

State of North Carolina

I Stephen A. Davenport of the County of Washington and State aforesaid 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 is to say-

First That my executor hereinafter 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 hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate,

I give unto my beloved Wife Lelia Davenport all of my property real and personal and mixed of what nature or kind soever and wherever the same shall be at the time of my death, during her natural life,

I also give my beloved wife power to sell any thing after my death if she is in need of it for her subsistence, first the personal property and then the land if necessarily forced her to do so,

I give and devise to my Grand Son James E. Davenport the land whereon I now live containing 30 Acres more or less.

I give and devise unto my Son Doctored. Davenport all of my blacksmith tools of every description, and the balance of my property to be equally divided unto my lawful heirs and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Alex Armstrong 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 hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Stephen A. Davenport do hereunto set my hand and seal.

This the 2^d day of March A.D. 1855

Stephen ^{his} A Davenport ^{main} Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Stephen A. Davenport to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Alex Armstrong
Samuel S. Rhoads

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Washington County In the Superior Court
A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Stephen A. Davenport deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court for said County by Alex Armstrong the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Stephen A. Davenport by the oath and examination of Alex Armstrong & Samuel S. Rhoads 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 writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stephen A. Davenport that the said Stephen A. Davenport in the presence of this deponent subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing which now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 2 day of March, 1855.

And the Deponent further saith that the said Stephen A. Davenport the testator aforesaid, 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 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 Stephen A. Davenport 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

Alex Armstrong Seal
Samuel S. Rhoads Seal

Specially sworn and subscribed
This 6th day of July 1857
before me J. J. Marrison
Clerk Supr Court