

Will of William Murdoch Provisional Court Oct Term 1865

In the name of god Amen. I William Murdoch being of Sound Mind do publish and declare this to be my will and testament

I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Murdoch all my property of whatsoever kind or description whatever

Should she survive me, for the following purpose (to wit) First to pay all my Just debts & then she is to have full command over the remainder to educate and support our uneducated children as she may consider right using for that purpose what she can reasonably spare after her own support as she may consider right And at her death she may dispose of any that may remain amongst our children or their descendants as she may consider just and proper I thus leave all in her power from the very high opinion I have of her good sense sound judgment and the equal affection she bears to each of our children, whose welfare and happiness seems the great object of her life & to her care and training they owe more than to any other person whatever I believe in making my last will I have the approbation of each and all our children whose first desire I believe to be the welfare and happiness of their mother My desire is that my body should be interred in a decent but unostentatious manner

Signed Sealed and witnessed this first day of January 1861

Witness

W. Murdoch

A. T. Summey
M. Patton

It is my desire & request to all of our children that they assemble at least once a year under the paternal roof as long as their mother lives

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County

Provisional Court of Pleas & Quarter Session
October Term A.D. 1865

The execution of the foregoing will was duly proven by the in open Court by the oath of A. T. Summey & M. Patton Subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted of Record

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J. H. Weaver - Clerk