

In the name of God, amens L. Henry Middleton
 being of sound mind and trusting in the mercy of God
 do make this my last will and testament, to wit: give and
 bequeath to my dear wife Ellen all the property real and
 personal of what description soever which I may be possessed
 or which may be awarded to me by legal decision, and I
 hereby appoint my said wife Ellen my residuary legatee
 and sole executrix and I beg as a last request of my dear
 wife that so far as it lies in her power she will be kind
 to my adopted son Henry George now in Australia
 (Signed) L. Henry Middleton

Signed and sealed in our presence by the Testator as of
 his last will and testament on this the fifth day of
 August in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty
 five, in witness whereof we the undersigned have hereunto
 subscribed our names
 (Signed) Helen E. Blake
 Percy T. H. Norcock.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 Buncombe County

A paper writing purporting to be
 the last will and testament of Henry Middleton Esq. deceased
 is exhibited before the undersigned Judge of Probate for the
 County & State aforesaid by Ellen Middleton, the Executrix therein
 named & the due execution thereof by the said Henry Middleton
 is thereupon proved by the oath & examination of Helen E.
 Blake & Percy T. H. Norcock, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto,
 who being duly sworn depose & say, each depose & say, that
 each is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown
 purporting to be the last will & testament of Henry Middleton.
 That the said Henry Middleton in the presence of this deponent
 subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which
 is now shown as aforesaid on the 5th day of August A.D. 1875

And the deponent further says that the said Henry Mid-
 dleton, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his
 name, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and
 here exhibited, to be his last will and testament, and this deponent
 did thereupon subscribe deponent's name at the end of said will
 as an attesting witness thereto, at the request & in the presence
 of said testator & in the presence of

And the deponent further saith that at the

when the said testator subscribed his name to the said
 last will, as aforesaid and at the time deponent subscribed
 deponent's name as an attesting witness, as aforesaid
 the said Henry Middleton was of sound mind & memory, of full
 age to execute a will, was under no restraint to the knowledge
 information or belief of this deponent, and further these
 deponents say, not.

(Signed) Helen E. Blake
 Percy T. H. Norcock

Severally sworn & subscribed before me this 22nd day of
 April A.D. 1876.

(Signed) J. E. Reed
 Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 Buncombe County } April 22nd A.D. 1876

Ellen Middleton, named in the will of Henry Middleton
 Executrix thereof, applies to the Judge of Probate for the
 County and State aforesaid, to have the said will ad-
 mitted to Probate.

- And the said Ellen Middleton being duly sworn, says:
- I That she is the Executrix named in the will of the said
 Henry Middleton
 - II That the value of the property in North Carolina is of the
 estimated value of Three Thousand Dollars.
 - III That the widow under the will is the only party entitled to
 any interest in the property.

(Signed) Ellen Middleton
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April A.D. 1876
 (Signed) J. E. Reed
 Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
 Buncombe County } April 22nd A.D. 1876

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
 testament of Henry Middleton, decd. is exhibited for probate
 by Ellen Middleton, Executrix therein named and the due
 execution thereof by the said Henry Middleton, is proved
 by the oath & examination of Helen E. Blake & Percy T.
 H. Norcock, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, hereto
 attached. It is therefore considered by the Court to be
 the last will and testament of the said Henry Middleton.

Middleton and the same is entered & recorded & filed together with this certificate.

And thereupon the said Ellen Middleton, Executrix as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

(signed) J. E. Rug

Judge of Probate.

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Buncombe County } April 22nd 1876

I, J. E. Rug, Clerk of the Superior Court and Judge of Probate for this County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Henry Middleton Esq. deceased, and of the Probate order, qualifications and letters of Executrixship of Ellen Middleton the Executrix therein named.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court at Office in Asheville this the 22nd day of April A.D. 1876.

(signed) J. E. Rug

Judge of Probate
for Buncombe County,
N.C.

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County } April 11th 1876

I Robert A Murray being in perfect health; but have a good sum of money (thence good) I wish to dispose of all the property and effects that I have. (to wit)
I bequeath to my dear & beloved wife Fannie Marcella, Murray the farm I now live on & known as my home tract; forever I now give the cows & assistance

Beginning on Bear dead at the top in the head of a hollow more corner & runs east with snow line & then S. E. poles to a ~~stone~~ post - also on the top of a Ridge then N. crossing the big creek 160 paces to a stream on the line of the Passions track then it about 120 paces to a gum tree on the line near the head of a little branch then from the gum tree to the head of the branch then down and with the meander of the branch to the creek near a cleft of rocks then up & with the meander of the creek to burn line then south with his line to the beginning containing 200 acres more or less

I give and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife a good piece of land forming the same tract - Mrs Caroline Simpson and N. Stevens witness to me by my father-in-law & J. Jones for the best & lawful use & for the use of his wife for her to hold forever

I will & bequeath all my house hold furniture Tools, Wagon, Buggy, all my stock of every description that I possess including my cows & pigs & small grain and also my bees & stances

I will & bequeath to my ^{dear} beloved wife two notes on Robt O'neary & also I note on J. H. O'neary & one note on John Pettit; one note on Solomon Patten & also one note on J. R. Jones & also one note on Peter Rich & one note on Larkin Reeves the whole I suppose to be between four hundred & fifty hundred dollars I will and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife during her natural life a certain piece of meadow land lying on Little branch bounded by J. H. O'neary's land & also McKee's land & John Pettit's land

I will & bequeath the above meadow tract to my wife & the joining piece be fixed the portion from the water