

State of North Carolina } To all whom it may
Gaston County } concern. be it known
that I William Patterson of the County & State aforesaid
being in full health but of sound mind do make
this my last will & Testament. and order & dispose
of all my Estate both real and personal as follows (viz)
It is my will that all my just debts & funeral expenses
be paid by my Executor herein after mentioned I will
to my six Daughters (viz) Betsey M Patterson, Sally C Patterson,
Nancy A Patterson, Isabella Patterson, Margaret D Patterson, Jane
A Patterson all my land to be equally divided among
them or their heirs or assigns forever. but not to be divided
so long as any three of them wish to live on the land
I will to my six Daughters each one bed & the necessary
clothing. I will to my Daughter Sally C Patterson the Loom
she weaves on with all the gear that belongs to it. I will
to my Daughter Jane Amanda Patterson my eight day
Clock & Looking glass. all the balance of my Household
& Kitchen furniture I will to be equally divided among
my six Daughters above named & their heirs & assigns
forever. all my boys I will to my six Daughters above
named to be equally divided among them

all my stock to be equally divided among my six Daughters herein
named & their heirs. I will my black Smith tools my six daughters above
named to be equal to them & their heirs. I will to my grand daughter
Mary Ann daughter of my son John of Pottam one dollar. And I do
hereby appoint and nominate Ezra B Wilson Executor of this my last
will and Testament & hereby revoke all former wills by me made. Given
under my hand & seal this 28th day of May AD 1868

Test

William Pottam

Elis Ann

E B Wilson

State of North Carolina

Gaston County } Is in the Probate Court

A paper ~~writing~~ purporting to be the last will and Testament of
William Pottam deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned
Judge of Probate for said County by Ezra B Wilson the Executor
therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said
William Pottam by the oath and examination of the subscribing
witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each
for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness
to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last
will and Testament of William Pottam. That the said

William Pottum in the presence of these deponents
subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing
which is now shown as of record, and bears date of the
29th day of May 1868. And the deponents, further say, that
the said William Pottum the testator of record, died at
the time of subscribing his name as of record, declare the
said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to
be his last will and testament and these deponents
did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said
will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request, and in the
presence of the said testator. And these deponents, further say
that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his
name to the said last will as of record, and at the time
of the deponents subscribing their names, as attesting witnesses
thereto as of record, the said William Pottum was of sound
mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not
under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these
deponents, and further these deponents say not.

Witness my hand and subscribe this 17 day of E. B. Wilson Secy
March 1871 before me E. B. Wilson Notary Public E. B. Wilson Secy
Whereupon the Examiners therein named duly subscribed & took
their oaths.