

doth depose, and say, and for himy deponth  
and sayeth, that he is the subscriber witness  
to the paper writing now shewen him, purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Margaret  
Duckett in the presence of this defendant, subscriber  
her name at the end of said paper writing which  
now shewen as goesaid, and which heath doth  
o the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1893, and the defendant  
further sayeth, that Margaret Duckett, the  
testator did at the time of subscribing her  
name as goesaid declare the said paper writing  
so subscribed by her, and exhibited to be her  
last will and testament, and this defendant  
did thereupon subscribe his name thereto, 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 defendant further  
sayeth, that at the said time when the said  
testator subscribed his name as an attesting  
witness thereto as goesaid, the said  
Margaret Duckett, was of sound mind and  
memory of full age to execute a will and  
was not under any restraint to the to the  
knowledge informant, or helpe of this defendant,  
and further these defonents sayeth not.

Swarren to and Subscribed  
before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 1893, before me  
J. S. Cathy, Esq.

State of North Carolina  
Buncombe County)

I William M. Penland, of the County of Buncombe and  
State of North Carolina, being of Sound Mind and memory,  
do declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

1st I give and bequeath to Sarah Plummer, an equal  
share of the bedding, after R. P. Penland, gets two beds  
and fixtures, also one hundred dollars in money.

2nd I give and devise unto Elizabeth A. M. Crookings, A. M. Penland  
Matilda E. Reynolds, and R. P. Penland and their heirs certain  
tract of land, lying in the County of Madison, on the waters  
of Spring Creek known as the Cherry flats, also Sixty nine  
acres lying on the waters of Turkey Creek, joining Dick  
Robards and others, the above named lands to be equally  
divided between the said, Elizabeth A. M. Crookings, A. M.  
A. M. Penland, and Matilda Reynolds, and R. P. Penland,  
and their heirs to share each and each alike after my debts  
and funeral expences is paid the remainder of my estate to be  
equally divided between the said Elizabeth A. M. Crookings  
A. M. Penland Matilda E. Reynolds, and R. P. Penland  
and their heirs,

3rd I give and bequeath to R. P. Penland, two beds and  
fixtures, one bureau, one clock, and one Rock stone.

4th I give and bequeath Thirty Dollars to T. R. Jones and  
B. G. Judge, Trustees of the Methodist Church, known as  
Penlands Church, to be expended on said Church  
for recovering the same.

5th I appoint R. P. Penland, and John M. Baker, Executrix of  
this my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19 day of April  
A.D. 1893,

Subscribed by the testator Wm, M, Penland Esq  
on the present of each of us the  
time declared by him to us his last Will  
and Testament.  
John M. Baker,  
D. A. Blackwell.

Buncombe County } In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of W.M. Penland, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk, of Court for said County, by R.P. Postland & J. M. Carter the executors, therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said, W.M. Penland, by the oaths and affirmation of D. A. Blackwell and John M. Carter, the subscribers witnesses, thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposith and saith that he is subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of W.M. Penland, that the said, W.M. Penland, in the presence of this deponent subscriber, acknowledged to D.A. Blackwell his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 19th day of April, 1879.

And deponent further saith, That the said W.M. Penland the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name, as upon said, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and described, to be his Last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe 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 that at the said time when the said testator, subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name, as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said W.M. Penland, 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.

I hereby swear and subscribe  
This 23 day of March 1879.  
J. L. Cattley Esq.

John M. Carter Seal  
D. A. Blackwell Seal

✓ I, John D. Hale a Citizen of Buncombe County and State of North Carolina, being feeble in body but sound in mind, and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life hath by my own free will and accord made this my last will and testament, as follows, after recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner. To dispose of my earthly property, I will and bequeath

I. That all my just debts be paid.

II. I will and bequeath to my beloved brother, James, Mr. Hale, a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Buncombe, and State of N.C., joining lands of Marks & Hale, Wm. Hale, now W.H. Chambers, Gco. Gentry and others, on the waters of Flat Creek and bounded as follows, Beginning on a paper on Mary E. Hale's line, running south twenty poles to a stake, thence west to a highway my corner, thence north west to Wm. Hale, now W.H. Chambers line, thence north east with said line to top of mountain, thence with the top of the mountain and George Gentry's line east to Mary E. Hale's corner, thence with her line to the beginning containing fifty acres more or less.

III. I will and bequeath the remainder of my Real and personal property to all my Brothers and Sisters, to be sold at public auction and proceeds of the same to be equally divided between them of their heirs.

IV. I also choose W.S. Roberts as my Executor  
Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of  
Entomina before signing

January 13<sup>rd</sup> 1879.  
John D. Hale

V. Mc. Kilpatrick,  
E. J. Chambers.

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court  
Buncombe County }

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John D. Hale, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of Court for said County by W.S. Roberts the Executor.