

State of North Carolina } In the Superior
Gaston County } Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William E. Hager deceased, is exhibited, before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Jacob Niser the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said William E. Hager is proved by the oath and examination of Jacob Niser and A. C. Clark the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William E. Hager that the said William E. Hager in the presence of these deponents, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 10th day of Sept. 1846.

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of record, and which was date of the 10th
day of Sept 1846.

And the deponent further saith, That the
said William E Hager the testator aforesaid,
did, at the time of subscribing his name as
aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so
subscribed by him unexhibited, to be his
last Will and Testament, and this deponent
did thereupon subscribe his name as the
one of said will as an attesting witness
thereto, and at the request and in the pre-
sence of the said testator, And this deponent
further saith, that at the said time when the
said testator subscribed his name to the
said last Will as aforesaid, and at the
time of deponent's subscribing his name as
an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,
the said William E Hager was of sound
mind and memory, of free age to execute
a will, and was not under restraint to
the information knowledge or belief of
this deponent: And further these de-
ponents say not.

Jacob Klein
A. Clark

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Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 19th day of
Sept. 1896. before me
G. W. Davis C. S. C.

State of North Carolina
Gaston County

I William E. Hager of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory but in very feeble health and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First

I will that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relation and to pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys that may come into his hand as a part of my estate.

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to my wife Cynthia all my land during her natural life time

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I give and bequeath my land during her natural life time of as long as she remains my widow and after her death or widow hood I will that my land be divided as follows. That my daughter Emma Meachem shall have thirty five acres to be cut off the upper or north end of the home place to be hers as long as she may live and after her death to go to her son William Lee Meachem and I will and bequeath all the balance of my land to my other two daughters Martha Stager I also give and my daughter one bureau.

Item 3rd =

I give and bequeath to my wife all the personal property except one jack, one large bull and one cow and one hifer and one calf and such other property as she may choose to have sold sufficient to pay my debts and funeral expenses. I will further that my personal property after the death of my wife be sold and that the money arising

from the sale thereof be equally divided
between my two daughters Emma Meachem
and Martha E. Hager.

And lastly I do hereby appoint Jacob
Kiser my lawful executor to execute this
my last will and testament to execute
the same according to the true intent and
meaning of the same hereby revoking all
other wills by me made or said to be made
in witness whereof I do hereunto set my
hand and seal this 10 day of September
1896

William E. Hager ^{his} _{mark} 

Signed, published and declared by the said
William E. Hager to be his last will and
testament and we at his request and in
his presence subscribed as witnesses thereto

Jacob Kiser
A. C. Clark
E. W. Meachem

Attest My hand and seal this 10 day of September 1896

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In the matter of the last will of William
E. Hayer. It appearing to the Court by the
oath and examination of Jacob Kier and
W. C. Clark, the subscribing witnesses, that
the paper writing propounded by the
Executor therein named is the last will
and testament of Wm E. Hayer and that
the same was duly executed by said Wm
E. Hayer in the presence of said witnesses
and that at the time of signing the same
the said Wm E. Hayer was of sound mind. It
is thereupon adjudged that the said paper
writing be admitted to probate as the last
will and testament of the said Wm E.
Hayer, and the Executor therein named
qualify as such.

This the 19th day of Sept 1896

G. H. Davis Clerk Superior Court.

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