

State of North Carolina 3
Gaston County

I, Sarah Horis, of the County & State above named, being of sound mind & 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,

1st That my Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all my just debts, however & to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may come first into his hands, as a part or parcel of my Estate,

2nd I give and bequeath to my friend & Nephew Alexander A. Rhyme Junior, the plantation I now live on and which is bounded by the lands of Caleb Lindegar Jonas Hoffman J. G. Lewis A. A. Rhyme Senr. - and others, Containing by estimation, one hundred & twenty acres be the same more or less.

Also one other Tract of Land adjoining S. P. Pascoe D. St. Jenkins M. H. Rhyme & others, Containing about Eighty Acres more or less. Also the one third part

2^d. I give and bequeath to A.A. Rhym & others, Containing about Eighty Acres more or less. Also the one third part of my plantation lying on the North East side of the South Fork of the Catawba River, known as the Martin Best Plantation adjoining the lands of Jonas R. Linbeger Johnathan Rhym and others, Containing about one hundred and sixty acres be the same more or less. To have and to hold all the above described lands to the said A.A. Rhym Junior & his heirs in fee simple for ever.

3rd I will and bequeath to my two friends and heirs Margaret Lou Anne Long (wife of Jacob Long Junior) and Nancy Jane Rhym Daughters of A.A. Rhym Junior. Two thirds of my plantation that lies on the North East side of the South Fork of the Catawba River, and known as the Martin Best plantation adjoining the lands of Jonas R. Linbeger Johnathan Rhym & others, Containing about one hundred and sixty acres be the same more or less. Each to have the one third part of said tract of Land to have and to hold the same, to them and their heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

4th. I give and bequeath to my friend Hannah Benjamin (a woman of color) the tract of land on which she now lives

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Beginning at a post oak, on the south-side of the public road nearly west from A. A. Rhynes s^{ur}. And run thence with said Public road nearly west to an old post oak stump or stake on the south edge of said big road, Thence due south to a small hickory in Christy Rhynes line, Thence north east, with said Christy Rhynes line to a hickory a new corner (A. A. Rhynes s^{ur} corner) near a branch, Thence due north with said A. A. Rhynes line to the beginning, containing by estimation 30 acres more or less. To have and to hold the same, to the said Hannah Clammer during her natural life, and after her death to the said A. A. Rhynes and his heirs and assigns.

5th. I give and bequeath the balance of my Estate, to my two friends and nieces the two daughters of A. A. Rhynes Junior each to share alike. That is if I should not need it in my life time.

6th and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J. H. Lewis 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 & every part and clause thereof. hereby revoking & declaring utterly null & void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Sarah Morris, hereunto
my hand and seal this 12th day January AD 1876.

Attest A. A. Rhyme
J. A. Rhyme

Sarah ^{her} Morris 
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State of North Carolina In Probate Court
Gaston County April 3rd 1877.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of
Sally Morris deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned
Judge of Probate for said County, by John B. Lewis the Executor
therein named, and the due Execution thereof by the said
Sally Morris by the oath and examination of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, viz: A. A. Rhyme Swt. & J. A. Rhyme who
being duly sworn do depose and say, and each one
of them deposes that he is a subscribing witness to the
paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the
last will and testament of Sally Morris deceased,
That the said Sally Morris in presence of them deponents
subscribed her name at the end of said paper
writing which is now shown as aforesaid and

bears date of 12th day of January 1876. declaring the same to be her last will and Testament, and that these deponents subscribed their names thereto in presence of the said testatrix Sally Morris.

Solemnly Sworn & Subscribed this

3rd day of April 1877. before
me E. H. Withers - Probate Judge

A. A. Rhyme (Seal)
J. C. Rhyme (Seal)

whereupon said will is ordered to be recorded, and J. G. Lewis the Executor therein named, duly qualified as such Executor, and took the necessary letter testamentary thereto, for the Execution of said last will and Testament. E. H. Withers Probate Judge.

I Henry C. White of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence and being also in bad health, yet blessed be God, do make and declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: