

unto written our names as subscribing witnesses
 Frederick Thompson }
 Lewis ^{of the Court} Brewell }
 James Choate }

State of North Carolina } Probate of Will
 Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Catherine A. Barnhill, decd, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County, by F. J. Anderson, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Catherine Ann Barnhill by the oath and examination of Frederick Thompson & L. F. Boswell who being duly sworn both depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Catherine A. Barnhill, that the said Catherine Ann Barnhill in presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 19th July 1878, and the deponent further saith that the said Catherine Ann Barnhill the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be her last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at her request and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Catherine A. Barnhill 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 to and subscribed } F. Thompson
 before me this 25th day of } L. F. Boswell
 August, 1878
 B. Singletary
 Judge of Probate

Will of }
 John McCall }

First

Item 1st

I John McCall of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of a sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

That my executor and executors hereinafter nominated shall provide for my body a decent burial, and pay my funeral expenses together with all my just and lawful debts now or hereafter owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet the following tracts and parcels of land and the appurtenances situated thereon, to wit: the tract upon which is situated my present residence granted to Neil McCoalskey Feb. 25th 1776 containing two hundred and fifty (250) acres more or less. A tract of twenty-six (26) acres granted to Duncan McCall Oct 25th 1830, on which are situated mills saw and grist. A tract of two hundred (200) acres granted to Duncan McCoalskey April 1st 1791. A tract of forty-five (45) acres granted to Ann McCoalskey Sept 29th 1804. A tract of two hundred acres (200) granted to Neil McCoalskey Oct 10th 1787. A tract of fifty acres (50) granted to Neil McCoalskey Dec. the 20th 1791. A tract of one hundred and fifty acres (150) granted to Duncan McCall May the 23rd 1803. A tract of fifty acres granted to John McCall May the 4th 1804 and a tract of one hundred acres (100) granted to Duncan McCall Nov 27th 1804 making in all one thousand (1071) acres more or less to have and to hold to her and to her heirs in fee simple forever, with this condition Two (2) acres to be laid off so as to include the grave yard on the two hundred acre (200) tract granted to Duncan McCoalskey April 1st 1791 and to ever respected and held as a burial place.

Item 2nd

I will and bequeath to my son John Neil McCall the following tract and parcels of land and all the appurtenances situated thereon to wit: A tract of one hundred (100) acres granted to Duncan McCall Dec 20th 1791, a tract of one hundred and fifty (150) acres granted to Duncan McCall Nov

the 30th 1801 and a tract of fifty⁽⁵⁰⁾ acres granted to Duncan McCall Nov. 27th 1804, making in all three hundred (300) acres more or less to have and to hold and to use during the term of his natural life. And it is my will and desire that the aforesaid tracts of land bequeathed to my said son John Neil McCall to be held and to be used for him during the term of his natural life, shall after his death be divided among his children in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each and every of them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in fee simple forever.

Item 4th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Barbara Ann Melvin, widow of the late Marshall Melvin, the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit: A tract of two hundred and seventy-seven (277) acres granted to Duncan McCoalskey Feb. 28th 1776. A tract of one hundred and seventy-seven (177) acres granted to Duncan McCoalskey Nov. 30th 1801 and a tract of two hundred (200) acres granted to Ann McCoalskey Sept 3rd 1804, making in all six hundred and fifty (654) acres more or less to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

To assist in locating the tracts of land mentioned in this will, I here state that among my papers may be found a large plat or drawing of all my land in which the different tracts are marked by the letters of the English alphabet. The tract which I bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet in the order in which they occur in this will and testament are marked on the plat A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Those bequeathed to my son John Neil McCall are marked L, M, N, O, and those given to my daughter Barbara Ann Melvin are marked P, Q, R.

Item 5th. I will and bequeath to my said beloved wife Harriet forty (40) shares, my entire stock in the Carolina Central Railroad, formerly the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, the moneys that may be on hand and that may be collected on all the notes and accounts that may be in my possession at the time of my death, one horse, the

entire stock of cattle, all the hogs and sheep, the domestic fowls and poultry, the crop of every description that may be on my farm, and all the provisions of every kind on hand or in my possession at the time of my death, all the farming utensils, the family carriage and carriage harness, one cart, one corn-sheller, all the household and kitchen furniture of every description whatsoever, all the fixtures and appliances used in the manufacturing of thread and cloth in my possession and all my books to have and to hold or to dispose of as she may deem proper. I will and bequeath to my said son John Neil McCall all my blacksmith tools and all the tools in my wood shop to have and to hold for his use during the term of his natural life, and my will and desire is that after his death the aforesaid tools be sold, or as many of them as may be of any value be sold, and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between the children of my said son John Neil McCall.

Item 6th. It is my will and desire that the residue of my estate both real and personal not herein disposed of be sold and the proceeds thereof be applied to the payment of my just debts or to the replacement of any funds hereinbefore disposed of which shall have been applied to the payment of my debts according to the instruction given in the first article of this my last will and testament, and should there remain any surplus over and above the payment of my debts that such surplus be equally divided and paid over to my said son John Neil McCall and to my said daughter Barbara Ann Melvin in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each and every of them and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns absolutely and forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Harriet my executrix and Doctor Neil Graham my executor to execute this my last will and testament to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring null and void all other will and testament by me

by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John McCall do hereunto set my hand and seal this the day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (A.D. 1875)

John McCall (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said John

McCall to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names witnesses thereto

James Kelly
A. H. Cromatic

State of North Carolina - Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John McCall, decd., is exhibited before me the undersigned judge of probate for Bladen county by the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by said John McCall by the oath and examination of A. H. Cromatic one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of John W. Kelly and Daniel J. Clark and A. H. Shaw that James Kelly one of the subscribing witnesses thereto resides out of the State of North Carolina, and it is further proved by the oath and examination of the said John W. Kelly, Daniel J. Clark & A. H. Shaw that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said James Kelly and John McCall, decd., having often seen them write and that the name of the said James Kelly subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said James Kelly and that the name of the said John McCall, decd., the testator, subscribed to the said will is in the handwriting of the said John McCall, decd.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John McCall and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

August the 6th 1877

Grandest Singletary
Judge of Probate.

Will of Mrs
A. H. Purdie

In the name of God Amen.

I Ann M. Purdie of the State of North Carolina and county of Bladen being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

1st To my daughter Eliza Jane during her life the lands purchased by me from H. N. Robinson and wife Helen Jane as will be seen by deed dated May 4th 1841, Recorded in Book R page 684, 28th January 1847, containing between six and seven hundred acres known as the Summit House tract, with the privilege of using any timber on the same or rooking of turpentine trees - after her death to my grandson James Purdie.

2nd To my daughter Eliza Jane I give and devise all debts of every description due either by note or account or otherwise - including five hundred dollars advanced by me for her benefit in part payment of a debt due by the estate of Thomas J. Purdie to the estate of Lucy A. Brown - except a note for \$1786.55 made by J. W. Purdie & Thos. C. Smith dated April 21st 1866 subject to a credit of ten dollars May 15th 1875, which note I give to my son John W. Purdie.

3rd To my son John W. Purdie I give and devise whatever household and kitchen furniture I have left in his possession - all the balance of my furniture with household and kitchen, also my silver ware I give and devise to my daughter Jane.

4th To my daughter Eliza Jane I give my entire interest in the estate of my brother Thomas C. Smith, both in the real estate and personal property.

5th To my daughter Eliza Jane I give all my stock of every kind

6th To my grandson James Purdie I give my gold watch formerly owned by his uncle Col. Thos. J. Purdie. It is my will, and desire that my executor pay over to the proper authorities the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of procuring a Damage for the benefit of the Methodist church in this circuit

7th I hereby constitute and appoint Thos. D. McDowell executor to this my last