The last Will & Testament of George T. Gorham, Decd.

In the name of God, Amen. I George T. Gorham of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina, do hereby make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, viz:

First. I authorize my Executors hereinafter named or either of them to sell for Cash or Credit at private or public sale as may be deemed advisable, any part of my property real or personal sufficient to pay my just debts or any portion of them.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Melissa my Watch & authorize my executors or either of them to hold the same in trust during her minority, allowing her to have the actual beneficial use thereof when she should arrive at a reasonable age of discretion & also authorize my executors or either of them to sell or exchange the said watch for one deemed more fit or fashionable for the use of my said Child.

Item. All the rest of my property or estate real & personal, not disposed of I give and bequeath to Benjamin M. Selby Senr & John T. Selby their heirs & assigns to be held by them or the survivor of them in trust for the equal use of my beloved wife Frances E. Gorham & Daughter Melissa, share and share alike during their good lives & on the death of my said Wife leaving issue, her share to go to my said wife if alive & if not to her heirs of my said wife & on the death of my said wife her share together with the share of my said daughter Melissa shall go to the heirs of my said wife to them & their heirs forever. And it is further understood as a part of the conditions of this bequest, that the said Trustees shall have full power to sell any part or all the property real & personal so deemed for the interest & convenience of said wife & daughter, & invest the proceeds in other property the same to be held under the trust with the former, provided the consent of my said wife shall be given in writing before such sale shall be made.

I nominate Benjamin M. Selby Senior testamentary Guardian to my daughter Melissa until she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years & I nominate & appoint Benjamin M. Selby Senr & John T. Selby Executors of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 2d day of February 1844.

Signed & declared to be his last
Will & Testament before
E. H. Lockett
Thomas A. Gorham

Last Will & Testament of Evelina S. M. Blount

In the name of God. Amen:

I Evelina S. M. Blount of the Town of Greenville County of Pitt & State of North Carolina being of sound & disposing mind & memory do make, publish and declare my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit:

I do give devise & bequeath unto my beloved daughters Eliza J. S. Smith & Hannah D. Smith my house & lot in the town of Greenville, my household & kitchen furniture & such other estate, real or personal of which I may die seized or possessed. To hold said personal property unto them & their executors & assigns forever, and to hold said house & lot in the town of Greenville to them & their heirs forever subject to the following conditions & limitations—

1st. That said house & lot shall be held a common home for both of my said daughters so long as they remain single & unmarried.

2dly. Should either of them marry, the interest of the one so marrying in said house & lot to cease & devolve upon the one remaining single, during the coverture of her sister to be again vested in case the one so marrying becoming widowed.

3dly. Should both of my said daughters marry, then & in that case they are both to have an equal interest in said house & lot such equality of interest to date from the marriage of the one marrying last.

4th. Should either of my said daughters die without leaving issue, then her interest in said house & lot to devolve upon her surviving sister who will hold the same together her own interest, to her & the heirs of her body. in default of which the said house & lot to become the property of my surviving children & the lineal descendants of such as may be dead.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of July A.D. 1865.

E. S. M. Blount (Seal)

Signed, sealed & declared by the testatrix to be her last Will & testament in our presence and we do subscribe the same as witnesses thereto in her presence & in the presence of each other by her request

Jno. A. Stanly
J. D. Bernard
John Mansfield

County Court of Pitt
November Term 1867

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. S. M. Blount is exhibited in open Court for probate and upon the testimony of John Mansfield and John D. Bernard two of the subscribing witnesses to the same, the due execution of the said paper writing is proved to the satisfaction of the Court: And the Court doth declare the said Paper Writing to be the last Will and testament of the said E. S. M. Blount decd and sufficient to convey both real and personal Estate therein.

It is further ordered by the Court that the said paper writing be recorded and filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court.

G. T. Dancy Clerk.