Gullett

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Horton County } Dec 5th 1870

This day the within paper writing purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Joseph Rockford ~~and~~ was pronounced for probate
by Alexander Eickon and John A Rockford the Executors therein named
and was duly proven by the oaths of John Harrison and Alexander Eickon
to be the last will and Testament of said Joseph Rockford late of
Horton County, is probated and ordered to be recorded, whereupon
the Executors therein named duly qualified to execute said will and
last testamentary

Wm W. Myers Probate Judge