

State of North Carolina,
Washington County, }

I, Henry S. Gurganus of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind; but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and devise this my last will and testament.

First- That my executors hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay my funeral expenses, together with my just debts to whomsoever owing, out of the monies first coming into this hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Second- I give and devise unto my beloved wife, during her natural life, two hundred and ninety-four acres of land, together with the appurtenances thereto, also household and kitchen furniture, subject to the provisions further made in this instrument.

Third- I give and devise to my two sons, Henry Thomas Gurganus and Casson Thuder Gurganus, all my stock and title to eighty acres of land, in what is known as the Beeths land.

Fourth- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, during her natural life, all my stock, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Bees, subject to the provisions made further in this instrument.

Fifth- I give and devise, that my daughter, Neodia A. Gurganus, shall have an undivided right, during her maidenhood, to reside at the old homestead, and to have, or receive all the emoluments, hereinafter provided for in this instrument.

Sixth- I give and devise, that at my decease, and the decease of my beloved wife, that the two hundred and ninety-four acres of land, herebefore mentioned in this my last will and testament, known as the old homestead, shall belong to my daughter, Neodia A. Gurganus, but, I further decree or devise, that if the said Neodia A. Gurganus shall die without a lawful heir of her body, then the said two hundred and ninety-four acres of land shall be sold, and the proceeds divided equally among my lawful heirs.

Seventh- I devise or decree, that at my decease, and the decease of my beloved wife, that my daughters, Eliza S. Jackson, Joanna Wessess, Elizabeth H. Harris, and Neodia A. Gurganus shall receive my cash, and each,

Eighth- And I hereby decree, that at the death of my beloved wife, that all the stock, household and kitchen furniture, herebefore mentioned in this my last will and testament, not otherwise bequeathed, shall be sold, and the proceeds equally divided among my lawful heirs.

Ninth- And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two beloved sons Casson Thuder Gurganus and Henry Thomas Gurganus my lawful executors, and I do hereby

enclose them with the following powers and privileges.

1. To have the oversight and management of the planting, cultivating and harvesting of any crops that may be grown on the old homestead by my beloved wife Eliza S. Jackson, and my beloved daughter Neodia A. Gurganus.

2. And I further empower my executors with the power and privileges of looking after any and all stock that I have bequeathed to my beloved wife in the foregoing items in this instrument. That they shall have power whenever it becomes necessary to do so, to mortgage any stock at ruling prices, and proceeds from said sales to be turned over to my beloved wife, and daughter, Neodia A. Gurganus, while the said Neodia A. Gurganus shall remain unmarried, and such proceeds shall only be used for this sustenance and comfort.

3. And I further empower said executors if they so deem, or need to do so, to have 20% out of the gross receipts from said sales of said stock, as compensation for this labor.

In witness whereof I the said Henry S. Gurganus do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13 day of April, 1905.

Henry S. Gurganus. (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Henry S. Gurganus, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness:

J. F. Leray,
E. B. Hales,

State of North Carolina,
Washington County, }

I, H. S. Gurganus of said County and State, make this Codicil to my last will and testament, published by me, and dated the 13 day of April, 1905. I hereby bequeath to my daughter, Neodia A. Gurganus, the following articles of personal property, viz: 1 trunk, 1 folding table, 1 rocker (can bottom), 1 Sewing Machine, two lamps, two enlarged pictures, one self-interpreting testament, nine quilts, one Gumbopane (runt), two silk Pillow slips and Bolsters, two Pillows, two Bolsters.

H. S. Gurganus. (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said H. S. Gurganus to be a Codicil to his last will and testament in our presence and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have at his request hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. This the (14) fourteenth day of April, 1905.

Eliza S. Jackson
Neodia A. Gurganus

State of North Carolina
Washington County,

ss. In the Superior Court,
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry S. Gurganus, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Lewis Whaler Gurganus and Henry Thomas Gurganus, the executors therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Henry S. Gurganus, by the oath and examination of J. T. Gray, E. B. Hales & C. W. Gurganus, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, each depose and say, and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament & Codicil of Henry S. Gurganus; that the said Henry S. Gurganus 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 of the 18th day of April, 1905, & Codicil dated 14th day of April, 1906.

And this deponent further saith, that the said Henry S. Gurganus, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and Codicil, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the same 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, as aforesaid, the said Henry S. Gurganus 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.

E. B. Hales
C. W. Gurganus.

Severally sworn and subscribed,
This 8th day of January, 1912, before me,
C. W. Tinsbaw,
Clerk Superior Court,

North Carolina

Washington County, ss. In the Superior Court,

It is therefore counselled and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every

part thereof is the last will and testament of Henry S. Gurganus, deceased. Let the said will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 8th day of January, 1912,

C. W. Tinsbaw,
Clerk Superior Court,

ss. I, Solomon Dugbar of the County Washington and the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, do

State of N. C.

Washington Co. } Oct. the 29, 1906.

This is to show that I Francis E. Spruill do give or bequeath to Jordan J. Hopkins and Nancy his wife all that is mine at my death after my expenses is paid, except one bed and some covering I give to Annie J. McNaie.

This my hand and seal

Francis E. Spruill.

Witness

H. J. Freeman.

D. C. Flow.

H. M. Bateman.

H. H. Hampton.

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court,
Washington County,

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis E. Spruill, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by Jordan Hopkins, a devisee, therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Francis E. Spruill by the oath and examination of H. M. Bateman, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, each depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis E. Spruill; that the said Francis E. Spruill 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 of the 29th day of Oct, 1906.