

North Carolina }
Washington County }

I Nancy E. Bateman of said County and State being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament. Item 1st. My will is that my one half undivided interest in the tract of land on which I now live be sold by my executor hereinafter named, after the death of my husband Mrs. M. Bateman, who shall occupy it his lifetime, and the proceeds divided as follows: First to pay my burial expenses to whomsoever the same may be due at the death of my said husband. Second: The balance to be divided between the Methodist Protestant Church at Ashmont, N.C. Mary E. Garrett, William M. Bateman for his daughter Vertie Eliza Bateman to be used for her education at his discretion and without his giving bond for same; and John Nicholas Ward son of N.B. Ward to be used just as that sum is the daughter of Wm. M. Bateman, except it shall be managed and used by N.B. Ward. The said M.P. Church and Mary E. Garrett shall each have one third interest of said balance of my said estate, and the other third shall go to said children of Wm. M. Bateman and N.B. Ward as above mentioned. My burial expenses to be paid as above directed shall not exceed fifty dollars. I name and appoint W.N. Ward my lawful executor to execute this my will, and he shall sell said land at private or public sale as he may deem best, at the time above mentioned, and he is authorized and empowered to execute deed therefor to the purchaser. My said executor may sell said land or any part thereof before the death of my said husband if he shall agree to such sale, and the said M.P. Church, Mary E. Garrett, Wm. M. Bateman and N.B. Ward shall also agree to same, and apply the proceeds as above directed. Or if either said Church Mary E. Garrett Wm. M. Bateman or N.B. Ward shall agree to such sale, then my executor shall sell their interest therein and the purchaser shall hold the same free from any further liability to the one that may agree to such sale. Their consent to such sale shall be evidence by their signature to the deed executed by said executor.

Witness my hand and seal this the 12th day of November 1898

Nancy E. Bateman ^{her marks} *(Seal)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by said Nancy E. Bateman as her last will and testament in our presence, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have signed the same as witnesses thereto.

John B. Harrison
Sallie E. McHair

State of North Carolina }
Washington County } In The Superior Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will And Testament of Nancy E. Bateman deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by W.N. Ward the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Nancy E. Bateman is proven by the oath and examination of John B. Harrison and Sallie E. McHair the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for themselves depose and swear, that they are a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown them purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy E. Bateman that the said Nancy E. Bateman in the presence of this deponent, subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing. Now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 12th day of November 1898. And the deponent further saith, that the said Nancy E. Bateman the testator of 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 this deponent did thereupon subscribe their 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 said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent's subscribing their names as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Nancy E. 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.

Subscribed, sworn and attested this }
31st day of Dec: 1898 }
Nancy E. Bateman *(Seal)*

John B. Harrison *(Seal)*
Sallie E. McHair *(Seal)*