

Plymouth North Carolina

Washington County May 1 1888

I Stewart Ward being in sound mind and senses I give and bequeath and devise all of my landed estate to Prosper Dottle at my death the slave I now live and all the improvements thereon he the said Prosper Dottle to have and to hold for ever. I have let my s to Lucinda Dottle in his life time if she gets married the the time is for no other and gas to her son Prosper in other words I give and bequeath and devise let s to him the said Prosper Dottle all of my money goods wear and merchandise and ever thing of any value this being my last will and Testament. I have and let my hand and seal I have by appoint him my Executor

(Signed) Stewart Ward (Seal)

Signed sealed & subscribed
in presence of

(Signed) J. D. Ayers

Washington County In the Superior Court

A paper writing without a subscribing witness purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stewart Ward deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk Superior Court for said County by Prosper Dottle Executor and Lucinda Dottle Deceased Martin Mann and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Joseph Tucker who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Stewart Ward after his death and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three credible witnesses to wit; Thos S. Armistead Joseph Tucker and J. D. Ayers who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for them selves depose and say that they each of them are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Stewart Ward having often saw him write and truly believe that the name of the said Stewart Ward subscribed to the said will and the said will its self and every part thereof are in the proper hand writing of the said Stewart Ward and that the said hand writing is generally known to the acquaintance of the said Stewart Ward and further these deponents say not

(Signed)

Thos S. Armistead

J. D. Ayers

Joseph Tucker

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 16th day
of July 1888
Thos J. Mann
C. S. C.

Personally appeared Prosper Dottle and Lucinda Dottle and Martin Mann and they being sworn depose and say that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of Stewart Ward deceased and that the said Stewart Ward was of sound mind and memory at the time he executed the same and that the said Stewart Ward was at the time of his death a resident of Washington County North Carolina

I George Hassell of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do declare this to be my last will and Testament:

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Harriett Darning widow of John Darning all of my house hold and kitchen furniture and all chattle property belonging to me.

I give and devise to my Daughter Harriett Darning the widow of John Darning the dwelling house and land where I now live and also the land known as the Bateman place or land with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold unto her the said Harriett Darning during her natural life and then to her children forever.

I appoint my Daughter Harriett Darning my executor of this will and devise.

In witness whereof I George Hassell have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of July A.D. 1887

(Signed) George Hassell

Witness

J. D. Hassell

George Mann

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Washington County

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of George Hassell deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by Harriett Darning the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said George Hassell by the oath and examination of J. D. Hassell and George Mann the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of George Hassell; that the said George Hassell in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 24th day of July 1887. And the deponents further say that the said George Hassell the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his last will and Testament and that the said George Hassell 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 deponents. And the deponents further say that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said George Hassell was of sound mind and memory of full age and of legal age and was not under any restraint to the knowledge and information or belief of these deponents and further the deponents say not

Personally sworn and subscribed to
this 24th day of July 1887 before me
Thos J. Mann
Clerk Supr Court

(Signed) J. D. Hassell (Seal)
George Mann (Seal)

Personally appeared Harriett Darning and George Mann and they being sworn depose and say that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of George Hassell deceased and that the said George Hassell was of sound mind and memory at the time he executed the same and that the said George Hassell was at the time of his death a resident of Washington County North Carolina