

State of North Carolina
Gaston County

In the name of God.
Amen. I. J. P. Craft of the

County and State aforesaid being of sound
mind and memory but considering the
uncertainty of my earthly existence do make
and declare this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following. That is to say.

Item 1st

That my Executor herein after named shall
provide for my body, my wife Catherine Craft
body, and my daughter Daborah Craft body, a
decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives
and friends and pay all funeral expenses
together with all my just debts howsoever and
to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that
may first come into the hands as a part
or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd

I give and devise unto my beloved wife
Catherine Craft my plantation where I now live
during her natural life or widowhood. Likewise
all my personal property and my daughter
Daborah Craft to hold equal right with my

Daborah Craft to hold equal right with my
beloved wife in said home place. likewise in
all my personal property during her natural
life. It is agreeable that my beloved wife may
give to whomsoever she may all of her individual
personal property.

Item 3rd

I give and devise to my son David A. Craft all
my land containing about Two hundred
and twenty seven acres. it being the land I
now live on. to be his after the death of my
beloved wife Catherine Craft. and my daughter
Daborah Craft. likewise all my personal property.
My son David A. Craft shall have the right to
live on the previous described premises and
have the use of the same on condition
that he shall take care of my beloved wife and
my daughter Daborah. as long as they are
permitted to live upon this earth. Likewise
to the personal property.

Item 4th

I give and devise to my three sons. Namely
Michael Craft. A. P. Craft and P. S. Craft one dollar
in cash each.

Item 5th

I give and devise unto my five daughters
Namely, Norman Spake, Sarah Hamilton, Rachel Wright
Barbara C. Dellinger and Annie C. Dellinger, one
dollar each in cash, and that all my moneys
on hand or at interest. If any after all expenses
are paid to be equally divided between my five
aforesaid named Daughters.

Item 6th

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty son
J. P. Craft my lawful Executor to all intents and
purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament
according to the true intent and meaning of the
same and every part and clause thereof, proving
and declaring utterly void all other wills and
testaments by me heretofore made. In witness
whereof I, the said ~~J. P. Craft~~ J. P. Craft do hereunto
set my hand and seal
This May 16th 1893.

J. P. Craft. *(Seal)*

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said
J. P. Craft 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

in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Test N. J. McGinnis

" J. A. Montross

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court.
Gaston County

In the matter of the last will of J. P. Craft
It appearing to the Court by the oath & Examination
of N. J. McGinnis and J. A. Montross the
subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper
writing propounded by the Executor therein named
is the last Will and testament of J. P. Craft
and that the same was duly executed by
said J. P. Craft in the presence of said witnesses
and that at the time of signing the same
the said J. P. Craft was of sound mind.
It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper
writing be admitted to Probate as the last
Will and testament of the said J. P. Craft
and the Executor therein named qualify as such.
This the 30th day of January 1894.

E. L. Wilson Clerk
Superior Court