

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

In the Name of God, Amen,

I, Michael H. Costner, of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, to-wit:

First. My Executor hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, in the Costner Grave yard where my children are buried, if convenient, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts to whomsoever owing, out of the first money that may come into their hands belonging to my estate.

Second. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Lavinia Costner, a support and maintenance from all my land which I may owned or possessed of at my death, for and during her natural life,,I also will to my beloved wife Two hundred dollars in money, and sufficiency of my household and kitchen furniture as much as she deem necessary, and also that the burial expenses of my beloved wife shall be paid out of the above property willed to her.

Third. I will and bequeath to my daughter, Emma J. Hallman, wife of O. D. Hallman, a certain tract or parcel of land known as Lot 1. containing acres, more or less, to have and to hold to her and to her heirs in fee simple, forever subject to the support and maintenance of my beloved wife.

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more or less, to have and to hold to her and to her heirs in fee simple, forever
subject to the support and maintenance of my beloved wife.

Fourth. I will and bequeath to my daughter, L.J. Thornburg, wife of J.L. Thornburg
a certain tract or parcel of land known as Lot No. 3, containing
_____ acres, more or less, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple
forever, subject to the support and maintenance of my beloved wife.

Fifth. I will and bequeath to my son Ambrose Costner a certain tract or par-
cel of land known as Lot No. 2, containing _____ acres, more
or less, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever, sub-
ject to the support and maintenance of my beloved wife.

Sixth. I will and bequeath to my daughter Frances L. Stroup wife of Miles
Stroup, a certain tract or parcel of land known as Lot No. 4, containing
_____ acres, more or less, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in
fee simple forever, subject to the support and maintenance of my beloved wife.

Seventh. I will and bequeath to my two daughters- to-wit: Emma J. Hallman,
wife of O.D. Hallman, and Frances L. Stroup wife of M.E. Stroup, my fifty seven
(57) acre tract of wood land, to them their heirs in fee simple forever.

I will and bequeath to the four children of my daughter Catherine E. Clemmer,
deceased, Two hundred dollars in money to be equally divided between said four
children share and share alike.

Eight. I hereby constitute and apoint my trusty friend, O.F. Mason and my son William M. Costner my lawful Executors, 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, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Will and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Michael H. Costner, do Hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of September, 1901.

M. H. Costner

(Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by said Michael H. Costner to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

A. P. H. Rhvne

J. B. White.

State of North Carolina,)
Gaston County.)

In the Superior Court.

In the Matter of the last will of M. H. Costner

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A. P. H. Rhvne and J. B. White, the subscribing witnesses,

and in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

A.P.H. Rhvne

J.B. White.

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In the Matter of the last will of M.H. Costner

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of A.P.H. Rhvne and J.B. White the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writings propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of M.H. Costner and that the same was duly executed by said M.H. Costner in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said M.H. Costner was of sound mind. It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writings be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said M.H. Costner and the Executors therein named qualify as such.

This the 10th day of March, 1905.

C. C. Cornwell, Clerk Superior Court.