

State of North Carolina

Washington County

ss. In the Superior Court  
A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and  
Testament of Redden Davenport deceased, is exhibited before  
me, the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for the said  
County by the witnessess therein subscribed and the due  
execution thereof by the said Redden Davenport is proven  
by the oath and examination of C. J. Spear & Joseph A. Phelps  
the subscribing witnessess thereto, who being sworn, doth  
affirm and say, and each for himself deposeth and  
swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing  
now shown as purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Redden Davenport, that the said Redden-  
Davenport in the presence of this deponent, subscribed  
his name at the end of said paper writing, now shown  
as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept  
1894. And the deponent further saith, that the said  
Redden Davenport the testator aforesaid, did at the  
time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the  
said paper writing so subscribed by him and intended  
to be his last will and testament, and this deponent  
did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said  
will as an attesting witnessess 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 deponents subscribing their name as an  
attesting witnessess thereto as aforesaid the said Redden-  
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 this deponent say not.

C. J. Spear (Seal)  
Joseph A. Phelps (Seal)

Personally appeared Melissa E. Phelps the Executrix named in  
the will and subscribed to the oath prescribed by law for the qualification  
of executors and testators and her seal to her (as she had) this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1895.

H. J. Warner  
Att. Superior Court

North Carolina

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In the name of God Amen, I Horace  
A. Phelps of the County of Washington & State aforesaid,  
being of sound mind & memory, praise be God for the  
same, do make, this my last will & Testament in manner  
& form following:

I give devise and bequeath unto my  
beloved wife, Melissa Phelps her heirs & assigns  
forever, all of my property Real, Personal and Mixed,  
of what Nature or Kind soever & wheresoever the  
same shall be at the time of my death, upon the  
following terms & conditions viz:

First, that the said Melissa E. Phelps shall well  
& truly pay over to my son Wm. M. Phelps the sum of  
Seven Hundred Dollars without interest on the same.  
The money to be paid in full at the expiration of seven  
years, if not before paid.

Second, that the said Melissa E. Phelps shall well &  
truly pay over to my son Richard, the sum of Fifty Dollars  
without interest the said Amt \$50. fifty Dollars to be paid  
at the expiration of seven years, if not before paid.

And I do nominate & institute & appoint  
my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and  
testament, & do declare this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I the said Horace A.  
Phelps have hereunto set my hand this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1895.

H. A. Phelps,

Signed, declared & published by the above named Horace  
A. Phelps, as & for his last will & testament & in presence  
of us who at his request & in his presence have subscri-  
bed our names as witnessess thereto.

H. A. Phelps,  
W. J. Warner.

State of North Carolina ss. In the Superior Court  
Washington County

A paper writing purporting to be the Last will and  
testament of H. A. Phelps aforesaid, is exhibited before me,  
the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County,  
by W. J. Warner the executrix thereto mentioned, and  
the due execution thereof by the said H. A. Phelps is proven

by the oath and examination of H. W. Phelps and  
W. J. Mercer the subscribing witnesses thereto who  
being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for  
himself deposeth and saith that he is a subscriber  
to the paper writing now shown them purporting  
to be the last will and testament of H. W. Phelps that  
the said H. W. Phelps in the presence of this defendant sub-  
scribed his name at the end of said paper writing now  
shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1895.

And this defendant further saith, that the said H. W. -  
Phelps the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscri-  
bing his name as aforesaid, declare the same paper  
writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his  
Last Will And Testament, and this defendant 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 defendant further saith, that at  
the said time when the said testator subscribed his name  
~~at the end of said will~~ to the said last will as aforesaid  
and at the time of defendant's subscribing their names  
as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said  
H. W. Phelps 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  
defendant. And further this defendant say that

H. W. Phelps  
W. J. Mercer

*Seal*  
*Seal*

Reverently Sworn and Subscribed  
This 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1895 before  
me

Thos J. Mariner  
A. K. Sub. Comt

Jesse Sawyer of the County of Washington and State of  
North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but con-  
sidering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and  
declare this my last will and testament in manner and form  
that is to say 1<sup>st</sup> that my executors hereafter 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 wheresoever and to whomsoever  
owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as  
a part or parcel of my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my beloved wife Amenia Sawyer the tract  
or parcel of land whereon I now live, on the South side of  
Scuppernong River adjoining the lands of Lewis B. Comstock  
and Thomas C. Dauphin and others containing fifteen acres  
more or less, for during the term of her natural life from  
and in lieu of her Dower and Thirds of all of my real  
estate, after my said wife Amenia Sawyer's death then I  
give and bequeath to Edward L. S. Phelps, son of Joseph  
Phelps and wife Ester Phelps the above described tract of land  
to him his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath my mechanical tool to be equally  
divided between Thomas C. Davis and Lewis B. Comstock,  
in fee simple forever.

4<sup>th</sup> I give to Thomas C. Davis a note of twenty five dollars  
and interest which I hold against said Thomas C. Davis  
and C. L. Piggott in fee simple forever.

5<sup>th</sup> I give my family Bible and Church History and any  
other books they may wish that I may have at my death  
to my two daughters Dorcas Comstock and Harofine  
Hough wife of C. A. Hough to be divided by themselves  
in fee simple forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Dorcas Comstock the Bedstead  
Matthew and Heather bed known as the little bed in fee  
simple forever.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Amenia  
Sawyer all the remainder of my personal estate to her  
her heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

8<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my trustee friend  
Joseph L. Trahan 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 hitherto  
made in witness whereof I the said Jesse Sawyer do