

Washington County - Probate Court.
In the matter of the
last will and Testament
of Joel Craft Dec'd.

Probate of
Joel Craft's
will.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joel Craft Dec'd is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by James H. Chapin and J. H. Sprinck the Executors therein named. And the due execution thereof by the said Joel Craft proved by the oath and examination of Ed. Patterson and William Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn depose and say and each for himself deposes and says that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joel Craft. That the said Joel Craft in the presence of each of them deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date the 8th day of January 1875. And these deponents further say and each for himself says that the said Joel Craft the testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his last will and Testament, and each of them did then and subscribed their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto. And that they did so at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. And these deponents further say and each for himself deposes and says that at the said time when the said Joel Craft subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of these deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Joel Craft was of sound and disposing mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents or either of them. And further these deponents say the test.

Edward P. Palmer

Severally sworn and subscribed to
before me this 24th day of
April 1875 J. H. Wilson
Probate Judge

Wm. Moore
Mark

And thereupon it is adjudged and decreed that the said will was
proved in due form and the same with the Probate is ordered Registered in the
Records of this County.
J. H. Wilson Clerk
Subscribing to the oath, which is made April 24 1875 J. H. Wilson Clerk

I Mary Bateman of the County Washington State of North Carolina of sound mind
and memory, but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly Existence do
make and declare this my last will and Testament in the manner and form
following that is to say

1st I wish that my Executor herein after nameds shall provide for my
body a decent Burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and Relations
And pay all funeral Expenses together with my last debts howsoever and
to whomsoever owing out of the monies which may first come into
his Hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

2 I gave and devise to Elizabeth Comstock the wife of John B
Comstock all of the note that I hold against John B Comstock for
the sale of the land where he now lives to have and to hold to her and
her heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

3 I gave to David B. Ambrose twenty five Dollars out of my personal
Estate to him his heirs in fee simple forever.

4 I gave and Bequeath to Mary Evance Davenport the daughter of Rebecca
Davenport twenty five dollars to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee
simple forever.

5 I gave and Bequeath to my sister Nancy Comstock fifty dollars to her and
her heirs in fee simple forever.

6 I gave and Bequeath to Luis Comstock One Hundred dollars to have and
to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

7 Item My will and desire is that all the Residue of my Estate after
taken out the devise and legacies above mentioned that each
surplus shall be equally divided and pay over to Mary I Oliver the
daughter of Elizabeth Comstock, also to Joseph Evans Comstock, & Virginia
Comstock & Sonora Comstock in equal proportions share and share alike
to them and each and every of them their Executors administrators and
assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Trusty friends Joshua
B Davenport my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute
this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and
Meaning of the same and every part and Clause thereof Embodying
and declaring utterly Void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore
made in writing whomever I the said Mary Bateman do hereby set my hand
and Seal this 22nd day of September 1874

Signed sealed published and declared }
by the said Mary Bateman to be her last }
will and Testament in the presence of us }
who at her Request and in her presence do subscribe }
our names as witnesses thereto. }
Mary B Davenport }
Mollie B Norman }

Washington County. In the Probate Court.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Bateman deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County by Joshua B. Davenport the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Bateman by the oath and examination of Mary S. Davenport and Melissa E. Norman the subscribing witnesses, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for herself depose and swear, that she is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown her, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Bateman.

That the said Mary Bateman in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 22 day of September 1874.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Mary Bateman testifies aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by her, and exhibited, to be her last will and testament, and that the deponent did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto. And at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix.

And the deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Mary Bateman was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn & subscribed to the
the 25th day of August, before me

Edw. McKim 1874

Probate Judge

Mary J. Davenport

Melissa E. Norman

Washington County. In the Probate Court.
It is adjudged and decreed that the last will of Mary Bateman has been duly proved and admitted to Probate.

It is ordered that the said last will and the Probate be Registered in the Will Book for the aforesaid County. Aug 28 1875

Edw. McKim Prob. Judge

I, Penelope Davenport of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that it is my wish that my Executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

I give and devise to my son Levi Davenport all my property consisting household and kitchen furniture except One bed and furniture during his natural life and if he dies without a lawful heir begotten of his own body then to be divided equally between Ott. Woodley and Melissa Woodley three Children by William Hardy Woodley, Penny Ester and Adeline Melissa Woodley. I also give to my son Levi Davenport One boy Mare to dispose of as he pleases. I give to Penny Ester Woodley One bed and furniture at her marriage or when she arrives at the age of twenty One. I give and devise to Higgins Spruill two Cows and Lambs and the balance of my sheep to my son Levi Davenport, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend Zephaniah DeSprell my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and every Clause thereof hereby Revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, in witness whereof I the said Penelope Davenport do hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of November 1871

Penelope Davenport (Seal)

signs seals publishes and declares by the said
Penelope Davenport to be her last will and
testament in presence of us who at her
request in her presence and in the presence of each
other do subscribe our names as attesting thereto

Thimazine Holmes

H. H. Spruill

Washington County. In the Probate Court.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Penelope Davenport deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County, by Z. D. Spruill the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Penelope Davenport by the oath and examination of Thimazine Holmes and H. H. Spruill the subscribing witnesses, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Penelope Davenport.

Probate of
Penelope Davenport's
Will

The said Penelope Davenport in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown