

Wendersonville Henderson County North Carolina
 January 11th 1872. I Leander J Gask of said Town County
 and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind
 and memory, do make and ordain This my last will
 and Testament in manner and form following viz

First I give to my wife Margaret Gask all my entire
 estate both real and personal during her natural life and
 so much thereof as she may need for the comfort and
 support of herself and her children with their education
 and general supervision, and at her death to be equally
 divided between all our children nine daughters and two sons
 (the latter hereunto appointed Executors to this will). It is
 to be subject to the Taxes and obligations heretofore incurred
 the public debts laid off and assessed through my lands
 in and around the Town of Breckinridge in Transylvania County
 North Carolina, are to remain forever for that purpose
 provided they are needed and used for public streets and
 when not needed and used for such purposes they are to
 revert to my heirs as their property. And I further empower
 my Executors to extend and lay off other public streets
 and wherever they may be needed through my lands,
 when in their judgment they may think it right and
 proper to do so on the same terms.

I hereby appoint my two sons Thomas L Gask and
 Knightall A Gask Executors to this my last will and
 Testament with instructions to take charge of the estate
 and their mother in its management and to carry out
 in good faith all my contracts personally and wholly,
 (ie) relating to personal or real estate. Whenever I have
 sold lands my Executors should execute title according to
 contract whenever the agreements are complied with, whether
 the contracts be written or verbal, and they are hereby authorized
 to make any compromise or contract in settlement of
 claims they think proper & right. And to sell my real
 property at private or public sale, whenever they think it
 best to do so. But I would not authorize them to sell any part
 of Real Estate during the lifetime of their mother without
 her consent verbal or written and if it be small lands or
 lots of small interest to her, that they may sell any real
 estate by the consent of their mother at public or private
 sale or by other if they choose. They may make
 advances money to any of the children when they may
 or become twenty one years old & take receipts for it

in charge it on a Book to be kept of all the money
to be accounted for by the receiver on final settlement
but one interest is to be charged on advancements, whatever
advancements I may make will likely be found charged on
a Book kept for the purpose. But in no event would I
advise the advancing of more than what would be sufficient
to pay one half the distributive share of any of the legates
during the lifetime of their mother (unless it be in a design
of lands by consent of the parties) in that event they may
divide the Lands among themselves instead of selling them
back or rather can convey to the other his part of the Land
so divided and the title to be good whilst the two (if both alive
and in reach) should join in the conveyance to the other heirs,
as well as to other parties purchasing. Yet when not convenient
for both executors to join in a conveyance. A conveyance
fairly made by one should be held to be good in Law, if not
obtained by misrepresentations or false pretences, the executors
shall be entitled to four per cent. (Two per cent each) on all
collections made & properly accounted for as well as well
to their own distributive shares as those of their mother & the other
heirs. Commissions not to be on the disbursements nor
on the divisions of lands. But only allowed on collections of
money due the estate as well upon sales made by themselves
either public or private as upon money due the estate when
they take charge of it. The executors may also charge reasonable
compensation for their time & trouble in the taking care of
that part of the estate where no commissions are allowed as
well as the surveying and dividing the Lands, and other property
among the legates.

Revoaking all other wills previously made I publish this
as my last will and Testament to be carried out by my
executors with the advice and consent of my wife during
her lifetime with full power of controlling the entire
estate for the above named purposes as I could do myself
were I living with full power to continue and control
my interest in the stores built at Hendersonville and
Reveries to close them out if they choose and likewise
establish themselves in business of any kind wherever they
please within themselves or form other copartnership
and charge or discontinue the same at pleasure, and
liquidation wherever they can do so without manifest injury
to the estate. I hereby give and bequeath to my

in charge it on a Book & he kept for the purpose
 to be accounted for by the receiver on final settlement
 but my interest is to be charged on assignments. Whomever
 advances must I may make will likely be found to have given
 a Book kept for the purpose. But in no event would I
 advise the advancing of more than what would be sufficient
 to keep the title the distribution share of any of the legates
 during the lifetime of their mother, (unless it be in a share
 of lands by consent of the parties) in that event they may
 divide the lands among themselves instead of selling them
 back excellent even convey to the other his part of the third
 or divided into the title to be good whilst the two (if both should
 and in reach) should give in the conveyance to the other two
 as well as to other parties purchasing. Yet where a conveyance
 for both executors to give in a conveyance. A conveyance
 fairly made by one should be held to be good. In fact, for
 obtained by misrepresentation & false pretences, the executors
 shall be entitled to four per cent. (Two per cent each) on all

While the executor conveys to the other his part of the trust
each executor can convey to the other his part of the trust
it divided and the title to be good whilst the two of both die
and in each) should gain in the conveyance to the other, but
as well as to other parties purchasing. Yet when not conveyed
for both executors to gain in a conveyance. A conveyance
fairly made by one should be held to be good. In fact, if it
otherwise by misrepresentations or false pretences, the executors
shall be entitled to four per cent. (Two per cent) on all
collections made & property accounted for: as well as all
& their own distributive shares as those of their brother & the other
heirs. Commissions not to be on the disbursements nor
on the divisions of lands. But only allowed on collections of
money due the estate as well upon sales made by themselves
either public or private as upon moneys due the estate when
they take charge of it. The executors may also charge reasonable
compensation for their time & trouble in the taking care of
that part of the estate where no commissions are allowed as
well as the surveying and dividing the lands, and other profits
among the legatees,
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either public or private as upon moneys due the estate when
they take charge of it. The Executors may also charge reasonable
compensation for their time & trouble in the taking care of
that part of the estate where no commissions are allowed as
well as the surveying and dividing the lands, and other properly
among the legatees.

Respecting all other wills previously made I publish this
as my last will and Testament to be carried out by my
executors with the advice and consent of my wife during
her lifetime with full power of controlling the entire
estate for the above named purposes as I could do myself
were I living, with full power to continue and control
my interest in the above lands & the undersigned and
I request to close them out if they choose and to give
establish themselves in business of any kind whenever they
please within themselves or for or other copartners or
and change or discontinuance the same. At pleasure, and
litigation wherever they can do so without manifest
or injury to the estate. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed

sent to the State above written
 In the presence of
 Joseph Livingston
 H. J. Gash.

S. S. Gash (Seal)

Henderson County & in the Probate Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Leander S. Gash dead is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County by Thomas S. Gash and Waightstill S. Gash the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Leander S. Gash by the oath and examination of Joseph Livingston and H. J. Gash. The subscribing witnesses thereto, who

being duly sworn, doth depose and say each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Leander S. Gash.

That the said Leander S. Gash in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on the 11th day of January 1872 (or did in the presence of this deponent acknowledge the signing the said paper writing).

And the deponent further saith that the said Leander S. Gash the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid, declare the said paper writing, so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of the said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence 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 the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto aforesaid the said Leander S. Gash 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 this deponent and for this these deponents say not.

sent to the State which written

In the presence of
Joseph Livingston
H. Y. Gash

S. S. Gash (Seal)

Henderson County & to the Probate Court
A paper writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of Scander S Gash deceased
is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of
Probate in and for said County by Thomas S Gash and
Wrightbill & Gash the executors therein named, and
the due execution thereof by the said Scander S Gash by
the oath and examination of Joseph Livingston and
H. Y. Gash. The subscribing witnesses thereto who
being duly sworn, doth depose and say 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 Scander S Gash.

That the said Scander S Gash in the presence
of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of
said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid
and which bears date on the 11th day of January 1872 (or
that in the presence of this deponent acknowledged the signing
the said paper writing).

And the deponent further saith that the said
Scander S Gash the testator aforesaid did at the
time of subscribing his name aforesaid, declare the
said paper writing, as subscribed by him and exhibited
to be his last will and testament and that this deponent
did therefore subscribe his name at the end of the said
will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and
in the presence of the said testator And this deponent further
saith that at the said time when the said testator sub-
scribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and
at the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting
witness thereto as aforesaid the said Scander S Gash 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 this deponent
and further these deponents say not

Joseph Livingston
H. Y. Gash

Sworn to and subscribed for
11th day of July 1874

H. Y. Gash
Probate Judge

When it is ^{proposed} ~~proposed~~ by the court that
the said last will and testament of L. L. Lash be
be read and filed according to law ^{the court} ~~the court~~
L. Lash and W. Lash ^{the court} ~~the court~~ qualified as ^{executors} ~~executors~~
and ~~letting~~ ^{letting} ~~the court~~ ^{the court} to taking the oath of office
a good by law ^{the court} ~~the court~~
L. Lash
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina
Genderson County

In the name of god Amen,
I James Crawford being afflicted in body but
perfectly sound in mind and memory and having
the certainty of death I do wish and desire to dispose
of what little property it has pleased god to bless me
with, as follows, viz, 1. first I will my body to the
dust and my soul to god who gave it my body to be
legally buried in a christian like manner and
all my funeral expenses paid by my executor.
2. second I wish all my just debts to be paid by my
executor. 3. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my dear
beloved wife Cynthia Crawford one cupboard and all
the table & cupboard ware and dining table 1 set
3 chairs one bed and sheet & furniture one loom &
gearing two spinning wheels one reel and one chest
one calf one fat hog two choice ewes of last year
shearing and thirty bushels of good sound corn
4. Fourthly I will & wish that my executor sell all
my personal property (and real property which
I own as soon as he may think best after the
Probate of this my last will after duly advertising the
same thirty days at three public places to the highest
bidder for cash and then collect all its debts which are
due me or whatever can be collected; and then after
paying a reasonable amount for his services as
executor of my estate. Then divide all the effects
of my estate equally between my lawful heirs and
my dear beloved wife Cynthia Crawford & share
with my children.
5. fifthly I nominate constitute and appoint my
worthy son Jasper H. Crawford my lawful
to this my last will.

In Testimony whereof I have
unto Subscribed my name