

Gaston County, In the Probate Court,

In the Matter of the Will of Samuel Thomas dec'd } Before J. B. White, Judge of Probate.

William R. and John F. Thomas, being sworn, doth say: That Samuel Thomas, late of said County, is dead, having first made and published his last Will and Testament: And that William R. and John F. Thomas are the executors named therein.

Further, that the property of the said Samuel Thomas dec'd, consisting of Two hundred & five acres of Land, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Farming tools Household & Kitchen furniture &c is worth about \$1000, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application: And that William R., John F., Sarah Ann, & Mary E. Thomas, all of full age, and residents of Gaston County N.C., are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, }
this 26th day of August, 1882. }
J. B. White, Probate Judge. }

W. R. Thomas
J. F. Thomas

I, Samuel Thomas of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sane Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence make this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,

I give and devise to my son William R. Thomas, the one third of my Lands on the East Side of my lands.

I give and devise to my two Daughters Sarah Ann & Mary E. Thomas jointly one third of my Lands, including the House I now live in.

I give and devise to my son John F. Thomas the remaining third, or

President of Gaston County N.C. are the parties entitled under
said Will to the said property.

Swoon to and Subscribed before me,
this 26th day of August 1882.
J. B. White, Probate Judge.

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I, Samuel Thomas of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina, being of sane Mind and Memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence make this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,
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I give and devise to my two daughters Sarah Ann & Mary E. Thomas jointly one third of my lands, including the house I now live in.

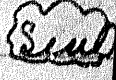
I give and devise to my son John F. Thomas the remaining third, on the South end of my lands.

I give and devise to my ~~three last~~ named, Sarah Ann, Mary E. and John F. Thomas, all my personal property for the use of the place.

It is now therefore my Will that my two sons William R. & John F. Thomas is constituted and appointed to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

In witness whereof I the said Samuel Thomas, do hereunto set hand and seal, this 8th day of March 1877.

Test. J. M. Oates
J. B. Oates
Lewis J. Clemer.

Samuel ^{this} Thomas 

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
Gaston County } August 26th 1882.

A Paper-writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Thomas deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Wm. R. Thomas & John F. Thomas the Executors therein mentioned. And the due execution thereof by the said Samuel Thomas, was duly proven by the Oath & Examination of J. M. Oates and J. R. Oates, two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Samuel Thomas, that the said Samuel Thomas, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 8th day of March 1877. And the deponent further saith, that the said Samuel Thomas, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Samuel Thomas was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.

It is therefore Considered, by the Court, that the said paper-writing and every part thereof, is the Last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Thomas deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

the Execution thereof. And the due Execution thereof by the Said Samuel Thomas, was duly proven by the Oath & Examination of P. M. Oates and J. R. Oates, two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing Witness to the paper-writing now shown him purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Samuel Thomas, that the Said Samuel Thomas, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 8th day of March 1877. And the deponent further saith, that the Said Samuel Thomas, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an Attesting Witness thereto. And this deponent further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said Last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an Attesting Witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Samuel Thomas was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent.

It is therefore Considered, by the Court, that the said paper-writing and every part thereof, is the Last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Thomas deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And, thereupon Mrs. R. Thomas and John F. Thomas, the Executors therein named, as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking and subscribing to the Oath required by law, and taking Letters Testamentary thereon. This 26th day of August 1882,
J. B. White, Probate Judge.