

This is my first last and onley will  
and testament made with a minde perfectly  
Clear and unbiassed - this fourth (4) day of  
April 1866, in the Event of my death  
I heartily give grant and bequeath to  
my wife Sarah E. Buchanan, all my  
Real and personal property to hold for  
Lover and to be disposed of by her at  
any time and in any manner that  
she in her judgement may elect

Signed W. A. Buchanan.

State of North Carolina  
Buncombe County, in the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the Last will & testa-  
ment of Wm A Buchanan died late of said  
County & State is exhibited to me the undersigned  
Judge of Probate for said County by  
Sarah E Buchanan the widow of the said  
Wm A Buchanan died and the sole devisee &  
legatee there in named, (there being no  
elcenter named), and the due execution  
thereof by the said Wm A Buchanan died  
is proved by the oath and examination of  
H C Hunt, Mf Fager, and Samuel C Shul-  
ton who each say for them self that  
he is acquainted with the Hand writing of  
Wm A Buchanan deceased and verily  
believes said Paper Writing shown him  
to be purporting to be the Last will  
& Testament of Wm A Buchanan deceased  
bearing date the 4th day of April 1866,  
and every part thereof is in the hand  
writing of the said Wm A Buchanan  
deceased and it appearing on the oath  
and examination of the said Sarah  
E Buchanan that said paper writing  
was found among the valuable  
papers and effects of the said Wm  
A. Buchanan deceased

# C. Hunt  
M. F. Fager

It is therefore considered and adjudged that  
that said Paper Writing is the Last will and  
Testament of Wm A Buchanan deceased,  
and the same is ordered to be recorded and  
filed, and thereupon the said Sarah E.  
Buchanan qualified as a ministerial  
with the will annexed, of the said Wm A  
Buchanan deceased by filing the Bond &  
Taking the oath required by Law  
*J. C. Reed*  
Judge of Probate

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  
herein 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 that each for their self deposit the same to the said Celia E. Hampton as the last will and testament of the said Levi Hampton she having taken and looked over the same this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1872

Paper writing known shown 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 subscriber by him and to be his last will and testament, and this defendant did thereupon subscriber 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 subscriber his name to the last will as aforesaid, and at the time when the defendant subscriber 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 NC

It is therefore concurred and agreed that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Levi Hampton and that the same is known to be genuine 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 looked over the same this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1872

J. B. Reed Pro bate judge