

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County } In the Probate Court.
In the Matter of the
Last Will and Testament } Application by
of Eliza M. Paxton } Executor to
Probate Will.

John E. Paxton do, respecting witness to the
Court that his wife Eliza M. Paxton died in
this county on the 30th day of August in the
year 1878 having first duly made and
published a last will and testament, which
is now shown to the court here, wherein
she the said John E. Paxton was appointed
Executor.

That the said Eliza M. Paxton was all
her life a resident and domiciled in the
County & State aforesaid, and the property
which is devised and bequeathed in her
will is so far as the applicant is now
advised all within said County.

That the personal property of the testatrix
consists of the household and kitchen fur-
niture, valued at above three hundred dollars
and some cattle and sheep valued at
about one hundred fifty dollars, that
the real property devised in said will is
situated on the Swannanoa land about
five miles from Siler City and is of the
value of at least Two thousand dollars.

That the said testatrix left surviving
her the following children who are or may
be interested in said will, viz: James H. Paxton,
Julia A. McDaniel, William D. Paxton, John E.
Paxton Jr., Martha E. wife of W. G. Coopernung,
M. R. Clayton wife of C. M. Clayton, B. Paxton
& Thos. J. Paxton who are all live in the said
County of Buncombe aforesaid and are all
of age.

Wherefore the said John E. Paxton do afo-
resaid prayeth that he may be allowed the
to prove said will and to be appointed
executor thereof.

Buncombe Co. N.C. Wills, Bk B, 1868-1899
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On this the 30th day of September AD 1878 personally appeared before me E. H. Hamilton Judge
of Probate & Clerk of the Superior Court in and
for the County & State aforesaid John E. Paxton
husband who being duly sworn says that
the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit
of his own knowledge are true, and those
stated on information he believes to be true
E. H. Hamilton Clerk
Judge Probate

Buncombe County
In the Probate Court.

A paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament
of Eliza M. Paxton dead is exhibited before me the
undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said
County by John E. Paxton the executor ther
in named and the due execution thereof
by the said Eliza M. Paxton by the oath
and examination of Wm. H. McDaniel and
J. F. Stepp the subscribing witnesses thereto,
who being duly sworn deposed and
say and each for himself that he is
a subscribing witness to the paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of Eliza M. Paxton. That the said
Eliza M. Paxton 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 on the
15th day of May 1878.

And the deponent further say that the
said Eliza M. Paxton the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing her name
as aforesaid declare the said paper
writing so subscribed by her and exhib-
ited to be her last will and testament, &
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 the said testator, one
deponent further saith, that at the

her name to the said last will as aforesaid
and at the time of defendants subscribing
his name as an attesting witness thereto ad
aforesaid the said Eliza M. Paxton was
of sound mind and memory of full age
to execute a will and not under any restraint
to the knowledge information or belief of this
defendant; and further these defendants say
not.

H. S. McDaniel
J. F. Clapp.

Sincerely sworn &
subscribed before me

E. W. Hendon
Probate Judge

It is therefore adjinced that the said
paper writing contains the last will &
testament of Eliza M. Paxton, and that
the same has been duly proved by the oath
and examination of the witnesses as aforesaid

Thereupon the said will is admitted
to Probate recorded & filed.

E. W. Hendon
Probate Judge

North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

1880. In the Probate Court
I - John C. Paxton do solemnly swear that I believe this writing
to contain the last will and testament of

Eliza M. Paxton deceased and that I will most
truly execute the same by first paying
his debts and then his legacies as far as the
said estate shall extend or the law will
charge me, and that I will most faithfully
execute the office of an executor agreeable
to the trust & confidence reposed
in me & according to law so help me
God!

John C. Paxton
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of September 1880.

E. W. Hendon
Probate Judge

Buncombe Co.

North Carolina } April the 19th 1880.
Buncombe County }

To the Probate Judge of said County.
The undersigned respectfully affirm
that Eldridge Burnell late of said County
departed this life on or about the day of
1880 leaving a Last Will & Testament
by which the undersigned is appointed Exec-
utor that said testator disposed of
most of real estate, a few hogs cattle
& other small articles of personal property
all worth according to your judgements
best impressions about three hundred dollars.
That Eliza Burnell, Anna Burnell, Alex-
ander Burnell, Eldridge Burnell, Elizabeth
Burnell, Rebecca M. Craymer, Jane Gray
adults & Isabella Burnell & Susan Burnell
minors are the persons named in the will
as devisees; the said minors being without
guardians.

The undersigned offers said will for
probate and asks to be qualified as
executor.

E. B. Kellee

I swear and subscribe this day
19th 1880 before me.

E. W. Hendon
Probate Judge

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County } In Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will
& Testament of Eldridge Burnell deceased, is
exhibited before me the undersigned Judge
of Probate for said County by E. B.
Kellee the executor therein named, and the
due execution thereof by the said Eldridge
Burnell is duly proved by the oath and
examination of J. K. Brown and William
M. Porter the subscribing witnesses thereto,
who being duly sworn took before & say