

I Starting of Sherman, of the County of Gaston and State
of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but calling
to mind and considering the uncertainty of my earthly ^{existence}
do hereby make & declare this my last will & testament in manner
& form following. Viz. First. That my executor hereinafter named
is to provide for my body a decent burial suited to the wishes of
my relations & friends & pay all funeral expenses together with
all my just debts if any howsoever or to whomsoever owing out
of the first money that may come into her hands as a part or
parcel of my estate. 2nd I give & bequeath to my niece Mrs
E. A. Johnston, Thirty acres of land where I now live on. To Have
& to hold as long as she remains the widow of Monroe Johnston.
3rd I give & bequeath to said Mrs E. A. Johnston, 50 acres of land
lying on the waters of Crowder's Creek, in Gaston County. To Have
& to hold as mentioned above in Clause Second. 4th I give &
devise to said Mrs E. A. Johnston, 3 head of Cattle & hogs & all my
household & kitchen furniture and all my farming implements
& all my other loose property of all & every description whatsoever
to Have & to hold as mentioned above in Clause 2nd.
Fifth. The balance of my personal property & estate, I do
also give & devise to the said Mrs E. A. Johnston. & if there should
be any money on hand or debts or accounts due to me they are
to be added to this item of my will. With //

be any money on hand or debts or accounts due to me they are
to be added to this item of my will with the understanding
that the expenses necessary to carry this my will into effect to
come equally out of all my estate, &c. I will that in case that
the said E. & Johnston should marry again or in case of her death
there that all the property that I have given to her shall then in
that case be the absolute property of her daughter named
Leola H. in fee simple forever. Lastly I constitute &
appoint the said Mrs E. & Johnston my lawful executor to all
intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament
according to the true intent & meaning of the same, & every part & clause
thereof, I do hereby revoke & declare utterly void all other wills
& testaments by me heretofore made, & I do hereby declare this & this
only to be my last will & testament in writing whereof I the said
Starling G. Huntington, do hereunto set my hand & seal this 1st
day of January A.D. 1873.

Starling G. Huntington
Signed & sealed & declared by the said Starling G. Huntington,
to be his last will & testament in the presence of us at his
request & in his presence so subscribed our names as
witnesses hereunto.

M. J. Friday }
Wm. H. Costner }

State of North Carolina } Before the Probate Court of said County,
 Gaston County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Starling G. Abernathy, dec'd, is exhibited before me, J. W. Withers, Probate Judge of said County by Mrs E. H. Johnston, the executrix therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Starling G. Abernathy, by the oaths & examinations of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say each for himself deposes & says that he is a subscribing witness thereto, to said paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will & testament of Starling G. Abernathy, late of Gaston County, That the said Starling G. Abernathy, in the presence of these deponents subscribed ^{his} name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown us as aforesaid & bears date of January 10th 1873, And these deponents further say that the said S. G. Abernathy, the testator died at the time of subscribing his name thereto as aforesaid did declare said paper writing to be subscribed by him and so exhibited to be his last will & testament, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto & at the request of & in the presence of the said testator S. G. Abernathy, and these deponents do further say and that at the said time when the testator S. G. Abernathy did

last will & testament. And these deponents did thereupon
subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting
witnesses thereto & at the request of & in the presence of the said
testator S. G. Ahermuthy, and these deponents do further say and
that at the said time when the testator S. G. Ahermuthy did
subscribe his name to said will as aforesaid, and at the time
these deponents so subscribed their names to said will as
attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid said testator S. G.
Ahermuthy, was of sound mind and memory, and of full age
to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the
knowledge information or belief of these deponents.

Wm. M. Costner *being*
M. D. Friday *being*

Solemnly sworn to &
subscribed to before me

This the 4. day of July 1873.

E. A. Withers, Probate Judge.

Whereupon the said E. A. Johnston, duly qualified to
execute said will, as the executrix thereof and with
letter testamentary,