

State of North Carolina
Montgomery County
I, Daniel C. Cochran Clerk
of the Court of this Quarter Session do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true Copy of the record as
in my Office. This February 16th 1885

D. C. Cochran Clerk
By C. H. Hooley D. C.

Hill of
Hooley, Robt D.

Martha Hooley
Joseph Ewing
John H. Hooley
Son

State of North Carolina
Montgomery County
In the Superior Court
Before C. H. Hooley Clerk
Sept the 16th 1885

Then the foregoing was offered in Court as a
true Copy of the last will and testament of Robert D.
Hooley deceased and from the certificate thereto
affixed of the Clerk of the County Court it is so
adjudged by this Court and the original having
been destroyed by fire at the burning of the Court House
and records, this Copy is substituted in its stead
and ordered to be recorded and filed with
the records of this Court

C. H. Hooley Clerk
Superior Court of Montgomery Co

North Carolina
Montgomery County
In Superior Court
Before the Clerk

A Paper writing purporting to be a Copy of the last Will
and testament of David Benton deceased of the City of
Helena in Phillips County, and State of Arkansas
is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court of Montgomery County, by Wilson, J.
Benton in behalf of the deceased therein mentioned
residing in the County of Montgomery and State of
North Carolina and it appearing from the certificate
and authentication thereof annexed that the said
writing is a true Copy of the last will and testament
of the said David Benton as has been duly allowed
in the probate Court of the County of Phillips and
State of Arkansas.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed
that the same be filed and recorded together with
all papers annexed as the original will of the
said David Benton

Hill of
David Benton

Given under my Hand this 27th day of
November 1885
C. H. Hooley

Last will and testament of David Benton and
in the name of God Amen. I David Benton of the City
of Helena in Phillips County and State of Arkansas being
in good health and of sound and disposing mind and
memory but knowing the fragility of human nature
that all must die and being desirous of disposing of
whichever worldly estate it has pleased God to give me
with as I think proper just and desirable do hereby make
publish this my last will and testament hereby making
all former wills by me at any time heretofore made
null and void. I desire my immortal spirit into the hands of
that God who gave it trusting to his mercy for
its final redemption and eternal salvation in the arms
of Jesus Christ. I give my body to be buried at the discretion
of my friends. I hope not in an expensive manner
your own

Item 3rd It is not my intention to leave any debts due from
me at the time of my death, but should I do so it is my
will and desire that they shall be paid together with any funeral
expenses out of any funds my wife may be disposed to apply
therein belonging to my Estate and as soon after my death
as may be convenient and proper for her to attend to such
matter

Item 4 I give and bequeath unto my Father Wilson C. Benton
and to my Sister Susan J. Benton the following Command
each the sum of one dollar to be paid to them if living if not
to their children if any living by my wife out of any funds
belonging to my estate as soon after my death as may be
convenient and I give and bequeath unto the children
of my Father Richard D. Benton decess to wit Mary Hattie
Benton David C. Richard Benton the sum of one dollar
each to be paid to them in like manner by my wife
Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my Sister Susan J.
Benton for and during the term of her natural life the
use of all and whatever in land and property I have or
may have in the estate of my Father David Benton late
of Montgomery County North Carolina decess the same to
be put and kept at interest by her and she to have and
use the interest arising therefrom for her own use and

Benton David
Will

and benefit as she may see proper and she is not to be required to give bond or security to any one for said property or money for the return or safe keeping or management of the same

Item 6 After the death of my sister Susan A. Burton it is my will and desire that my said interest and property in my father's estate shall be divided into three equal parts one of which I give and bequeath unto my Brother Milton S. Burton if living if not to his Children and I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth H. Randall if living if not theirs to her Children and one I give and bequeath unto the Children of my Brother Richard H. Burton deceased

Item 7 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Emily S. Burton absolutely and in fee simple all of the balance and remainder of my Estate and property which I now have and have on earth at the time of my death whether the same may be real personal mixed Chances in action or of any other Character nature or kind whatever the same and all right and title thereto and interest therein is hereby made and intended to be made to rest in her absolutely and in fee simple on my death she and her heirs and assigns only to the payment of my just debts and the legacies therein above set forth with full power and authority to collect all debts that may be owing to me convey all lands or realty I may have by deed absolute as she may see proper and generally to use and dispose of said property or the proceeds arising from the sale thereof and any and every I have on hand at my death as she may see proper and desire whether it be to dispose of it by will or otherwise, it being my intention hereby to give her the same rights and title to the said property that I may have at the time of my death having full faith and confidence in her and believing that she will use and dispose justly and proper

Item 8 It is my will and desire and hereby direct that after my death this my last will and testament shall be properly proven probated and spread upon the Records of the County in which I may have my citizenship at the time of my death and that my Estate remain entirely under the control of my wife

Burton David
1876

and that my little testamentary or of Administration shall not be granted or issued upon my estate nor shall my wife Emily S. Burton be required to answer or account to any Court or to any person or persons whatsoever for my estate or any part thereof except so much as may be needed to pay my debts funeral expenses and the legacies as above set forth and bequeathed nor shall my said wife Emily S. Burton be required to give any bond or security for the management of my Estate in any shape or form whatever in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below on this the 16th day of October A D 1875

David Burton (Died)

Signatures published and declared by the said David Burton as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto the day and year last aforesaid

Burton David
Died

B. L. Moore

J. L. Gifford

Endorsed Filed in my office this 20th day of June 1876

John W. P. Clerk

By John W. P. Clerk

Now on this day was presented and pronounced for Probate in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Burton

Thereupon came B. L. Moore being duly sworn and testified as follows I am acquainted with David Burton in his life time he is now dead he died at his residence in the City of Helena he died about the 18th of June 1876 I then examined this paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Burton and declare that I will and testament of David Burton and declare that I signed the same as an attesting witness at the request and in the presence of said testator and of J. L. Gifford and other attesting witness the use of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing said will The body of the will is written in the testator's hand writing and signed by himself B. L. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July 1876
One to B. L. Moore
By John W. P. Clerk

Thompson came & he Jeffers being duly sworn
testifies as follows & was acquainted with Davis
Kerston in his life time he is now dead he died
about the 18th of June 1876 at his residence in the
City of Helena. I have examined this paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Davis
Kerston and declare that I signed the same as an
attesting witness to the same at the request and in the
presence of said testator and of Robt. Horn the other
attesting witness. He was of sound mind and
disposing memory at the time of signing said
will to the best of my knowledge and belief. The body
of the will was written in his own hand writing
and signed by himself.

I, C. Jeffers
inscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July 1876
John W. Reed, Clerk
Royal Lawrence, Deacon &c

State of Arkansas
County of Phillips
I, John W. Reed, Clerk of the County
and ex officio Clerk of Probate Court in and for
said County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that
the above foregoing pages contain a true and
correct copy of the last will and testament of Davis
Kerston deceased given June 2nd 1876 and admitted
to probate this 10th day of July 1876 and duly recorded
this 10th day of July 1876 in testimony whereof I
hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of office
this 10th day of August 1876

John W. Reed, Clerk
Royal Lawrence, Deacon &c

Montgomery County, In the Superior Court
In the Matter of the Will of  Before L. C. Wade, C. J.
M. M. Ludwing
Elias Hawley, being duly sworn, deposes that M. M. Ludwing, late
of said County, is dead having first made and published his
last Will & Testament, and that Elias Hawley is the Executor named
therein. Further, that the property of the said M. M. Ludwing
consisting of Personal and Real Estate is worth about \$5000.00 as
can be ascertained at the date of this Application and that
Angeline Walton and John L. Hold are the parties entitled under said
will to the said property.

Will of
M. M. Ludwing
E. Hawley, Exr

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 12th day of  E. Hawley,
December 1885
L. C. Wade, C. J.

I, Martha L. Ludwing late of the County of Rowan now of
the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but being in
decreased health and knowing the uncertainty of life
and the certainty of death and desiring to give direction
to the disposition of my property to take effect upon my death
do make publish and declare the following to be my last
Will and Testament.

I It is my will and desire that my dear sister Angeline
Walton shall have my certain apparel including
shawls &c also my Spectacles during her lifetime and I
give the same to her in common parlance as a sacred
gift. The same known in common parlance as a sacred
gift. I give my dear sister Angeline and also my
dear son James some figures & painted and also my
Bible & Cane. I give to my dear son John L. Hold
IVth It is my will and desire that my dear nephew John
L. Hold shall have all my remaining property both real
and personal not included in my bequest to my sister
Angeline. My real property consist of a house and lot
at Cat & Hill in the County of Rowan N. C.
III It is my desire that my dear nephew John L. Hold carry
my body to Cat & Hill and bury it in a neat Coffin
my grave marked by a neat tomb stone
IV I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Elias
Hawley of Montgomery County N. C. my executor to carry
out the provision of the foregoing Will with the desire that
as soon as practicable after my death he cause each of
the legatee above named with their rightful property
the legatee above named with their rightful property
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix
my seal
This Oct 14th 1885

Attest
Geo. B. Darragh
J. C. Reynolds

Attest, M. Ludwing

North Carolina
Montgomery County
In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
M. M. Ludwing deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned