

as an attesting witness thereto and at his request and in the presence of my said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and the time of the deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Neil Burt 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.

Given to and subscribed
before me this 7th day of
June 1880

L. J. Carroll.
D. C. Clark.

E. J. Ingletary
Judge of Probate

Will of
Matthew W. Byrd

Thus my last will and testament made this the twenty first day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy five. At my death I bequeath my soul to God who gave it. I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah the place wherein I now lie containing one hundred and forty acres of land and all the improvements thereon with all the stock consisting of hogs cattle, horses, sheep, in fact all stock that I am possessed of at my decease to have and during her lifetime with household and kitchen furniture and farming implements. I bequeath to my daughter Catharine Elizabeth the home tract of land at the death of my wife Sarah, containing one hundred and forty acres of land, also one hundred and seventeen and a half acres known as the Cromartie land, also fifty acres on the south side of the house tract running into Dary Gam, also fifty acres adjoining the above on the west side of Dary Gam.

I bequeath to my grandson William Richardson McBride one hundred acres of land known as the Swamp place in the Dary Gam also fifty acres adjoining the above and the Jones land, also one hundred acres patented by P. W. McBride and adjoining the Cromartie tract lying in and on Cypress creek. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ella Frances McBride one hundred acres of land on the Horse Pen Branch known as the Margaret Henry land. I give and bequeath six hundred and forty acres of land patented by myself and Nicholson West and lying on Cypress creek, one half to my daughter Catharine Elizabeth and the other half to my grandchildren William Richardson and Ella Frances McBride to sell or divide as they may see proper.

At the death of my wife Sarah I leave all the perishable property consisting of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, all household and farming implements to be divided one half to

Katharine Elizabeth and my grandchildren William Richardson and Ella Francis to have the other half. I leave my grandson William Richardson to take care of my wife Sarah and my daughter Katharine Elizabeth, in case he fails to do so then her bequest in regard to perishable property shall be void and the whole perishable property shall go to my daughter Katharine Elizabeth.

I leave my friend W. J. Parker, as the Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament.

Matthew McBride

James^{his} Branch
J. Sandford

State of North Carolina Probate of
Bladen County Will

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew McBride, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County, by W. J. Parker the executor therein named and the said execution thereof by the said Matthew McBride, by the oath and examination of Thos. Branch and J. Sandford who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will & testament of Matthew McBride, that the said Matthew McBride in 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 31st day of October 1855. And this deponent further saith that the said Matthew McBride the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid declare the said paper writing to be his 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 his request and in the presence

of the testator.

And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Matthew McBride 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.

Shown to and subscribed
before me this 3rd day
of August 1855.

Grand Juror
Judge of Probate

James^{his} Branch
J. Sandford