

State of North Carolina

Washington County

In the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Newberry deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Washington County by Abraham Newberry the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Newberry by the oath and examination of Thomas J. Newman and H. H. Newman the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself doth so depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Newberry that the said John Newberry 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 29th day of August 1870

The deponent further saith that the said John Newberry the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this deponent did then upon subscribing 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 said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John Newberry was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute will and was not under any disability to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not

H. H. Newman (decal)
Thos. J. Newman (decal)

Small, sworn and subscribed this

3rd day of Sept. 1871 before me

Samuel W. Barlow Probate Judge

Abraham Newberry and Hester Stinson the Executors appeared took and subscribed to the oath prescribed for their qualification by law as Executors and filed their applications for Letters Testamentary
Letters issued Oct. 18th 1871

In the name of God Amen.

I James Blount of the County of Washington State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory on the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty-nine do make public and declare this to be my last will & testament that is to say Item 1st It is my will & desire that my executors shall pay all my just debts by selling such parts and portions of my property as they may think proper and that my negroes Frank & Abram may be hired out or retained on the farm one or both as my executors may think proper but shall not be hired or worked at a fishery or in any other way Item 2nd It is my will & desire after paying all my just debts that my beloved wife so long as she remains a widow and will take care of raise educate & support my children free and clear of any charge whatever shall have the use and possession of the whole of my estate for this period of 7 years & no other.

Item 3rd Should my wife Mary become dissatisfied then the second Item to be void and my wife shall have her portion laid off, that is to say a child's part and no more and the remainder of my estate of every kind and description to remain in the hands of my Executors for the use & benefit of my children to be equally divided one or all of them until to age except my lands which are disposed of as follows.

Item 4th I give and devise to my beloved daughter Marietta the lands on which Abijah Jordan now lives beginning at the mill pond swamp parallel with the fence of the farm on which I now live and within fifty yards of said fence to Lee's line then along said line to the mill pond swamp thence northwardly and westwardly the various courses of said swamp to the first station.

Item 5th I give and devise to my beloved daughter Samantha all my Lee lands.

Item 6th I give and devise to my beloved sons Joseph all the residue of my lands including the plantations on which I now live.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that in case all my children should die without issue lawfully begotten of their body the whole of my estate shall be divided equally between the heirs of Samuel H. Clagson & James F. Blount.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Virgil H. Swanner and Andrew L. Clagson my true & lawful

State of North Carolina)

Washington County } In the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Newberry deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Washington County by Abraham Hubbard, the Executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Newberry by the oath and examination of Thomas J. Norman and W. H. Norman the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper written now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Newberry, that the said John Newberry 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 29th day of August 1810

The deponent further saith that the said John Newberry the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed of him and exhibited 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 said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John Newberry was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not

W. H. Norman (Seal)
Thos. J. Norman (Seal)

Small, sworn and subscribed this

23rd day of Sept. 1811 before me

Saul W. Latham Probate Judge

Abraham Hubbard and Miles Peterson the Executors appeared took and subscribed to the oath prescribed for their qualification by law as Executors and filed their applications for Letters Testamentary.

Letters issued Oct. 1st 1811

In the name of God Amen.

I James Blount of the County of Washington State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory on the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one do make public and declare this to be my last will & testament that is to say Item 1st It is my will & desire that my executors shall pay all my just debts by selling such parts varied portions of my property as they may think proper and that my negroes Frank & Abram may be hired out or retained on the farm one or both as my executors may think proper but shall not be hired or worked at a fishery or in an abattoir.

Item 2nd It is my will & desire after paying all my just debts that my beloved wife so long as she remains a widow and will take care of said estate & support my children free and clear of any charge whatever shall have the use and possession of the whole of my estate for this four years & no other.

Item 3rd Should my wife Mary become dissatisfied then the second Item to be void and my wife shall have her portion laid off, that is to say a child's part and no more and the remainder of my estate of every kind and description to remain in the hands of my Executors for the use & benefit of my children to be equally divided one or all of them and to age except my lands which are disposed of as follows.

Item 4th I give and devise to my beloved daughter Marietta the lands on which Asjah Garden now live beginning at the mill pond swamp's parallel with the fence of the farm on which I now live and within fifty yards of said fence to Lee's line then above said line to the mill pond swamp thence northwardly and westwardly the various courses of said swamp to the first station.

Item 5th I give and devise to my beloved daughter Samantha all my Lee land.

Item 6th I give and devise to my beloved son Josiah all the residue of my land including the plantations on which I now live.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that in case all my children should die without issue lawfully begotten of their body the whole of my estate shall be divided equally between the heirs of Archibald M. Blagov & James J. Blount.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Rev. W. Swanner and Andrew L. Gibson my true & lawful

Executor with full ample power to do and dispose of all things herein directed

James Blount (Seal)

Signed, sealed & declared
in the presence of us his chosen
witnesses the day & date above written

John B. Chesson
Wiggins Blount

A true copy exhibiting the Probate which was done at Nov. Term
1849

Attest J. F. Fagan
Clerk.

Washington County
In the Probate Court

In the matter of the
Probate of the last will

and testament of James Blount

A paper writing purporting to be a copy of the last will and testament of James Blount with a certificate appended signed by J. F. Fagan a former clerk of the Court of Pleas and Sessions of Washington County stating that said copy is a correct one is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of Probate for said County by B. F. Lucas the assignee of the interest of James Blount & wife Andrew Blount & wife, for. Blount & wife Henry Spruell & wife persons interested, under said will for probate whereupon I proceeded to examine the witnesses thereto.

John B. Chesson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn deposes and says that he was a subscribing witness to the will of James Blount and that he signed the same in the presence of the said testator and by his directions, that the other subscribing witnesses thereto was one Wiggins Blount who has since died that this deponent signed by the presence of the said Wiggins Blount that the said Wiggins signed in presence of the said testator and by his directions and in the presence of this deponent. And the deponent further saith that the said James Blount did subscribe his name to the same in his presence and the presence of the said Wiggins Blount and at the time of doing so did declare the paper writing subscribed by him to be his last will and testament and that at the time of so subscribing his name

the said James Blount was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was under no restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent

John B. Chesson Esq.

Subscribed and sworn before me

29th September 1850

Sam. W. Latham P. Judge.

And Charles Latham being duly sworn deposes and says that J. F. Fagan whose name appears to the certificate upon the paper writing now shown was Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Sessions for Washington County for many years - that said Fagan is dead & that deponent is well acquainted with the handwriting of said Fagan having frequently seen him write - and that the copy of the will of James Blount the certificate thereto and the words "J. F. Fagan, Clerk" are all in the proper handwriting of the said J. F. Fagan

Charles Latham

Subscribed and sworn before me

29th September 1851

Sam. W. Latham P. Judge

It is therefore ordered that the said copy be admitted to probate
September 29th 1851

Sam. W. Latham
Probate Judge