

In the name of God Amen, I Sally Carpenter, of Gaston County, State of North Carolina, do make and declare This written to be my last Will & Testament, Being weak & feeble, but of sound mind and memory, and knowing that it is appointed that all men & women must die; First I give up my soul to God who gave it to me, and my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a Christian manner by my Executors and friends. Second after paying all my just debts I will and bequeath unto my daughter Barbara Alice Carpenter, one bedstead, known as the high one in the room, two under beds, one sheet, one blanket, one bolster, three pillows, one quilt, two counterpanes, one set of top, and one set of foot curtains, and an Equal share of my real Estate during her natural life time, and then to descend to her bodily Heirs, and one half of my wearing clothes. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Joove Angeline Carpenter, one bedstead that has rollers to it, two under beds, one sheet, one comfort, one bolster, 3 pillows, one quilt, one counterpane red striped, one other counterpane black & blue, one set of top curtains to her bed, and one half of my wearing clothes, and an Equal share of my real Estate, during her natural life time, and if in case she has no Heirs of her body, then her share is to descend unto Barbara Alice Carpenter.

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her body, then her share is to descend unto Barbara Alice, James,
John, and Burton Carpenter, I will and bequeath unto my three
sons, James Sidney, John, and Burton C. Carpenter an Equal
share of my real Estate, during their natural life time, then
to descend unto the heirs of their body, and if in case either of
the within named heirs die without issue of their body, then
in that case their Estate to be divided Equally amongst the
heirs named in this Will, I also will and bequeath unto
my sons James S. John, and Burton Carpenter an Equal
share of all the money that may be left after paying my
just debts; all my property not willed to be sold by my
Executors, I do hereby appoint Caleb Manny, and Moses Thoup
Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all
other wiles by me made heretofore, signed, sealed, & delivered in
the presence of us, this the 5th day of October 1874,
James ^{his} R. Smith,
mark.
E. E. Black,

Sally ^{her} Carpenter (seal),
mark.

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North Carolina } Probate Court, Feby 12, 1875.
 Gaston County, } The foregoing Paper writing bearing date
 Oct 5th 1874, and recorded on page 80,
 of this book, Purporting to be the last Will and Testame-
 nt of Sally Carpenter decd, late of Gaston County,
 was this day offered for Probate by Moses Strong Jr.
 and Caleb Manning, the Executors therein named,
 and the same said Paper writing was duly proven,
 so to be the actual and true, last Will and
 Testament of said Sally Carpenter deceased, by their
 oaths, and Examinations of James R. Smith, and
 E. C. Black, the subscribing witnesses thereto, for the
 said subscribing witnesses thereto did testify on oath,
 and each for himself, as follows, viz, That he did
 see the said Sally Carpenter, late of said County,
 and yet in her natural life time, and in the good
 soundness of her mind, and memory, sign, seal,
 declare, and delivered the said Paper writing to be her
 last Will & Testament. (Signed) James R. Smith,
 " E. C. Black.

Before me Sworn & subscribed,
 This 12, Feby 1875.

E. H. Withers Probate Judge.

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E. H. Withers Probate Judge.

Whereupon The

said Moses Strong Jr. and said Caleb Manning, the
said Executors therein named, in said last Will
and Testament of said Sally Carpenter deids, duly
qualified, as such Executors, and took letters

Testamentary on said Estate, to Execute said Will.

Test E. H. Withers, Probate Judge Boston County.