

North Carolina
Buncombe County

I, Nancy Stroup, do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Lucius Cordell to be my lawful Executor and Administrator, to control and dispose of my property in the way and manner I now prescribe.

Said Lucius Cordell, after my death will take possession of all the land now owned by me, which lies on Haw Creek, and joins the lands of Simon White on the East, Harriet Kith on the North, Jno. Cairns on the South and West. The tract contains about five acres. This land he is to have and control without reservation, until my Grandchildren, W. R. Frantham and Margaret Frantham are (21) twenty one years old - at which time he the said Lucius Cordell shall sell or cause to be sold the said land, and after payment is made in full thereon, then as my lawful Executor and Administrator, make a true and lawful deed for the same to the purchaser. All my household and kitchen furniture, my cow, and any and all other property belonging to my estate, the said Lucius Cordell shall take charge of, and either keep or sell and keep in trust for my two Grandchildren, namely, W. R. Frantham and Margaret Frantham, until they are twenty one (21) years old, and then he shall divide the proceeds of the sale, or the property (perishable) between. These my last directions, my last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Witness.
Nancy Stroup
Geo. H. Bell
T. W. Haddon

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of Nancy Stroup, deceased.
Lucius Cordell being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I That Nancy Stroup, late of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina is dead - departed this life on the 8th day of Feb., 1883, leaving a last Will and Testament with the affiant as Executor of, the same, and that he is entitled in said Will only as Executor, and not as devisee or legatee.

III That the value of the Testator's Property, as far as can be ascertained, is about \$33.50 Personal Property, Real Estate \$2 acre, and worth about \$50.00 - that the names and residence of the legacies are as follows:

W. R. Frantham and Margaret Frantham, both of Buncombe County, both of which are minors without Guardian.

All of which is respectfully submitted, this 12th day of Feb., 1883
L. L. Cordell

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 12th Feb. 1883
E. W. Herndon,
Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County } In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy Stroup, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said County, by Lucius Cordell the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Geo. H. Bell & T. W. Haddon the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, both depose

And says and each for himself de-
poseth and saith, that he is a sub-
scribing witness to the paper writing
now shown him, purporting to be
the last will and testament of Nancy
Stroup; that the said Nancy Stroup,
in the presence of this deponent, sub-
scribed her name at the end of said
paper writing, which is now shown
as aforesaid, and which bears the date
of the 3^d day of Feb, 1885.

And the Deponent further saith
that the said Nancy Stroup, the testator
aforesaid, did, at the time of subscrib-
ing her name as aforesaid, declare
the said paper writing so subscribed
by her and exhibited, to be her Last
Will and Testament, and the deponent
did thereupon subscribe their names
at the end of said Will as attesting wit-
nesses thereto, and at the request and in
the presence of said testator. And this
deponent further saith, that at the
said time when the said testator sub-
scribed her name to the said last
Will as aforesaid, the said Nancy Stroup
was of sound mind and memory, of full
age to execute a will, and was not
under any restraint, to the knowledge,
information and belief of the deponent.

And further these deponents say not.

Geo. H. Bell, (Sul)
Thos. H. Haddon, (Sul)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 10th
day of Feb, 1885, before me

C. H. Herndon,
Probate Judge

Last
Will
and
Testament
of
M. Roberts

In the name of God Amen!
Being sound in mind, but unwell and
feeble in body, and knowing the uncer-
tainty of life, I make this my last Will
and Testament

1st I Will and Bequeath that my lawful
debts and obligations be paid first care-
fully, avoiding the payment of any unlaw-
ful claims that may be presented. As
Guardian I owe Lerky Fox (Roberts) a
balance of Pension money, but she loaned
me all her money that she drew through
me, without interest, as you will find
amongst my papers. Perhaps I owe Sophia
Ledford a few Dollars of what she of what
she drew on a final Court, and I owe none
of H^m R. Roberts' heirs anything besides,
the interest they claim in Court should
not be paid. However, Judge J. L. Henry
is my council in the matter, and you will
retain him as such and abide his counsils.

2^d. I will and bequeaths that all my
personal property, not needed as here-
after provided, be sold at private sale
to best advantage, and the proceeds, together
with a part of the money on hand and the
debts owing to me as will be found by
my papers and books, be applied to the
payment of the lawful debts and obligations standing
against me. If collections are success-
fully made, there will be a surplus
which will be put to interest.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my dear wife
all the balance of my personal effects and
landed and real Estate during her widow-
hood, together with One Hundred Dollars
in cash now on hand, with the following
provisions viz: 1st Provided a sufficient
amount of money cannot be raised to
meet the obligations against me as above,
then enough of my other land may be sold
to meet the deficiency, at private sale.

2nd Provided at the close of each