

oath and examination of J A Drake
and Plyton H Smith the subscribing witnesses
as therein being duly sworn doth depose
and say and each for himself depose
and say that he is a subscribing witness
to the paper writing now shown him pur-
porting to be the last will and Testament
of Fannie Ann Arrington that the said
Fannie Ann Arrington in the presence
of this deponent subscribed his name
at the end of said paper writing which
is now shown as aforesaid and which bears
date of the 2nd day of March 1876 and
the deponent further saith that the said
Fannie Ann Arrington the testator aforesaid
did at the time of subscribing his name
as aforesaid declare the said paper writing
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 at the time of the deponent's
subscribing his name as an attesting
witness thereto as aforesaid the said
Fannie Ann Arrington was of sound
mind and memory of full age to
execute a will and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge infor-
mation or belief of this deponent and
further saith these deponents say not
signed sealed and delivered in the presence
of Bury H Lonsley
Private Judge J A Drake Secy
Plyton Smith Seal

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State of N.C.
Wash County

In the name of god amen
I Mathew Edwards of the county of Wash and
State of North Carolina being of sound
and ^{disposing} memory and knowing the uncertainty of my
earthly existance do publish this as my last will
and Testament in manner and form as follows to
wit: I leave to my wife Fannie during her natural
life the whole of my estate of every description
both real and personal and at her death I will and
direct that my whole estate shall be divided into
three equal parts or shares one share of which
being one third of my whole estate I leave to
my daughter Sarah wife of James A Gayden
during her life and at her death I give and bequeath
the same to her children and their heirs to
be equally divided between them and share
alike One share being one third part of
my ^{whole} estate I leave to my grandson Mathew
Edwards during his life and at his death I
give and bequeath the same to his children &
their heirs to be equally divided between them
share and share alike The remaining share
being one third part of my whole estate I leave
to my grand daughter Elizabeth Ellen during
her life and at her death I give and bequeath
the same to her children and their heirs to be
equally divided between them share and
share alike In the event of the death of my
wife of either of my grand children Mathew
or Elizabeth without leaving issue him or
her surviving in that case it is my will
and desire that the share to which such
deceased child would have been entitled
if of living shall be equally divided be-
tween the survivors & the children of
my daughter Sarah and in the event
of the death of both grand children
Mathew and Elizabeth without leaving
issue from them and in that case
I give and bequeath the whole of my estate
both real and personal to the children of my

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daughter Lumpy and these hers to be equally divided between these share & share alike and in the event of the death of my daughter Lumpy without leaving issue her surviving in that case I give and bequeath the part thus coming to her being one third of my estate to my grand^{son} children Mathew and Elizabeth and there heirs and in the event of the death of either Mathew or Elizabeth I will and direct that the whole of my go to the survivor his or her heirs as the case may be I do hereby constitute and appoint Richard M. Whitaker to this my last will and Testament in testimony of all which I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 7th day of March ad 1859 Signed sealed published declared by the said Mathew Edwards to be his last will and Testament who at his request and in the ^{his} presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses here to

Mathew Edwards Seal

Jacob Ing

Henry H Whitaker

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Whereas I Mathew Edwards have made my last will and Testament in writing bearing date the 7th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine in which I have given to and bequeathed to my daughter Lumpy children a portion of my real and personal estate now then for I do by this my writing in which I declare to be a codicil to my said last will and Testament and to be a part thereof order and declare that my will is that my daughter Lumpy's children shall have a certain portion or lot of land on which my said daughter now resides on and that said lot of land shall be allotted to them as a part of their portion of my estate bequeathed to them I do signing at the month of the Book ~~branch~~ at a

Corner Hodge Tracer thence up said branch to a corner chestnut oak in a rock quarry thence a south east corner to county road to a corner cherry tree thence up the road to a corner Stake thence a south east corner to a corner pine near the path thence down the path a south east corner to a corner pine in R.M. Whitaker line thence north ^{along} said Whitaker line to the creek thence up the various corners of said creek to the beginning supposed to be one hundred and fifty to the same more or less and lastly it is my desire that this codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last will and Testament as aforesaid to all intents and purposes in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name affixed my seal this the 26th day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven Signed sealed in the presence of

R.M. Whitaker
Henry W. Whitaker

Mathew Edwards Seal

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J. Paul of W.C.
Hatch County

in the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of Mathew Edwards deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Hatch County by Richard M. Whitaker the executor thereof in named and the due execution thereof by the said Mathew Edwards is by the oath & examination of Henry W. Whitaker a subscribing witness thereto and of the hand writing of Jacob Ing another subscribing witness who is dead being proven by R.B. Griffin & H.H. Bryan persons well acquainted with his hand writing and the codicil there to attached being proven by the oath and examination of Richard M. Whitaker and Henry W. Whitaker two subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing ^{witness} to the paper now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mathew Edwards