

The Last Will & Testament of John McRae.
 Known Whom It May Concern That
 I, John McRae being in sound health and
 mind but in view of the uncertainties of life
 do make and constitute this my last will
 and testament hereby revoking all other-
 1st. It is my wish and desire that my debts
 and funeral expenses shall be paid (The
 only debt I owe is three hundred and
 twenty five dollars on a note to Mrs. Obed
 2nd. I wish and desire that there shall
 be paid to George McRae or her repre-
 sentative the sum of nine hundred dollars
 for the term of ten years in quarterly pay-
 ments beginning the first of January 1880.
 3. After that date I wish my property to
 be equally divided or the income of
 it among my four children or their
 representatives.
 4. And I hereby appoint Donald McRae and
 William Perkins both of the town of Wil-
 mington my executors - 1880 - Sep. 20.
 (Signed) John McRae.

And I wish three hundred dollars paid annually
 to Carolina A. Drake until the property left
 her will pay that much.
 I own the farm in Brunswick County
 and about 625 acres of land below Myrtle
 Branch and the old Rail Road and in Wil-
 mington I own the house and lot on Mulberry
 Street and the Harrison Mill Wharf.
 I make this memorandum because I have
 lost the deeds to all my property.

State of
 North Carolina,
 County of New Hanover.

Before me, Stacy Van Auringer Judge
 of Probate of the County of New Hanover
 said, on this 18th day of October 1880,
 personally appeared Walter A. Drake, Richard
 Jones, William L. Smith, and John E. Lippett

In the Probate Court

and thereupon the annexed instrument
 of writing dated September 20th - 1880,
 purporting to be the last will and tes-
 tament of John McRae and containing
 also what purports to be a Codicil to
 said will, being shown to them, and
 they having been personally examined
 by me on oath touching the execu-
 tion of the said instrument, and the
 circumstances attending its execution,
 do before and say as follows to-wit:
 The said Walter A. Drake makes oath and
 says that he is a grandson of the said
 John McRae, and that the said instrument
 of writing was found by him immediately
 after the death of the said John McRae,
 in a trunk belonging to the said John
 McRae and among his valuable
 papers and effects, which were also
 in the said trunk.

And the said Richard J. Jones, William L.
 Smith, and John E. Lippett, make oath
 and say, severally, and each for himself,
 that he has frequently seen the said
 John McRae write and sign his name,
 and thereby has become, and is well ac-
 quainted with his handwriting and signature,
 and that the said instrument of writing,
 both the will and the Codicil, and every
 part of the same is the genuine hand-
 writing of the said John McRae, and the
 signature to the said will and to
 the Codicil are his genuine signature.

Walter A. Drake
 Richard J. Jones
 W. L. Lippett
 John E. Smith.

Seen to and Subscribed before
 me this 18th October 1880.
 S. Van Auringer
 Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina, } In the Probate and
County of New Hanover.

The annexed and foregoing instrument of writing without subscribing witnesses dated September 20th, 1883, purporting to be the last will and testament of John McRae, and containing also what purports to be a Codicil to said will, is presented for probate as the last will and testament of said John McRae on this 18th day of October, 1883 by Donald McRae and William Larkins, the executors therein named.

And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Walter A. Drake that the said instrument of writing was found among the valuer's papers and effects of the said John McRae immediately after his death: and it is further proved by the oath and examination of Richard J. Jones, William D. Smith and John E. Rapp, three competent and credible witnesses, that they have frequently seen the said John McRae write and sign his name, and thereby have become, and are, well acquainted with the handwriting, and that the said instrument of writing, as well the will as the Codicil thereto, and every part thereof, is the genuine handwriting of the said John McRae and the signature to the said will and to the Codicil are his genuine signature.

And thereupon it is adjudged that the said instrument of writing, both the will and the codicil, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said John McRae, and sufficient in law to convey and dispose of the real and personal estate therein devised and bequeathed, and that it be recorded as such and at the same time the said Donald McRae and William Larkins the Executors named in the said will come into Court and are duly qualified as such

according to law.

S. Day Arranger.
Clerk Superior Court
of Probate.

Subscribed and Sworn to this
18th Octbr, 1883 before me
Oct. 18th, 1883.

State of North Carolina
County of New Hanover.
I, W. H. Harris, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the will and the probates thereof of John McRae, as the same is taken from and compared with the original on file in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 22nd day of April, 1913.

W. H. Harris.
Clerk Superior Court

State of North Carolina
Barnwell County.

The foregoing and annexed copy of the last will and testament of John McRae, together with the probate and adjudication, duly certified as a true copy from the original filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, as appears from the certificate of W. H. Harris, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, approved, attested by his official seal, is allowed, and is ordered to be filed and recorded in the same manner as if the original and not this copy had been produced, proved and allowed before this Court.

Witness my hand this April 22nd 1913.

B. O. Newton.
Clerk Superior Court,
Barnwell County.