

Personally known and subscribed, this ^{10th} day
of March 1878 before me

W. H. Gentry

Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina, In the Superior Court-
Ashe County

It is therefore considered and adjudged
by the court that the said paper writing and
every part thereof is the last will and
Testament of Joshua Rank deceased let the said
will together with the probate be recorded and filed
this 6 day of March 1878.

W. H. Gentry
Clerk Superior Court

The Last Will and Testament of Nancy Miller

In the Name of God Amen.
I, Nancy Miller, of the county of Ashe and
State of North Carolina being of sound
Mind and Memory and considering
the uncertainty of this frail and
transitory life do therefore make ordain
Publish and declare this my will and
Testament. That is to say first after all
my Debts are paid and discharged the
residue of my estate real and personal
I give and Bequeath to my Beloved
Stepson and Niece Floyd Welch and Elizabeth
Welch all of the County and State aforesaid
as followeth (To wit) first I give to the above
named Floyd and Elizabeth Welch and their
lawful heirs forever all my interest in
the tract of land where Floyd Welch
now lives known as the old ~~farm~~
Miller ~~farm~~ I also will and Bequeath to
the said Floyd Welch and Elizabeth Welch
all my personal property at my death and
also all my household kitchen furniture
together with all other property that I may

own at my death - now if the said Floyd
Welch and Elizabeth Welch shall care and truly
support and take good care of the said Nancy
Miller her natural life, time the above will is
to be in full force other wise to be void.

I have set my hand and
seal this the 27th June 1877.

test
George Reeves
Alexander Rank

Nancy Miller (witness)

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court-
Ashe County

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Nancy Miller deceased is exhibited before me the
undersigned, clerk of the Superior Court for
this county, by Floyd Welch and the sub-
scribing witnesses thereof by the said Nancy Miller
& by the oath and examination of G. H. Reeves
& Alexander Rank. 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 Nancy Miller that the said
testatrix in the presence of this deponent
subscribed her name at the end of said
paper writing which is now shown as
aforesaid and which bears date of the 27th
day of June 1877, and the deponent
further saith that the said Nancy Miller
the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of
subscribing her name as aforesaid declare
the said paper writing so subscribed by her
and exhibited to be her last will and
Testament and this deponent did thereupon
subscribe her name at the end of said will
as a subscribing witness thereto and at the
request and in the presence of said
testatrix and this deponent further saith
that at the said time

testating subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deposition subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Nancy Miller was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge of the deponents or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not

George W. Reames
Alexander Rash

oath sworn and subscribed this 18th day of March 1898 before me.

W. H. Gentry
Clerk Superior Court

VERY LIGHT INK

The Last Will and Testament of Stephen Ostrom

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

I, Stephen Ostrom, of County of Ashe and State of said, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and whenever coming out of the monies that may first come into his hands or a part or parcel of my estate. I then first give and devise to my youngest son (now all my tract of land upon which I now live containing fifty acres including my mansion house and that my said youngest son and his heirs shall have to my other two sons, Robert and George, the sum of seventy-five dollars each in satisfaction and in lieu of their

share in the above named tract of land to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever. I then say that all my personal property that may be remaining or any of my effects that may be remaining after my death shall be equally divided among all my children without sale of the same.

I then do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Sutcliff and son, my executor, lawful executor, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 15th day of April A. D. 1898.

Witness
J. H. Gentry
C. W. Reames
Wm. P. Wright

Stephen Ostrom (Testator)

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court of Ashe County
a paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stephen Ostrom deceased, exhibited to me, the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court for said county by C. W. Reames. The therein mentioned and the deposition thereon by the said Stephen Ostrom by the oath used and examination of C. W. Reames and Wm. P. Wright the subscribing witnesses. Thinking it my duty so to do, I do depose and say that each of them 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 of Stephen Ostrom that the said testator in the presence of himself subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 15th day of April 1898. And the deponent further says that the said Stephen Ostrom the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscription his name