

Perseverance Lodge No 59 and the proceeds of said sale given to the Methodist Protestant Conference, to be used by them as they may think proper

Item, Should my daughter Dennis May die without leaving lawful issue of her body, I then give to the Methodist Protestant Church of Albemarle District all the land and other property given in the first "item" to my wife during her natural life, not disposed of in any item herein written before. Said land and premises are to be held and used by said Church as a parsonage or residence for the Circuit Rider of Albemarle District for the Methodist Protestant Church.

Said Church is never to dispose of said property, and should it (the Church) ever attempt to do so, my will and desire is, that said property shall be sold at the Court House door in Plymouth for cash by the Worshipful Master of Perseverance Lodge No 59 (of Plymouth) Orin and accepts Mearns, and the proceeds of said sale given to Trinity College Randolph County N.C. to be used by the President of said College as he may think proper.

Item, I give and bequeath to R D Downing all my right title and interest in the land known as the "Old Richard Downing tract" except so much as lies on the left side of a line, beginning at a Red oak at the point where the road running in front of E D Downing's meets the main road passing in front of my house and said line running N 76° W along a line of marked trees to a Pine & Holly on the edge of Mackey Creek. The last "item" is to take effect, provided I should die without issue of said land by deed or otherwise previous to my death.

Item It is my will and desire that my Executrix shall sell on such terms as she may see proper the land known as the Duckett tract containing 150 acres more or less. I further desire that she (my Executrix) shall pay over to R D Downing two fifths (2/5) of the proceeds of said sale.

Item, My will and desire is that my Executrix shall sell any of the Chattel property or any of the wood land, she may think proper for the purpose of satisfying any debts due by me provided she does not sell any adjoining the mill or any cleared land on the east side of the road passing in front of my present residence

Item, I do hereby constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife, Kate Virginia, my lawful Executrix, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last Will and Testament, according to the 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 testimony whereof, I the said E D Davenport do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9th day May 1872

(Signed) E D Davenport

Washington County:
In the matter of the will of
E D Davenport dec^d

On the Probate Court

A proper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of E D Davenport deceased is exhibited before the undersigned, Judge of Probate Court for said County by Master W Davenport the Executor therein named, and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Samuel F Wood who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said E D Davenport after his death, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three credible witnesses to wit: W D Norman, John Whitham and R D Duckett who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for him self doth depose and say, that they and each of them are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said E D Davenport, having often seen him write, and truly believe that the name of the said E D Davenport, subscribed to said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the proper hand writing of the said E D Davenport, and that the hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the said E D Davenport, and further these deponents say not

Sincerely sworn and subscribed
before me this the 20th day of
March 1872
J M Meloy
Probate Judge

Signed
S F Wood
W D Norman
J M Meloy
R D Duckett

From which last will, Master W Davenport widow dissent.

J M Meloy & R D Duckett

State of North Carolina
Washington County

I Julia Ann Dependow, a Citizen of the State of North Carolina, do make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament, revoking all others.

I do hereby constitute and appoint to my wife, Abigail D Spruce, all my property, of every sort whatsoever, including all my Real Estate, in the County of Washington, to her and her heirs forever.

I do hereby appoint my sister Abigail D Spruce my sole and lawful Executrix to this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 4 day of October 1867.

Signed sealed and
acknowledged in presence of
us
Thos L Johnston
J B Washington

Julia A Dependow (Seal)

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 & 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 Betsy 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 Betsy 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 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