

RECORD OF WILLS.

I John McCraughton of the County of Bladen
and State of North Carolina being of sound
disposing and perfect mind and memory do
on this day the 31st of January A.D. 1853 make
publish and declare the following to be my
last Will and Testament

1^o I desire that my Executors herein after named
shall dispose of such of my Estate as they may
think best for the payment of my just debts should
there be any at my death.

2^o I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary
Stubbs, Two Cows, Two Yearlings, and one Heifer now
caused here and their increase.

3^o I give and bequeath unto David James Hargrave
One Heifer now caused his and his increase.

4^o I give and bequeath unto my three Sons, John Lewis
and O'Neill McCraughton, all the residue of my personal
Estate, viz - Stock of Horses, Hogs, cattle and Sheep.
Furniture and Crop that may be on hand at my
death share and share alike.

5^o I give and devise unto my Son John One hundred
and Sixty two acres of land to be laid off so as
to form his "Bay Place" and to include my dwelling
house.

6^o I give and devise unto my other two Sons, Lewis
and O'Neill. The residue of my lands lying in Bladen
County, on both sides of the "Marsh roads" shares
and share alike.

7^o I do hereby appoint my beloved Sons John and
Lewis McCraughton, my Executors to this my last Will
and Testament, and do hereby revoke all other Wills
and Testaments by me made -

John. McCraughton

Signed Published and declared by the said
John McCraughton, to be his last Will and
Testament. The day and year above written
in presence and in the presence of each
other at his request presents set out
his signature to the

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foregoing Will.

J. S. McCraughton.
W. J. Sikes

State of North Carolina
Bladen County
Court of Pleas & Quarter
Sessions, May Term 1853.

Lewis McCraughton, brings into Court the foregoing will
and Testament of John McCraughton and offers it
for Probate whereupon J. S. McCraughton, one of the said
scribing witnesses thereto is sworn and duly proves
the execution of said will in due form of Law
Whereupon it is adjudged by the Court that the said
will be established as the last Will and testament
of the said John McCraughton, and it is ordered by
the Court that it be enrolled in the Will Book accor-
ding to Law.

John McCraughton one of the Executors named in
the said will refuses to qualify as Executor and names
the same according to Law, and Lewis McCraughton
the other Executor named in the will is duly quali-
fied in Open Court. Executor to the foregoing will and
takes upon himself the burden of its execution.

Attest J. D. McRae, Clerk