

Gaston County - In the Superior Court
In the Matter of the Will of S. X. Johnston, dec'd } Before J. B. White.
of S. X. Johnston, dec'd } Clerk Superior Court.

J. A. Woodcock, being duly sworn, doth say:
That S. X. Johnston, late of said County, is dead, having first made
and published his last Will and Testament; and that Affiant J. A.
Woodcock is the executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said S. X. Johnston consisting of
1752 Acres of Land, Bonds, Stocks & Accruals, Horses, Cattle,
Household & Kitchen furniture &c. is worth about \$60,000, so far
as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that
Jennie Johnston and Germina Woodcock, wife of Affiant, both of
full age, Jennie Johnston reside in Gaston County & Germina
Woodcock resides in Lincoln County N.C. are the parties entitled
under said Will to the said property.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me,
this 7th day of August 1885
J. B. White Clerk Superior Court

J. A. Woodcock

" The Last Will of S. X. Johnston.
I, S. X. Johnston of Gaston Co. N.C. do make this my Last Will and Testament as follows:
viz:

1. I will all my Stocks & Bonds, Notes & Accruals & monies

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J. D. Johnston of Gastonia Towne & Ga. County Wm. State
of North Carolina. do make this my Last Will & Testament as follows
viz:

1. I Will all my Stocks & Bonds - Notes & Accounts & Money
which may be on hand at my death be divided between my Wife
W. K. Johnston & her two daughters - Jennie Johnston & Emma Woodcock
(the amount of which at this time June 22^d 1881 is about Eighty Three and
Dollars more or less) Provided however that Five Thousand Dollars
heretofore advanced Emma Woodcock is to be deducted from
her ~~Share~~ ~~portion~~ or division - And her part of said legacy being
her own and in her own right and her Children's at her death
And I hereby Appoint Dr J. A. Woodcock Trustee for Emma & her Children.

Section 2.

I Will to my Wife W. K. Johnston for her life time all the lands
I own in Gaston & Lincoln Counties. with the use rents &c. And at
her death they to be divided between Jennie Johnston & Emma Woodcock
or their Children. reserving in the division the Homestead & adjoining
lands to Jennie Johnston should she desire it to the amount of
one half the Value of the whole lands.

Section 3.

I Will to my Wife W. K. Johnston. all the Household & Kitchen
furniture, all provisions on hand all farming utensils Wagon & Buggy
and Carriage & Harness. Two head Horses the Cattle & Hogs on hand
for her life time and to be divided between Jennie Johnston & Emma Woodcock
at her death should there be more than she wishes my Executor may any part of the property
in this section and divide between herself and two daughters.

Section 4.

I desire that Dr J. A. Woodcock aid my wife and daughter Jennie in the renting of lands and Collection of Rents and that he be paid for such Service.
I Will to Emma Woodcock and her Children the Houses and Lots (three in number) for which I am Trustee in the Town of Lincoln and which I bought of Dr J. A. Woodcock.

Section 5.

I Will to my Grandson Sidney Johnston Woodcock one Cleveland County Bond for One hundred Dollars given to his Father for him to be kept invested for him until he is of age. Also my Gold Watch and Gold Beaded Chain.

And lastly, I hereby Constitute and Appoint my Son in Law and Worthy friend Dr J. A. Woodcock Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

June 22, 1881.

S. H. Johnston Seal

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As my wife H. H. Johnston is now deceased. I now Will and bequeath to my daughter Jennie E. Johnston & Emma Woodcock all the interest & property Willed to her, my Wife. to be equally divided between them Subject to the Condition in first Section of this Will - December 10, 1883.

S. H. Johnston.

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A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sidney X. Johnston deceased is exhibited for probate in Open Court by J. S. Woodcock who is named therein as Executor. And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of said J. S. Woodcock that said Will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Sidney X. Johnston after his death. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses to wit: J. M. McIntosh, W. L. Galtie and Wm. J. Shipps that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Sidney X. Johnston having often seen him write. And verily believe that the name of the said Sidney X. Johnston subscribed to the said Will and Codicil and the said Will and Codicil and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said Sidney X. Johnston. And it is further proved by the evidence of the last mentioned witness that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Sidney X. Johnston. It is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Sidney X. Johnston. And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Same to be subscribed before me
This 7th day of August 1885
J. B. White Clerk
Superior Court

J. S. Woodcock
J. M. McIntosh
W. L. Galtie
Wm. J. Shipps