

the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing  
her name as aforesaid declare the said paper-  
writings so subscribed by her and exhibited to a  
her last will and testament and deponent  
did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of  
said will as an attesting witness where and at  
the request and in presence of said testator  
And this deponent further saith that and 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 subscription thereto  
as an attesting witness where and at the  
said Martha John was of sound mind and  
memory of full age to execute a will and  
was non under any restraint to subscribe  
in form or to him of this deponent And  
further this deponent saith not.

Sincerely yours and  
Subscribed this 19th  
day of January 1898  
This & Marion C.C.  
E.P. Henry Dpt Clerk

James T. Sawyer  
W. M. Daupont

State of North Carolina,  
Washington County,

I Joseph H. Blant  
of the above named county and State being of  
sound mind and disposing memory do make  
publish and declare this to be my last will and  
testament.

Item 1st My executors hereinafter named shall  
give my body a decent burial suitable to the  
mirths of my friends and relatives and pay  
all funeral expenses together with all my just  
debts out of the just money coming to  
them belonging to my estate.

Item 2d I desire and charge my executors  
that they shall erect a suitable marble tomb  
stone at my burial place containing of such  
those of my family buried there all ready  
in the family grave yard at my home

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my wife  
wife of William Daupont of Macelby Ferry  
M.C. and to her children the Ferry tract of  
land in said County and State at Macelby Ferry  
where she now lives - Excepting her from a  
small piece of woodland on the West end owned  
of by Stokes which is otherwise herein disposed  
of

Item 4 I also give to my said daughter and  
her children in manner and form as Item 3  
which I now declare to be given to them and  
their heirs in fee simple forever all that part of  
the Stokes tract of land lying on the  
opposite side of the main road from the Ferry  
tract the eastern part thereof, up to a line of  
stumps immediately opposite of the stakes placed on  
the Ferry tract the western end of the stumps  
tract being herein otherwise disposed of the  
land herein bequeathed to my daughter  
a bond name and her heirs in fee  
described as follows. Beginning at the center  
rim of Creek Swamp at Altonale said  
stream running up said swamp to where  
it comes opposite the stakes herein named thence  
along the line of said stakes in South East  
direction to the main public road across the same

to the Starks in the Sincuels tract and along their line to a little branch Norfus & Sauris Rail Road line, thence down said rail road to Parker Swamp and thence along said swamp to Mackey's Creek. All this land in the left hand side of the ditch or named running from Albemarle Sound and comprising the Eastern side of said Ferry and Sincuels tract I hereby give and bequeath to said daughter Elizabeth Davenport and her children in fee simple for ever.

Item 5 I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Henrietta Elizabeth and her children in fee my portion of Town lot No 120 in the town of Plymouth Ma situated on the corner of Washington and Main or Second Street in said town said portion being one half the full lot and measuring one hundred feet on Main St and one hundred feet on Washington St.

Item 6 To my son Charles Wheeler Blant I give and bequeath my home place which I now have inside and outside as "an acre" containing about 117<sup>1/2</sup> acres to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple.

Item 7 I also give and bequeath to my said son Charles Wheeler Blant and his heirs in fee simple all that part of the Ferry and Sincuels tract in the right hand side running from Albemarle Sound described in section in Item 4<sup>th</sup> of this will along the various oceas line of Shars to rail road named this including the excepted piece of land noted in Item 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my aforesaid daughter Henrietta Elizabeth Davenport two hundred dollars in Money: And make this request to her to equalize the values of my property herein divided between her and my son Wheeler.

Item 9 I give and devise to my grand son Joseph W Blant Jr my gold watch now known by me said grand son being

the son of to his Wheeler Blant

Item 10 I give devise and bequeath to my son Charles Wheeler Blant all of my house held and kitchen furniture of which I did possess

Item 11 It is my will and desire that son and daughter Charles Wheeler Blant and Henrietta Elizabeth Davenport shall have all my personal property. Not otherwise having disposed of - of my description whatever - in equal shares so that and I desire and direct that my executors hereinafter named shall get a suitable and proper time after my death sell at public sale all my horses mules cattle hogs and stock of every description, together with all crops and beagles farming implements &c that I am possessed of at my death and from the proceeds of said sale divide into two equal shares as amounts after sum received and each take his and her own proper part or portion being one half of and no more.

Item 12 I give devise and bequeath to my son and daughter as aforesaid all all the money (except the \$200 - heretofore denied to my daughter) bonds mortgages notes and accounts which I may die possessed of to be divided equally each with the other.

Item 13 I hereby constitute and appoint my son Charles Wheeler Blant and my daughter Henrietta Elizabeth Davenport my lawful trustees to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby reciting and declaring utterly and all other will and testaments by me heretofore made in witness. I do hereby set my hand and seal this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1894

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joseph W Blant to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

J. W. Blant (Signature)  
J. P. Billard  
J. P. Billard

## Codicil

North Carolina  
Washington County

I Joseph W. Blunt of said City  
and State, make this Codicil to my last will &  
testament published by me and dated September  
18<sup>th</sup> 1894 which I ratify and confirm except as  
the same shall be changed thereby. Whereas by my  
will above mentioned in due form I gave and  
bequeathed to my daughter Jennette Elizabet and  
her children in fee my portion of town lot no  
120 in Plymouth N.C. described therein more fully  
and whereas I in a sum I have said paid to  
the N.C. Christian Missionary convention for \$300-  
on half of said sum being paid me in cash  
and the other half secured by mortgage on said  
land and duly registered. Now therefore I hereby  
revoke the said bequests to my said daughter  
and bequeath and direct hereto to her instead  
the sum of one hundred dollars in cash at  
varying the sum said land was sold for in  
trustees whereof I hereto set my hand and seal the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1895

J. W. Blunt

Signed sealed and declared  
by the said J. W. Blunt as a codicil  
to his last will and testament and in  
his presence & in the presence of each other  
we do at his request hereunto subscribe  
our names as witnesses  
December 19<sup>th</sup> 1895

J. W. Blunt  
F. R. Johnston

## State of North Carolina

Washington County } D.O. In at superior court  
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Joseph W. Blunt deceased is exhibited to few  
over the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for  
said County by Chas. White Blunt one of executors herein  
mentioned and does recite recitation whereby the said  
Joseph W. Blunt is proved by the oath and statement  
of J. P. Willard the subscriber witness thereto  
which being duly sworn doth depose and say that  
he is a subscriber witness thereto to the paper  
writing now shown him purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Joseph Blunt that  
the said Joseph W. Blunt in the presence of his  
deponent subscribed his name at the end of said  
paper-writing now shown as aforesaid and  
which bears date of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1894  
And this deponent further saith that the said Joseph  
W. Blunt the testator did at the time of  
subscribing his name as aforesaid declare  
the said paper writing so subscribed by him  
and exhibited to be his last will and testament  
and this deponent did wherein subscribe his  
name at the end of said will as an  
attesting witness thereto and at the request  
and in the presence of said testator and  
this deponent further saith that at the said  
time when the testator subscribed his  
name to the said last will as aforesaid and at  
the time of the deponent subscribing his name  
as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid  
the said J. W. Blunt was of sound mind  
and memory of full age to execute a will  
was not under any restraint to the knowledge  
of information or belief of this deponent and further  
this deponent say not

J. P. Willard

Swornly sworn and subscribed to  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1898 before  
me Thos J. Martin  
Clay Superior Court

State of North Carolina  
Washington County } in the Superior Court  
A paper writing purporting to be the last  
will and testament of Jas M Blount deceased  
is exhibited for probate in open court by  
the Probate Court one of its executors therein named  
and it is shown from the said paper & statement  
of T.M. Bush that Thos S Amato had not the  
Subscribing witness is dead and it is further shown  
by the Act of Assembly of 1895 T M Bush  
that he is well acquainted with the handwriting  
of the said Thos S Amato having often seen him  
write and that the name of said Thos S.  
Amato is subscribed as a witness to the  
said will in the hand writing of the  
said Thos S Amato and is also IP to his  
name by the court that the said paper writing  
and every part thereof is the last will and testament  
of the said Jas M Blount and the same is ordered recorded  
and filed the 15<sup>th</sup> day July 1898

Thos J Mann C.C

State of North Carolina } in the Superior Court  
Washington County }  
A paper writing purporting to be the Codicil to the  
last will and testament of Jas M Blount  
deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned  
clerk Superior Court for said County by Chas Shuler  
Blount one of the executors therein mentioned and  
the other executors thereof by the said Jas M Blount  
is proved by the oath and statement of  
W.H. Shuler & H.P. Johnson the subscribing witness  
who being duly sworn doth depose and sayeth further  
and sayeth further that he doth depose and say  
that he is a subscribing witness to the  
paper writing now shown him purporting to  
be the Codicil to the last will and testament of  
Jas M Blount that the said Jas M Blount  
in the presence of this deponent subscribed  
his name at the end of said paper writing  
now shown as aforesaid and which  
year date of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1895 and  
this deponent further saith that the said  
Jas M Blount the testator did at the time

of subscribing his name as aforesaid  
delay the said paper writing so subscribed  
by him and intended to be his Codicil to his  
last will and testament and the deponent  
did thenfrom subscribe his name at the end  
of said Codicil as an attesting witness  
thereunto and at his request and in the presence  
of the said testator and this deponent further saith  
that at the said time when the testator subscribed  
his name to the said last Codicil as aforesaid  
and at the time of the deponent subscribing  
his name as an attesting witness thereto  
as aforesaid the said Jas M Blount was of  
sound mind and memory of full age to execute  
a will and was not under any restraint  
to the knowledge of the testator or belief of his  
deponent and further the deponent sayeth not

*H P Johnston*  
I certify that I have read and understood the foregoing and  
subscribed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1895  
*Thos J Mann*  
C.C.