

of us, who have subscribed  
 same as witnesses, in the  
 presence of each other, and  
 of the holder & at his request  
 S. L. Carron  
 J. S. Peelle

Carters County Court of Probate  
 The execution of the foregoing will  
 of Sidney A. Taylor dec'd. is proved by  
 me, according to law, by the oath of  
 examination of S. L. Carron & J. S. Peelle  
 the subscribing witnesses, who do  
 swear that they saw the said  
 A. Taylor execute the same as his  
 will and testament; that they attested  
 it in his presence and at his request  
 and that at the time of its execution  
 he was, in their opinion, of sound  
 mind and disposing memory.

(See Book Orders & Deeds Page)

R. W. Chadwick

Judge of Probate

William M. Taylor qualifies as Executor

R. W. Chadwick

Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina  
 Carter County

I, Jonathan Stanton, of the  
 County and State aforesaid, being of sound  
 mind and memory, but considering the  
 uncertainty of my earthly existence, do  
 make and declare this my last will and  
 testament, in manner and form following, that  
 is to say:—

That my administrator shall provide  
 for my body a decent burial, and pay all  
 funeral expenses, together with my just debts out  
 of the moneys that may first come into his  
 hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife  
 C. Stanton, all of the land where I now live,  
 on the West Side of the Main road, to Hog  
 branch, together with all the improvements thereon,  
 except my gin house, gin, gin-gearing, and all the  
 fixtures thereunto belonging, with the Cotton Seed  
 press, to have and to hold to me, the said  
 C. Stanton, for and during the term of my nat-  
 ural life, in satisfaction of and in lieu of  
 her dower and thirds of and in all my  
 real estate.

I give and devise to my eldest son William  
 Pearson Stanton, a tract of land in Dove Creek  
 Swamp, beginning at the South gate running  
 West with the ditch to the Canal, which  
 is a dividing line between me & Benjamin  
 Small, thence with said Canal to the head  
 of the same, thence the same course with a  
 ditch to another ditch along the fence, thence  
 with said ditch West to the West Canal, thence  
 along said Canal Northwesterly to the corner  
 of the Fuller pattern, East along said Fuller

line, to the North & South line, thence  
said line South to the corner of said plot  
thence West to a road which leads through  
the Swamp, thence down said road  
Southernly course to the beginning. If my son  
John M. Stanton, should die intestate  
issue then the said tract of land to pass  
to the said heirs & assigns, but if he die  
without lawful issue then the said  
of land to revert equally to my son  
W. Stanton & my daughter, Mary Hancock  
and their heirs and assigns.

I give and devise to my daughter  
Hancock, a tract of land in Cone Creek  
Swamp, beginning at a stake in the  
Canal in Duncan's line, running North  
line West, to my South or back line, thence  
with said line North to a point where  
East line would strike a ditch at the  
of the field; thence along said ditch to  
Canal, thence down the Canal to the beginning  
& have and to hold, to her and her heirs  
forever.

I give and devise to my son John  
M. Stanton, all of the home tract, where  
now live, except the life estate of my  
wife devised in a former <sup>item</sup> of this, my will,  
also all of the land I now own lying  
of the main Swamp road, leading from  
my South gate, also the remainder in  
of the land and improvements devised to my  
wife during her natural life, in a former  
item of this, my will, to have and to hold  
to him, John M. Stanton, and his heirs in fee.  
I give and devise to my grand son, David  
Clegg, a tract of land in Cone Creek

lying and being between the two Canals,  
running up to the fence, also all of the  
remaining portion of my land, not devised  
in any former item of this, my will, West of  
the West Canal, to have and to hold to him  
and his heirs in fee simple.

I give and bequeath to my wife Ann  
C. Stanton, four hundred dollars now in the  
New Bern Nat. Bank, in Cash, and the  
further sum of One hundred dollars, now  
in her possession, and I hereby give and  
bequeath to my said wife, during her nat-  
ural life the use of my black mare, buggy  
and harness, all the house hold and kitchen  
furniture, except two beds, bedsteads and  
furniture. All the poultry, the two milk cows and calves.  
After the death of my said wife said personal  
property to be sold and the proceeds thereof  
be distributed among those named in this, my  
will, in the same proportion as other property  
devised and bequeathed.

I give and bequeath to my daughter,  
Mary Hancock, five hundred dollars in Cash,  
exclusive of what I have heretofore given her,  
also, one feather bed, bedstead and bed furniture.

I give and bequeath to my son John M.  
Stanton, my gin house, gin, gin glazing, cotton  
press or screw, and all other appurtenances,  
thereunto belonging, with the privilege of the  
same remaining so long as it now is, and for  
him to use and employ the same.

I give and bequeath to my grand  
daughter, Julia Stanton, one feather bed, bed-  
stead and bed furniture, and the sum  
of one hundred dollars in Cash.

My will and devise is that all the



residue of my estate (if any) after  
out the debts and legacies shall  
be sold, and the debt  
to be collected; and if there should be  
any surplus on and above the payment  
of debts, expenses and legacies, that the  
surplus (money on hand included not before)  
shall be divided among those named  
in this my will, in the same proportion  
as other property heretofore devised  
bequeathed.

In witness whereof, I Jonathan Stanton  
have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of  
March 1883.

Signed, declared & published  
by the above named Jonathan  
Stanton, as and for his last  
will testament, in the  
presence of us, who at his request,  
and in his presence, have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto  
W. F. Howland  
J. B. Jones

Whereas, I, Jonathan Stanton, have made  
my last will and testament in writing  
bearing date on the 2nd day of March 1883  
and have thereby made sundry devises  
and bequests according to the then existing  
circumstances of my estate, but when  
circumstances having been changed  
do by this writing, which I hereby declare  
to be a Codicil to my said will, to be  
taken and construed as part thereof,  
will and direct that my wife  
C. Stanton shall have the privilege of

sell timber and fire wood for her own  
use and consumption, from the tract of  
land on the East side of the Main road,  
and the further privilege of the tenant house  
on the North side of said road and about  
one half acre of land surrounding said house,  
the same being now occupied by East Han-  
bury (Col), the said privilege being for the pur-  
pose of a tenant house to be occupied by the  
said East Hanbury or other tenant as my  
said wife may direct to have and to hold  
to her the said Ann C. Stanton for and during  
the term of her natural life, and I do hereby  
direct and request of my devisees that some  
of the real estate devised in my said will  
be sold to Mrs. W. Dickinson or his brothers.

In testimony whereof, I have to set my  
hand and seal, the 20th day of July 1883.  
Jonathan Stanton

Signed, sealed, pub-  
lished & declared by the  
said Jonathan Stanton to  
be a codicil or part  
of his last will and  
testament, in presence of  
us, who at his request, and  
in his presence and the presence  
of each other, do subscribe our  
names as witnesses thereto  
W. F. Howland  
C. V. Robb

Carroll County - Court of Probate - Aug 25, 1883  
The execution of the foregoing will in-  
cluding the Codicil, of Jonathan Stanton  
deceased, is proved before me according to law  
by the oath & examination of W. F. Howland

and J. B. Jones, the subscribing witnesses  
the main will, and W. P. Howland and  
C. T. Robinson to the Codicil, who have  
that they saw the said Matthew Stanton  
execute the same as his last will and testament  
that they attested it in his presence and  
his request, and that at the time of  
execution he was in their opinion of  
sound and disposing memory.

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R. W. Chadwick  
Judge of Probate

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1876

State of North Carolina  
Carter County

This is my last will and testament  
that I give and bequeath to my wife  
Sidney A. Mason, all the property that  
I own in every respect real estate, life  
and all other goods and chattels, which  
soever may be found belonging to my  
estate both in doors and out to me  
as the decedent's property while she continues  
a widow, but otherwise this is of no  
effect.

M. W. Mason

State of North Carolina  
Carter County

In the Superior Court  
A paper writing, to wit the foregoing, is this day  
submitted for probate. It is a holograph  
a paper wholly in the hand-writing of the  
testator, including the signature, and there  
is no subscribing witness. W. S. Chadwick  
Saml. E. Wade and A. C. Davis compare

and testify that they are well acquainted  
with the hand-writing of the deceased, having  
seen it frequently - who say they verily  
believe the paper to be in the hand-writing  
of the deceased in whole and in part,  
and Saml. E. Wade says it was found among  
the valuable papers and effects of the deceased.

It is therefore considered that to be the  
last will and testament of the said Matthew  
Mason and the same with this Certificate  
is ordered to be recorded and filed  
Dec 15, 1882 (See Book of Orders & Deeds, Page 111)  
R. W. Chadwick  
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