

appoint Geoff A Mc Alexander of French Broad Co. G.
my executor to execute this my last will & testament with
ample power and full permission from me to act upon
his own personal responsibility without requiring any bond to
the Court for the reason that in the strict honesty and
integrity of My friend A Mc Alexander I have full faith and
confidence. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my
hand and affix my seal to this written and published
as and for my last will & testament written upon 2
different kinds of paper and marked upon the top margin
of each first second third fourth fifth & sixth pages. and this
the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1872 & in presence of
Witness
Levi Miles (Seal)
mark.

J M Gudgeon,
Black.

State of North Carolina } SS in the Probate Court,
Buncombe County
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Levi
Miles deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of
Probate for said County by A Mc Alexander the Executor
therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said
Levi Miles, by the oath and examination of James Black
& J M Gudgeon the subscribing witnesses thereto who
being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and 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 Levi Miles
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 11th day of
September 1880. And the Deponent further saith
that the said Levi Miles the testator aforesaid, did at the
time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said
paper-writing, so subscribed by him and exhibited to be
his last will and testament, and this deponent did therefor
subscribing 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. 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,
as aforesaid, the said Levi Miles 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
J Black, Esq.
J M Gudgeon, Esq.
Solemnly sworn and subscribed this 11th day of
July, 1880, before me
E W Herndon
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina } SS in the Probate Court,
Buncombe County
I A Mc Alexander do solemnly swear or affirm, that
I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and
Testament of Levi Miles deceased; and that I will will and
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 well and faithfully execute the
office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence
reposed in me and according to law, so help me God.
Sworn and subscribed
before me this 11th day of Sept. 1880.
E W Herndon
Probate judge

State of North Carolina } SS in the Probate Court
Buncombe Co.
and the matter of the
last Will & Testament of
George C Alexander.
Decedent.

On this the 20th day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty personally appeared
in Court Elizabeth A Alexander and George A Alexander who
being first duly sworn depose & say: That George C Alexander
died in the County and state aforesaid (being a citizen and
resident thereof) on the 3rd day of October last, having first
made & published a last Will and Testament wherein the said
Elizabeth A Alexander & George A Alexander were appointed the
executors and executor thereof and which last will & testament

they now propound for Probate That the estate of the testator consisted of the lands on which he lived at the time of his death of the value of Fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars and personal property consisting of household & kitchen furniture and farm stock of the value of five hundred dollars. That the names & residences of the persons entitled to the property of the testator is as follows.

- 1 Elizabeth H Alexander, Buncombe, Co, N.C.
- 2 George H Alexander " " "
- 3 Walter W Ray & Alfred W Ray " " "
- 4 Mrs. Leiland Watkins " " "
- 5 Mrs. Rhoda White " " "
- 6 Mrs. Sophronia Patton " " "

That none of the said parties are minors except Alfred Ray who is without Guardian.

Seen to & subscribed before me this the 30th day of Nov. 1880.

E. W. Herndon

C. C. & Judge of Probate.

State of North Carolina & in the Probate Court,
Buncombe County
and the matter of the last will & testament of
the late George C. Alexander.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of the late George C. Alexander is exhibited for Probate in open court by Elizabeth H. Alexander the executrix and George H. Alexander the executor thereof exhibiting the codicil thereto is proved by the oath & examination of William R. Young, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is thereupon proved upon the oath and examination of the said William R. Young that J. L. Bailey the other subscribing witness thereto is dead and it is also proved by the oath and examination of William R. Young that he is well acquainted with handwriting of the said J. L. Bailey having often seen him write and that the name of the said J. L. Bailey subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said J. L. Bailey and it is proved by the oath and examination of William R. Young that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. L. Bailey and it is also proved by the oath and examination of William R. Young that he is well

acquainted with the handwriting of the testator George C. Alexander having often seen him write and that the name of the said George C. Alexander subscribed to said will is in the handwriting of the said George C. Alexander. And at the same time a paper writing purporting to be a codicil to the said last will & testament of the said George C. Alexander is exhibited in open court for Probate and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Elizabeth H. Alexander that the said Codicil was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said George C. Alexander after his death and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses to wit: William R. Young, R. C. Patton, and George W. Young that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said George C. Alexander and have often seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said George C. Alexander subscribed to said Codicil and the said Codicil itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said George C. Alexander. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof and the codicil aforesaid attached thereto is the last will and testament of the said George C. Alexander and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said Elizabeth H. Alexander executrix and George H. Alexander executor as aforesaid duly qualify as such by taking the oath required by law.

E. W. Herndon

clerk & superior court
and judge of Probate.

In the name of God amen -

I George C. Alexander of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina do hereby make and declare this my last will & testament. I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth H. Alexander & my son George H. Alexander executrix and executor of this my last will and testament.

After payment of my just debts and charges I dispose of my estate as follows. I give and devise the tract of land on which I now reside lying on the North side of Swannanoa river containing about two hundred acres (not including that part of the tract which lies on the south side of the river) to my beloved wife Elizabeth H. Alexander for and during her natural life & after her death & good and

direct the same to my son George N Alexander to him & his heirs forever it being part of the land which I purchased of Elizabeth McDaniel & her son William I bequeath to my beloved wife all my household & kitchen furniture and all the stock upon the farm of every description to her her executors & assigns forever to dispose of as she may deem best. I bequeath to my grandchildren Walter W Ray and Alfred A Ray five hundred dollars each to be paid to them when they arrive at the age of twenty one years by my executors.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of October A D 1868.
signed & sealed in the presence of us.
Geo. C Alexander

J L Bailey
Wm R Young

I Geo. C Alexander do make this codicil to be taken as part of my last will and testament as follows that is to say whereas I have by will given to my son George N Alexander now I do hereby revoke and make void part of said will or testament I hereby bequeath to my two daughters Selina & Rhoda part of the land that I gave to my son Geo. C Alexander that is beginning on a person on at the mouth of the lane on the bank of the river running with the lane to a rock near the Spring House thence a Water direction to a small stream in the corner of the house lot then a due south line to the line that divide the land that I gave to my son George N Alexander and my own land thence with that line to a white oak Bakers corner on the foot of the spring mountain embracing all the land between that line and the land that I gave to my son G N Alexander family some sixty acres more or less this land to be equally divided between my two daughters Selina and Rhoda which I bequeath to them.
I also bequeath to my daughter Sophia my Walnut side board and six common chairs and large looking glass & table I also bequeath to my daughter Selina my cherry side board one set cane bottom chairs one iron chair one small table I also bequeath to my daughter Rhoda my cherry Bureau and six red painted chairs. crochard & small table I also bequeath to my son George my desk and book and the balance of the chairs and the spring wagon and I also give my daughter

I also draw my books to be equally divided among all the children I also allow my son & son-in-law and all my stock Horses cows and Hogs to be sold and divided equally with all the children I also allow all my property to remain in possession of my wife as long as she lives and what remains to be divided as directed on Antioch whereof I have set my hand and seal this 1st day of April A D 1877.
Geo. C. Alexander
attest W R Young.

State of North Carolina } SS in the Probate Court
Buncombe County }
I G N Alexander & G W Alexander do solemnly swear or affirm that I believe this writing to be and contain the last Will and Testament of George C. Alexander deceased; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his debts and then his legacies; as far as the said estate shall extend, and the law will charge me; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in me; and according to law so help me God.
sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of December 1880.
C W Herndon
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Buncombe County }
In the matter of the will of Robert J Taylor }
Thomas J Gillespie being duly sworn doth say that Robert J Taylor late of said County is dead having first published his last will and testament and that he Thomas J Gillespie is one of the legatus named in the will of the said Robert J Taylor Further that the value of said property of said estate at the date of this application is not that about six hundred Dollars so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and further that there is no executor named in his last will.
Thomas J Gillespie Mary C Gillespie Laura C Gillespie Lou J Gudgeon and Elizabeth Gillespie