

This is to inform you that I renounce any right  
to administer on the estate of my late husband,  
Mr. E. P. Blummons, in favor of Mr. E. W. Rieth  
and ask that he be appointed as such  
administrator. This January 15th 1897.

Battle Blummons  
widow of E. P. Blummons

attest  
W. K. Whitson  
North Carolina }  
Bancroft County }

The execution of the foregoing instrument by  
Battle Blummons, was this day duly proved  
before me by the oath and examination of  
W. K. Whitson, the subscribing witness thereto

J. H. Cathey  
Clerk Supr. Court

North Carolina }  
County of Bancroft } In the Superior Court

In the matter of the } Application for letters  
administration of the estate } of administration  
of E. P. Blummons, deceased }

E. W. Rieth being duly sworn says, that E. P.  
Blummons late of said County is dead leaving a  
last will and testament, without any executor and  
that the widow Battle Blummons, has renounced her  
right to administer by a writing which is hereto attached  
in favor of applicant.

The said E. W. Rieth thereupon applies for letters of  
administration with the will annexed, on the estate  
of the said E. P. Blummons.

Further that the value of the personal effects of the  
said estate so far as can be ascertained at the date of  
this application is about forty to fifty thousand  
and that the names and residences of the devisees  
is as follows: Battle Blummons, Salem N.C.

Moravian Church Salem N.C.

Mary P. Seales, Greensboro N.C.

Lewis B. Harris, Lexington N.C.

Addie Wheeler, Winston N.C.

The heirs at law are to object unknown

accepted and sworn to before me this 23rd  
1897.

J. H. Cathey  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

E. P. Blummons of Abbeville South Carolina being  
of sound mind but knowing the uncertainty  
of Death, Deem it proper to make a will, and  
accordingly do make this my last will and  
Testament.

It is my will that all of my just Debts be  
first paid and discharged, by my administrator  
out of my estate as soon as conveniently. Then  
I desire my wife Battle to be provided for that  
she may have a comfortable living from my  
real estate, I prefer a Guardian for her, she, Buchanan  
and Court, to agree on property for her life and  
at her death, to be used as hereafter requested,  
I desire should she and guardian think  
any property best to sell they may make sale  
such as our Courts shall think legal, and their  
proceeds over to church hereafter named, After this  
I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter  
Mary P. Seales, of Greensboro, \$200.00  
Two hundred dollars, After this I will and bequeath  
to Lewis B. Harris, of Lexington, \$500.00 one hundred  
Dollars, Also to Addie Wheeler, of Winston wife of  
W. H. Wheeler, \$100.00 One hundred dollars, After the  
above then I will and bequeath, all the rest of  
my estate including my wife's interest at her  
death for a Moravian Church and School, at  
my home town, Blummons ville, Forsyth County,  
North Carolina, I desire the Moravian Church  
of Salem appoint, prefer persons to purchase  
some one hundred acres of land in or near  
Blummons ville, To first erect a substantial  
Church of Brick not to exceed in cost ten  
thousand dollars, a school building not to grade  
in cost, Ten thousand dollars, and a comfortable  
house for the entire use of a Moravian Minister  
and Teacher I desire each member of said Church have  
a lot one acre of said land purchased, for one dollar  
each, as far as the land goes, and his children  
to be sent to school free of charge, as long  
as any part of my estate remains to pay the

and controlled by the Church of Salem N.C.  
 It is my intention all my estate except as before  
 stated be used and managed, by the Moravian  
 Church of Salem N.C. to maintain a church and  
 school at or near Blummersville, N.C. and when or  
 if ever abolished, then to go to my nearest living  
 relations,

In witness I hereunto put my hand, and seal  
 and publish this to be my last will and  
 testament March 10th 1895  
 E. T. Blummers (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
 County of Buncombe } Before the Clerk  
 A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting  
 to be the last will and testament of E. T. Blummers,  
 deceased, is exhibited for probate in open court, by  
 E. W. Keith who applies for letters of administration  
 with the will annexed, and said paper writing is  
 thereupon proved by the oath and examination of  
 W. H. Whitson, that the said will was found  
 among the valuable papers and effects of the  
 said E. T. Blummers after his death, and it is  
 further proved by the oath and examination of  
 three credible witnesses to wit: R. R. Rowles, George  
 Brown, & J. V. Sevier that they are acquainted with  
 the handwriting of E. T. Blummers, deceased having  
 often seen him write, and verily believe that  
 the name of the said E. T. Blummers, subscribed to  
 the said will, and the said will itself and  
 every part thereof is in the handwriting of the  
 said E. T. Blummers, and it is further proved  
 by the oath of the three last mentioned witnesses  
 that the said handwriting is generally known to the  
 acquaintances of the said E. T. Blummers,

This 29th January 1897  
 R. R. Rowles  
 George Brown  
 J. V. Sevier  
 W. H. Whitson  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd  
 1897.  
 J. H. Collier  
 Clerk Superior Court of  
 Buncombe County, N. C.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
 County of Buncombe } Before the Clerk  
 Upon reading and considering the annexed  
 proof with regard to the last will and testament  
 of E. T. Blummers, deceased, it is considered and  
 adjudged that said paper writing exhibited as  
 the last will and testament of E. T. Blummers  
 deceased, is and every part thereof such last  
 will and testament. It is further adjudged  
 that said will has been duly proved, and it  
 is ordered that the same together with all orders  
 papers, exhibits and such other papers as are or  
 have been made by this court in connection  
 with the probate of this will, the granting of letters  
 of administration &c. be filed and recorded.  
 And it further appearing that No. Gentin is named  
 in said will and that Mrs. Nellie Blummers  
 widow of said testator and who is entitled to admin-  
 ister has renounced her right to administer in  
 favor of E. W. Keith, and that said E. W. Keith,  
 is a competent and suitable person to administer,  
 and he having filed his application for  
 letters, and having given the bond required  
 by law, it is ordered that letters of administration  
 with the will annexed be issued to said  
 E. W. Keith, which letters are accordingly issued  
 This 23rd day of January 1897  
 J. H. Collier

Clerk of the Superior Court of  
 Buncombe County, N. C.  
 North Carolina  
 Buncombe County  
 I Edward W. Keith, do swear that I believe the  
 writing to contain the last will and testament of  
 E. T. Blummers, deceased and that I will well and  
 truly execute the same by first paying his  
 debts and then his legacies, so far as the said  
 will extend on the law will charge me  
 and that I will well and faithfully execute  
 office of an administrator with the will annexed  
 according to the trust and confidence reposed in  
 me and according to law, so help me God.  
 Edward W. Keith  
 Sworn to and Subscribed before me 23rd January 1897  
 J. H. Collier

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
County of Buncombe } before the clerk

As it is remembered that on the 23d day of January 1897 personally appeared before me W.R. Whitson Attorney in fact for Hattie Blummons, widow of the late E.P. Blummons where said will has this day been admitted to probate, and acknowledged by him the due execution of the same and assent to said will for the purposes in said dissent mentioned. At the same time said W.R. Whitson produced the annexed power of Attorney, authorizing and directing such dissent. Which power of Attorney was duly proved by the oath and examination of George Brown one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Whereupon it is ordered that said dissent of Hattie Blummons, widow, said power of Attorney, and the proff thereto attached, and this certificate and order together with all other papers in the case be filed and recorded, and that said Hattie Blummons widow of said E.P. Blummons, be relieved from the operation of said will, the same being as to her since the filing of said dissent hereby declared null and of no effect, and that the said widow have the same right and estate in the real and personal property of her said husband as if he had died intestate.

Done at Asheville, North Carolina, this the 23d day of January 1897

J. Barker  
Clerk of the Superior Court for  
Buncombe County, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
County of Buncombe } Buncombe County

Know all men by these presents, that I Hattie Blummons of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, widow of E.P. Blummons late of said County and State as well also as one of the devisees mentioned in the last will and testament of the said E.P. Blummons, which said will has this day been admitted to probate in the Superior Court for the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, do hereby under and virtue of the right given me by the laws of the State.

with and the provisions thereof, and hereby announce and declare very purpose and intention to take the same right and estate in the real and personal property of my late husband as if he had died intestate.

I claim nothing by virtue of the provisions of said will, but ask that an order be entered directing me Down, and as Distributor one half of the personal effects belonging to said Estate.

Done at Asheville, North Carolina, this January 28th 1897  
Hattie Blummons

By W.R. Whitson Atty in fact,

North Carolina }

Buncombe County }

Know all men by these presents, that I Hattie Blummons, widow of E.P. Blummons, deceased, wishing to dissent from the will of the said E.P. Blummons, do for the purpose of filing said dissent and making the same in all respects binding and effectual, do for such purpose hereby nominate, constitute and appoint as my true and lawful Attorney, Mr. W.R. Whitson of Asheville, N.C., hereby giving to my said Attorney full power, to act in the premises, all his actions to bind me and be of the same effect as if I were at all times present, and acting for myself.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this January 15th 1897  
Hattie Blummons

Res. Brown  
& W. Keith

North Carolina }

Buncombe County }

The execution of the foregoing power of Attorney from Hattie Blummons to E.W. Keith, was this day duly proved before me by the oath and examination of Geo. Brown one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

J. Barker  
Clerk Superior Court