

State of North Carolina  
 Washington County } In the probate Court  
 I paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Saml  
 M. Latham deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned  
 Judge of Probate for said County by Kitty B. Latham executrix  
 therein mentioned and she has recitation thereof by the Oath  
 Saml M. Latham by the oath and examination of W. H. Stubbs  
 and A. Leitch thereto who being duly sworn both deposed and  
 say and each for himself deposes and swears that he is a  
 subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him  
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of Saml M. Latham  
 that the said Saml M. Latham in the presence of the deponent  
 subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is  
 now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the fourth  
 day of July 1882 and the deponent further swears that the  
 said Saml M. Latham the testator 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 last intent and this deponent did thereupon subscribe  
 his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereunto  
 and at the request and in the presence of the said testator  
 and this deponent further swears that at the said time when  
 the said testator subscribed this name to the said last will  
 as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent subscribing his  
 name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said  
 Saml M. Latham 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

Sworn and  
 Subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
 Sept 1882 before me  
 J. D. Harrison  
 Probate Judge

W. H. Stubbs  
 A. Leitch

Deponent  
 Deponent

State of North Carolina }  
 I Benjamin Denton of the County  
 of Washington and State of North Carolina 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  
 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 howsoever and to whom owing owing  
 out of the moneys that may first come into their hands  
 as a part or parcel of my estate. Mary J. Denton  
 I then I give and devise to my beloved wife all the tract  
 of land whereon I now live so as to include my mason  
 house and all out houses and other improvements  
 including the houses on both sides of a cro road  
 down to the London road it being north end of the land  
 also on the west side of the cro road beginning at a ditch  
 the dividing line running South Seventy nine & a half  
 West to Pagans line it being the north end of the land  
 the ditch being the dividing line between B. J. Denton  
 and Mary J. Denton to have and to hold to her the said  
 Mary J. Denton for and during her natural life in  
 satisfaction for in lieu of of her dower and thirds of  
 and in all of my real estate and after the death of my  
 wife Mary J. Denton I then I give and devise to my  
 youngest son August J. Denton all the tract of land  
 whereon I now live except the life estate of my wife devise  
 in a former item of this my will to have and to hold to  
 him and his heirs in fee simple forever and if he  
 should die without having heirs lawfully begotten of his  
 body I give and devise the land & premises to B. J. Denton  
 and John H. Denton and their heirs & the heirs of Debbok  
 Gaylord I then I give and devise to my son B. J. Denton  
 all tract of land whereon now live bounded by the cro  
 road east thence by a ditch running South Seventy nine  
 & a half degrees West to Pagans line it being the South  
 end of the land to have and to hold to him and his  
 heirs in fee simple forever I then I give and devise to my  
 son John H. Denton all that tract of land whereon he  
 formerly lived bounded by the long cro road on  
 west end by the London road North 82 deg east to  
 the Run of the Swamp then down the Run of the Swamp  
 about as far as the London line - I then I give  
 and devise to my daughter Debbok L. E. Gaylord and half  
 of the windy tract of land whereon her life time and  
 at her death I give and devise to her heirs in fee  
 simple forever I then I give and devise to my son  
 J. H. Denton the tract of land known as the Douglas  
 tract at the fork of the cro road adjoining Thomas Bluff  
 and others to have and to hold to him and his heirs  
 in fee simple forever - I then give and devise to my son

