

I, Levi Hampton of the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament here by writing all wills or parts thereof heretofore made by me I will bequeath give and bequeath all my estate and property real personal and mixed to my beloved wife, Celia E. Hampton to her and her heirs forever to be under her absolute control and disposition having full confidence that she will apply and use it to the benefit and advantage of herself and our children.

I appoint my said wife Celia E. Hampton the executrix of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at home in said County and State this the day of March A.D. 1872

(Signed) Levi X. Hampton  
The said Levi Hampton at his mark  
home on the day of March 1872

Signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will and testament and me at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have mutually written our names as acknowledging witnesses (attest) J. C. Dawson

(Signed) C. M. Hampton  
Levi Hampton

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Levi Hampton dec'd is produced before me; the undersigned Justice of Probate; for said County Celia E. Hampton the executrix therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Levi Hampton by the oath and examination of J. C. Dawson & C. M. Hampton the acknowledging witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, do declare and say the same for their selfs deposit the same in the office of the Clerk of Buncombe Co. NC Wills, BK B, 1868-1892 he is a subscriber witness to the

Paper writing known to him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Levi Hampton in the presence of this defendant subscriber his name to the back of said Paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date on the day of March 1872, did in the presence of said defendant subscriber his name to said Paper writing and the defendant further saith that the said Levi Hampton the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said Paper writing so subscribe by him and be intended to be his last will and Testament, and this defendant did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator; and this defendant further says that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the last will as aforesaid, and at the time when the defendant subscribed his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Levi Hampton 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 defendant, and further these defendants say not

J. C. Dawson  
(Signed) C. M. Hampton  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1872 J. B. Reed Justice of Probate of Buncombe County we

It is therefore concurred and agreed that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Levi Hampton and the same is sworn to be regular and valid and the said Celia E. Hampton is qualified as executrix of the said last will and testament of the said Levi Hampton she having taken and taken the oaths required by law this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1872 J. B. Reed Pro bate judge