

In the Name of our Amen.

I Mrs H. Latham of the county of Washington and State of North Carolina do make this my last will and testament I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife

Laura M. Lathams, her heirs and assigns forever all my property  
real personal and mixed of what nature or kind forever  
and whosoever the same shall be at the time of my death  
And I do nominate constitute and appoint the said  
wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and  
testamentary guardian to my children viz Caroline, Mary &  
Susan C. M. Emma Lathams. In witness whereof I the said  
Jno. P. Latham have hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> March 1844

Witnessed and published by the above named  
Jno H. Latham as and for his last will and testament in the  
presence of us who at his request and in his presence have  
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. F. Thomas  
Charles Latham

State of North Carolina }  
Washington County } In the Probate Court

It is further purporting to be the last will and testament of  
Jno H. Latham deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned  
judge of probate for said County by Laura M. Latham the  
executrix therein mentioned and the execution thereof by said  
Jno H. Latham by the oath and examination of J. H. Hammond  
Charles Latham. The subscribing witnesses thereof who being duly  
sworn doth depose and say well each for himself depose  
and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing  
now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Jno H. Latham that the said Jno H. Latham in the presence  
of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper-  
writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1884.

And the Deponent further said that the said Jas H. Ransom the latter aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing to be subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this Deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the foot of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in presence of the said said testator.

And this deponent further said that at the said time when the said Walter 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 Jns. H. Lathrum 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.

Charles Latham Seal  
J. F. Hornum Seal

Severally sworn and subscribed this 29<sup>th</sup>  
day March 1884 before me  
J. S. [Signature]

Ch. S. at Newport.  
Ch. S. Super Court.

State of North Carolina Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Maney Amos Swain of the State of North Carolina and  
County of Washington. do make and ordain this my last  
will and testament to wit:

1st - I do give to my beloved husband Abram Swaind  
during his life time the tract of land I now live on lying  
and being in the State and County above mentioned  
adjoining the lands of Henry Davenport & the Daniel Garrettsland  
tract containing by estimation twenty one acres more or less -  
At his death then I give said tract of land to my son Samuel  
John Swaind for life time and then to his heirs, ~~but I should~~  
~~this~~ ~~old~~ ~~leaving no heirs~~ ~~it is my desire that the~~  
~~said land be~~ ~~equally~~ ~~divided~~ ~~between his surviving~~  
~~brothers & sisters~~ ~~it is my further wish that should my~~  
~~husband die before my two children, Richard Warren and~~  
~~Mary Alice arrive at the age of 18 - then I desire that my~~  
~~son Samuel John should~~ ~~take~~ ~~care of them~~ ~~they~~ ~~attain~~ ~~the above~~  
~~age unless they marry or choose to leave him before reaching~~  
~~the age of 18.~~

I do give to <sup>my</sup> daughter Margaret Louisa the sum of  
twenty five cents

3rd I do give to my son Nathaniel Hooker the sum of twenty five cents. 4th I do give to my daughter Melissa Ann the sum of twenty five cents. 5th I do give to my son Richard Harrard the sum of twenty five cents.

I do give to my daughter Mary Alice the sum of twenty five cents

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1876

Witness  
Henry H. Hammond  
Geo H. Hapelle

Harvey Ann & Sarah  
Mark

State of North Carolina  
Washington County } In the Probate Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James Ann. Swain deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk Superior Court for said County by Oconnor John Swain the devise therein mentioned and the heirs execution thereof by the said Nancy Ann Swain by the oath and examination of Geo H. Hapelle and Henry H. Hammond the subscribing witnesses deposed was being duly sworn to before me and my under clerk for record and said said is a subscribing witness to the said will, now sworn and purporting to be the last will and testament of James Ann Swain and the said Nancy Ann Swain in the presence of said deponent subscribed at the end of said will writing which said deponent as aforesaid and which bears date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1876.

And the deponent further said that the said Nancy Ann Swain the witness aforesaid did 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 this deponent did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and as he requested and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further said that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Nancy Ann Swain was of sound mind and memory of full age of exercise and was not under any restraint of the knowledge information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

Solely sworn and subscribed  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1884 before me  
Thos. D. Davidson  
Clerk Superior Court

Geo H. Hapelle  
H. H. Hammond

In the name of God Amen. I James Chipson of the County of Washington State of North Carolina being sound in body and mind though getting old and feeble do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the terms following to wit: I give and bequeath to each of my two daughters Mary Elizabeth and Eliza Jane the sum of twenty five cents and to each of my two sons James C. S. and Andrew L. the sum of twenty five cents. I and to my wife Chloe Francis during her life time or widowhood all the estate of which I may die seised, all and every part real and personal consisting of lands and chattels namely the house hold and kitchen furnished farming utensils living stock and provisions for the support and maintenance and for the support and maintenance of two six children Joseph M. George W. Marcus V. Maywood L. A. Pharo H. Francis M. and Margaret C. my daughter by a former wife who is of simple mind.

And after the death of my wife Chloe Francis. I give and bequeath to my aforesaid six children named in item 2<sup>nd</sup> and to such of them as shall be surviving all and every part of my aforesaid estate as named and described in item 2<sup>nd</sup> to be divided equally among them Not a one on condition that they shall always support and maintain their half sister Margaret C. as long as she may live and in case that these my six children aforesaid or as many of them as may be surviving named in item 2<sup>nd</sup> shall refuse or neglect so to support and maintain the said Margaret C. then my will is and I order that my whole land shall be sold and the proceeds thereof and my daughter Margaret placed in the hands of a suitable guardian properly justified legally. and he shall support and maintain her out of the same as long as she may live and at her death the remainder of such proceeds and funds shall be divided among my six children aforesaid.

Within the space of twelve months coming if practicable it is my will and I so order that all my debts be paid out of my estate before any appropriation be made aforesaid.

It is my will and I order that neither my land or real estate nor any part of it shall be sold by the heirs and devisees of this my last will and testament and no division thereof be made before my youngest daughter or the youngest survivor shall arrive at the age of twenty one years And this provision is intended to limit and interpret the same divided equally contained in item 2<sup>nd</sup> at the death of my wife Chloe Francis. But it is not intended to affect the provision contained in the latter part of said item 2<sup>nd</sup> concerning the support and maintenance of my daughter Margaret C.

I hereby ordain and constitute my wife Chloe Francis executrix of this my last will and testament. This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1876, James C. Chipson  
Signed in the presence of, John C. Warner & Geo H. Lewis,