

NORTH CAROLINA  
GASTON COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
BEFORE THE CLERK

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THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard, and it appearing to the Court that the will of W. D. Rankin was filed on February 5, 1906, and recorded in Will Book 3 at page 213 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, but that the order of probate was not signed by C. C. Cornwell, then Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, but was, through error, signed by the three witnesses to the handwriting of the said W. D. Rankin; and it further appearing to the Court that, in order to remove any question concerning the validity of said will, it is necessary that an order of probate upon said paper writing filed in Will Book 3 at page 213, purporting to be the will of W. D. Rankin, be entered and filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is adjudged that said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of W. D. Rankin, deceased, and it is ordered nunc pro tunc that the same, together with the probate, be recorded and filed as of February 5, 1906.

This 6th day of April, 1959.

  
Clerk Superior Court of Gaston County

is exhibited for probate in open court

In case the operation proves fatal that I would like to make this disposition of my property. That I wish the property that may be left after my debts are paid to my wife E. W. Rankin during her life, at her death to be equally divided between my two daughters Eleanor Wade Sprott and Elizabeth White Rankin.

I leave \$500.00 Five hundred dollars of the Nims Manufacturing Company Stock to my little Grandson Wade Rankin Sprott, also one of my little colts this five hundred dollars of Nims Mfg. Co. Stock will be that much taken from my daughter Eleanor Wade Sprott's part of the stock.

W. D. Rankin.

We hereby certify that we believe the above to be in the handwriting of W. D. Rankin. This 2nd day of February, 1906.

W. B. Rutledge  
C. E. Hutchison  
R. K. Davenport.

State of North Carolina, )  
Caston County. ) In the Superior Court.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of W. D. Rankin, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of

R. K. Davenport that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said W. D. Rankin after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent witnesses, to-wit: R. K. Davenport, C. E. Hutchison and W. B. Rutledge, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said W. D. Rankin having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said W. D. Rankin, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said W. D. Rankin, And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said W. D. Rankin, It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said W. D. Rankin and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

R. K. Davenport

C. E. Hutchison

W. B. Rutledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of Feb., 1906.

C. C. Cornwall, C. S. C.