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Gaston County, State of North Carolina.
May 27th A. D. 1876. In the name of
God Amen, I William Pearson being
weak in body, but of sound mind, do
make this my last Will & Testament,
First: I will & bequeath my soul to God
who gave it; and my body to be interred
in New Pisgah Church Grave Yard;
I will & bequeath Fifty acres of land
to my wife P. E. Pearson to get her
living of her life time, or as long as
she lives my careful widow, and
at her death she must give it up
to R. A. S. Pearson. I will & bequeath
to R. A. S. Pearson the horse, saddle &
bridle, under the encumbrance of say-
ing on the place to make a living for
him that stay on it; I will to
Rhoda Pearson the bed clothing that
she has made since she became of
age & her saddle. I will to G. H. Pearson,
barnard before the war, & his equals
divide the land that I have left to them

age & her saddle, I will to G. M. Pearson,
banned before the war, & his equal
divide, I will that when property is sold,
that all will get equal shares thereof,
If I live, all things shall remain
as they now are, I will that G. M.
Pearson & William A. Pearson be
my Executors, I will that all the
furniture, household & kitchen furni-
ture remain as they are to the
death of my wife, & she have the use
of them, I will that a sale be made
the first of September, & all the
property put to sale that is not
for present use on the farm,
I have hereunto subscribed my name
& Seal, ————— William Pearson
Test,

James M. Pearson
J. B. Pearson
G. M. Pearson.

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North Carolina Probate Court,
Gaston County, August 24, 1876,

The foregoing
paper writing purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of William Pearson dec'd, late of Gaston
County, bearing date May 27, 1876, is offered before
said Court here for probate, by W. A. Pearson, one of
the Executors therein named, whereupon, and by
the oaths & examinations of J. M. Pearson, & of J. M.
Pearson, subscribing witnesses thereto, the same said
foregoing paper writing is this day duly proven before
said Court now here to be the last Will & Testament
of said William Pearson, late of Gaston County, as
it purports to be, and the same is ordered to be
recorded as such last Will & Testament, whereupon
said William A. Pearson, one of the Executors
therein named, duly qualified as such Executor,
and took the latter Testamentary Oath to execute said Will,
(and G. W. Pearson, the other Executor therein
named, in said Will of said deceased Wm.
Pearson not qualified as such Executor.)

E. H. Wilkins Probate Judge
Gaston County, N.C.
August 24, 1876.