

State of North Carolina } Before
 Gaston County } J B White Clerk Superior Court
 In the Matter of the Last Will
 of J. W. Smith deceased }

Gen. R. Patrick being duly sworn, doth say:
 That J. W. Smith, late of said County, is dead, having first made
 and published his last Will & Testament; and that the said
 Gen. R. Patrick is the Executor named therein.

Further, that the property of the said J. W. Smith consisting
 of Real and Personal Property, is worth about \$5000.00 so far as
 can be ascertained at the date of this application; and that
 Effie Smith, Jane B. Underwood & the Children of J. A. Featherston.

are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property.
 Gen. R. Patrick.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 11 day of March 1889
 J B White Clerk Superior Court

I, J. W. Smith of the County of Gaston and State of North Carolina
 being weak and infirm of body, but I think of sound mind & memory
 do make this my last Will & Testament in words following, to wit:
 I give & bequeath to my beloved Sister Effie all my worldly goods
 both real & personal after my burial expenses &c are paid. And all

being weak and infirm of body. But I think of Sound Mind & Memory
do make this my last Will & Testament in words following. To wit
I give & bequeath to my beloved Sister Effie all my worldly goods
both real & personal. After my burial expenses &c are paid. And all
my just debts are paid. And if there be anything left after Sister
Effie dies. I bequeath the same to Jane E. Underwood who
has taken care of us. to have & to hold during her natural life
& when she dies to go to J. A. Featherston's Children.
I do hereby Appoint Geo. R. Patrick my Executor to execute this
my last Will & Testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my own Seal.
this February 8th day 1889.

J. W. Smith

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Gaston County }

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses. pur-
porting to be the last Will & Testament of J. W. Smith decd. is exhibited
in open Court by Dr. Geo. R. Patrick the Executor therein named.
And it is thereupon sworn by the Oath & examination of Dr. Geo. R. Patrick
that the said Will was found among the valuable papers & money
& other effects of the said J. W. Smith. after his death. And it is
further sworn by the Oath & examination of three competent & credible
witnesses. to wit: J. J. Warren, J. M. Buffstetter & Geo. R. Patrick.
that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said J. W. Smith

J. W. Smith Subscribed to the Said Will. And the Said Will itself
 And every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the Said J. W. Smith.
 And it is further proved by the evidence of the last mentioned
 witnesses. That the Said handwriting is generally known to
 the acquaintances of the Said J. W. Smith.

It is therefore Considered by the Court that the Said paper writing
 is the last Will and Testament of the Said J. W. Smith.
 And the Same is Ordered to be recorded & filed.

J. B. White Clerk

Superior Court

Geo. W. Patrick
 J. M. Huffstetter
 J. J. Warner

And the Executor therein named qualifies as such
 J. B. White a.s.c.

Duchess County: In the Probate Court

Before

John H. McAden }
 Father of the Will }
 of Rufus V. McAden }
 J. M. Morrow
 Clerk.

John H. McAden being duly sworn doth say: That Rufus V. McAden
 late of said County is dead having first made and published
 his last Will and Testament and that John H. McAden is the executor
 named therein. Further, that the property of the said Rufus V. McAden