

In the name of God - Amen. I John Dent senior, of  
the County of Franklin & State of North Carolina, being weak in body,  
but of sound and perfect mind & memory, blessed be Almighty God  
for the same, do make and publish this my last & Will, & Testament,  
in manner & form following - (that is to say)

First I leave unto my beloved wife Edie Dent all of my Real and  
Personal Estate during her life or widowhood, but if my said Wife  
Edie Should marry, then & in such case, I give & bequeath & divide  
my whole Estate, both, real & personal to be equally divided, between  
my said Wife Edie, And my Children, viz, William J Dent, Thomas  
J Dent, Elizabeth Cooke, James Dent, Temperance W. Kindred, Joseph  
E Dent, Malinda H. Dent, John B Dent, Jordan A. T. Dent &  
Pamilla H Dent, to them and each of them their heirs and  
affigns forever, excepting that I give & bequeath to my Single Daugh-  
ter, Malinda H. Dent and Pamilla H Dent One Bed, Head Board & fur-  
niture V one Corr Half, to each, then the balance to be equally  
divided as hereof mentioned and lastly I appoint my  
brother with Edie Dent, & my son William J Dent, Sole, Executing  
& Executor of this my last will & Testament; hereby revoking  
all former Wills by me made -

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year  
of our Lord 1836.

Signed Sealed & Published, in  
the presence of - — —

Francis Dent  
Jennett & Dent Attorneys  
Longview - N.C.

Franklin County - December 1<sup>st</sup> 1851

will Shewly certify that the execution of said  
~~and~~ was duly passed in open Court by the said  
Judge of said and was on Motion ordered to  
Reprimand

Just.

J. Patterson