

Washington County - Probate Court.
In the matter of the
last will and Testament
of Julia A. Jessenden

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Julia A. Jessenden deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County by Matatable J. Spruill the executrix therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Julia A. Jessenden proved by the oath and examination of Clement L. Johnston and Thomas B. Haughton 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 Julia A. Jessenden: that the said Julia A. Jessenden in the presence of these and each of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date the 4th day of October 1867.

And these deponents further say and each says that the said Julia A. Jessenden the testatrix aforesaid, died at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and these deponents and each of them did then and upon subscribe 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 testatrix.

And these deponents further say and each says that at the said time when the said Julia A. Jessenden subscribed her 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 Julia A. Jessenden 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.

C. L. Johnston
T. B. Haughton

Personally sworn and subscribed before me
this the 9th day of April 1875.

J. A. Nelson
Probate Judge

In the name of God Amen, I, Joel Craft of the County of Washington & State of North Carolina on the eight day of January Eighteen Hundred and Twenty five now being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make publish and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st I leave to my Wife Betsey Craft all of my land butted and bounded as follows to wit beginning at the line fence between me and my son John running back to a ditch to the east of Squires house thence North to S A Chapers line thence a long Chapers line to the main road with the privilege of Rail timber and fire wood on any of my land which my two boys John and Tom now live on

Item 2 I further more leave to my wife Betsey Craft all of my stock to wit One black Mare and One sorrel Mare and One bay Colt and eleven heads of Hogs & One Cat and One Cowaway and all of my farming tools and house hold and kitchen furniture from necessities or disturbance during her natural life provided she not marry In Case she should marry she forfeits her right and interest forever

Item 3 I leave to my Daughter Jane ten dollars and also to my Daughter Mary ten dollars to be paid at my death

Item 4 I leave to my two sons John & J. T. Craft at my wife's death or manage all of my property to be equally divided between my two sons above named

Item 4 It is further my will & desire that my Executors at their own will and discretion shall sell that portion of my property which they may think proper to pay my debts and have me decently buried

Item 5 It is further my will & desire that my Executors at their own will and discretion shall sell that portion of my property which they may think proper to pay my wife and have her decently buried

I do hereby constitute and appoint J. A. Chapers and J. H. Spruill my lawful Executors with full power and authority to this my last will and testament

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written signed and sealed in the presence of us
J. S. Patrick
William & Morn
me

Joel Craft Seal

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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 so
subscribed 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 rest.

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. }
the Mary J Davenport }
Mollie B. Norman }

Mary Bateman (Seal)
Mark