

State of North Carolina,
Gaston County.

I, M.P. Hoffman, being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life but the ~~uncertainty~~ certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament.

Article 1st. I will that my family give my body at death a nice, decent, inexpensive burial.

Article 2. I will and bequeath to my beloved son A.B. Hoffman Fifty four acres of land off of South end of the old home place including the old homestead. The remainder of the farm to be equally divided between my two beloved children Ota J. McGinnas and Miles M. Hoffman, also my two grandsons Howartus Hoffman and George Tyree Bryson each Twenty dollars in money each. I will that my daughter Ota J. McGinnas my wardrobe and my son A.B. Hoffman my new couch, the balance of my personal property to be equally divided between my children.

I leave my tried and trusted son A.B. Hoffman my sole Administrator and Executor to do for and act in my stead to all intents and purposes. I now declare this to be my last will and testament, making all or any other wills null and void, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name this 16th day of October, 1909.

Witnesses:

M. P. Hoffman

(Seal)

other wills null and void, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my name this 16th day of October, 1909.

Witnesses:

M. P. Hoffman

(Seal)

W.H. Dellinger

P.J. Lineberger.

State of North Carolina,

In the Superior Court,

Gaston County.

In the Matter of the last will of M.P. Hoffman.

It appearing to the Court by the oath and examination of W.H. Dellinger and P.J. Lineberger the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named is the last will and testament of M.P. Hoffman and that the same was duly executed by said M.P. Hoffman in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said M.P. Hoffman 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 M.P. Hoffman and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 12th day of August, 1911.

C. C. Cornwell,

Clerk Superior Court.