

Gaston County North Carolina

In The name of God Amen I, Smith Jenkins being of feeble bodily health but of a sound and disposing mind and memory, Calling to mind The frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how ~~the~~ ^{my} estate with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease, while I have strength and capacity so to do. Make and publish This my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills and testaments by me heretofore made - And first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it and my body to the earth, to be buried with little expense or ostentation by My executor hereinafter named.

And as to my worldly estate, and all the property, real personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner

die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit;

My will is, that all just debts, and funeral charges shall, by my executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret all my household furniture, together with all my real estate (Viz) the home place upon which I now live, containing one hundred & fifty nine acres, and all credits, live stock, all grain on hand or that may be growing, all the farming utensils.

It is my will that my beloved wife shall have all the above named estate during her natural life. At her decease it is my will and desire that it be equally divided between my three

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Margaret, the wife of Geo.
Elizabeth the wife of Joseph Bates
I do nominate and appoint my
son Eli A. Jenkins to be the executor of this
my last will and testament.
Whereof I the said Saml
Jenkins have to this my last will and testa-
ment contained on one sheet of paper and in
it I have subscribed my name, and affixed
my seal - This 9th day of August - One thousand
eight hundred and seventy-six his Jenkins Seal

The above instrument of One sheet of paper
was at the date - thereof declared to us by the
testator Saml Jenkins to be his last will and
testament and then acknowledged the same
of us that he had subscribed sign our names
as attesting witnesses.
E. B. Jenkins

we at his request sign our names hereto
as attesting witnesses.

E. B. Holland - Dallas & C.
J. C. Blomizer

Feb'y 21. 1877.

This day Margaret

Jenkins who is the

widow of Smith

Jenkins died

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the last will &

Testament of her

late husband

Smith Jenkins,

& she respectfully

asks for her

allowance to be

allowed to her

under the laws of

all the said Court

North Carolina } Probate Court
Gaston County. } Feb'y 21st 1877.

The foregoing

paper writing purporting to be the last will
& Testament of Smith Jenkins (late of Gaston
County) dated August 9th 1876. is this day offered
for Probate before said Court, by Eli A. Jenkins.
The executor therein named, whereupon said paper
writing upon the oaths of E. B. Holland & J. C. Blomizer
Subscribing witnesses thereto was duly pro-
ven to be the last will and Testament of said
Smith Jenkins deed as it truly purports to be
and ordered to be registered as such last
will and Testament, whereupon said E. A. Jen-
kins executor therein named duly qualified
as such executor & took letters Testamentary
thereto, to execute said Will.

E. H. Withers,

Probate Judge.