

RECORD OF WILLS.

Malcom McDunnis
Will of

I Malcom McDunnis of the county of Bladen 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 (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to Catharine Tatom wife of Allen Tatom and daughter of Thomas & Mary McDunnis all my real estate consisting of one thousand acres of land more or less lying on both sides of Taraball's creek and one negro boy named James to her use and to the use of the issue of her body.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Richard W. Tatom 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 heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Malcom McDunnis do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of March A.D. 1858.

(Signed) Malcom McDunnis (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Malcom McDunnis to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

(Signed) Thomas McDunnis
J. S. Tatom

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Probate of
Will of Malcom McDunnis

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County } Probate of Will

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Malcom McDunnis, deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen county, by M. McD. Tatom one of the heirs at law of Catharine Tatom, devisee in said will, and the due execution of said will and testament by the said Malcom McDunnis by the oath and examination of D. R. Cain and R. W. Tatom who being duly sworn say as follows: that is to say R. W. Tatom says that Malcom McDunnis, the testator, and Thomas McDunnis and J. S. Tatom, the subscribing witnesses to said last will and testament are all dead, that affiant, R. W. Tatom, further says he was familiar with the handwriting of Thomas McDunnis one of the dead subscribing witnesses aforesaid, and according to his best recollection and belief the signature of said Thomas McDunnis to said last will and testament of said Malcom McDunnis herein exhibited before me is genuine and he fully believes and is fully satisfied that said Thomas McDunnis wrote the said signature as an attesting witness to said will and testament.

And D. R. Cain says for himself being duly sworn that he was acquainted with the handwriting of aforesaid Malcom McDunnis, testator, and J. S. Tatom, subscribing witness and that he believes and is fully satisfied that both the signatures of Malcom McDunnis, testator, and J. S. Tatom, subscribing witness, to the last will and testament herein exhibited as genuine and as their said signatures.

And said R. W. Tatom further deposes that said M. McD. Tatom is a son of Catharine Tatom sole devisee under aforesaid will and testament of Malcom McDunnis, and that said Catharine Tatom is dead, also, that she was a niece of said Malcom McDunnis.

(Signed) R. W. Tatom.

Sworn to and subscribed }
before me this 30th day }
of August 1882 }

G. H. Melvin Judge of Probate &
Clerk of Bladen County