

The last will and testament of Mack Rankin of Gaston Co., and State of North Carolina made and published the

I, Mack Rankin of Gaston County and state of North Carolinam of the age of seventy one years and being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say

First. After my funeral expenses and just debts are paid, I bequeath any moneys there may be left to my three daughters Martha Grice, Ada ~~Grice~~ Grice and Flora Rankin to be equally divided between them.

Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Flora Rankin, who now resides with me, the tract of land on which we now reside, bounded by lands of John D. Rankins heirs, and others, the ded of which tract of land made to Mack Rankin by W. B. and Phenia Rutledge is registered in the office of Register of deeds for Gaston County North Carolina in book 10 of deeds page 315. It is my will that she shall have and hold the aforesaid tract of land using all rents, revenues etc. from it for her sole behoof during her life, and at her death the aforesaid tract of land shall be equally divided between her offspring that may survive her, failing which offspring it is my will that the aforesaid tract of land shall be, at Flora's death, equally divided between my five children Andrew Rankin,

Flora's death, equally divided between my five children Andrew Rankin, Dinger Thomas Rankin, Joseph C. Rankin, Martha Grice and Ada Grice or their heirs and representatives should they not be living.

Third. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Flora Rankin my horse and sufficient agricultural implements to have the land properly cultivated, also sufficient grain and provisions to enable her to raise a crop on the land during the year immediately following my death.

Fourth- I give and bequeath to my three sons Andrew Rankin, Dinger Thomas Rankin and Joseph C. Rankin all the personal property that I may be in possession of at my death, with the exceptions of that already herein given and bequeathed.

Fifth. I request of my daughter Flora Rankin that she take charge of my grandson Walter Rankin who is now under my care, and provide for him until he attains his majority, and save for him from the rents and revenues from the land that I have bequeathed to her, or from any other source of revenue that she may possess, the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to him when he shall have attained his majority, provided he shall remain with her and prove obedient and useful to her during his minority, if he shall prove rebellious and disobedient to her and leaves her without her consent then it is my request that she be not required to do anything for

I do hereby nominate my daughter Flora Rankin to be the Executor of
my last will and testament.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of
February, A. D. 1902.

Witnesses:

C. E. Hutchison

Luther Nims

his
Mack X Rankin
mark

I, Mack Rankin having made my last will and testament bearing date
February 24, 1902 being still of sound mind and good memory do now make this
codicil to be taken as a part of the same.

First. I do hereby ratify and confirm said will in every respect, save so
far as any part of it is inconsistent with this codicil.

Second- Having come into possession of a tract of land since my will was
made which tract of land is described in a deed given to me by R. E. Davenport
and wife Mary G. Davenport which deed is registered in the office of Register of
deeds for Gaston County, North Carolina, in book 59 of deeds and page 564.

I will and bequeath this said tract of land to my grandson Walter Rankin
and I now desire and so direct that clause 5 of my will be rescinded and my
daughter Flora be released ^{released} from paying the said Walter Rankin
hundred dollars. I also will to my grandson Walter Rankin

and I now desire and so direct that clause 3 of my will be
daughter Flora be released ⁱⁿ from paying the said Walter Rankin the sum of one
hundred dollars. I also will to my grandson Walter Rankin one of the best cows
that may be in my possession at my death.

In witness whereof I the said Mack Rankin have hereunto affixed my hand
and seal this the 22nd day of March A. D. 1905.

his
Mack X Rankin
mark

Witnesses:

C. E. Hutchison

Luther Nims.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court,

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of Mack Rankin-

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of Luther Nims and C. E.
Hutchison the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by
the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Mack Rankin and
that the same was duly executed by said Mack Rankin in the presence of said witness
es and that at the time of signing the same the said Mack Rankin was of sound
mind. It is therefore adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate
as the last will and testament of the said Mack Rankin and the Executor therein
named qualify as such. This the 28 day of February, 1916.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.