

testator subscribed his name
to the said last will as aforesaid
and at the time of deposition the subscribing
her name as an attesting witness thinks
as aforesaid the said Elizabeth Connor
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 Dependent
and further these dependents say not

Suenee Summ and
Subscribed this 24th
day of Jan 1896 before me
J. W. Rockett

James S. James Esq

North Carolina
Catawba County

A paper writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of Elizabeth
Connor deceased is exhibited for probate
in open Court by C. A. Connor the executor
therein named and it is thereupon
proved by the oath and examination
of M. C. Shumill that Wm. S. James one of
the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead
and it is further proved by the oath
and examination of M. C. Shumill
that he is well acquainted with the handwriting
of the said Wm. S. James having often seen
him write and that the name of Wm.
S. James subscribed as a witness to the
said will is in the handwriting of the
said Wm. S. James it is therefore ordered
by the Court that the said paper writing
and every part thereof is the last will
and testament of the said Elizabeth
Connor and the same is ordered
to be recorded and filed

M. C. Shumill
Summ and Subscribed
before me this Jan 24 1896
J. W. Rockett

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

I Alexander Austin Hood of Catawba
County Township of the County and State
aforesaid 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 executor hereinafter named
shall provide for my body a decent burial
suit able to the wishes of my relations and
friends and pay all funeral expenses to
gather with my just debts payable and to
whomsoever owing out of the money that may
first come into his hands in part or parcel
of my estate

Item I give and devise to my brother
Joseph L. Hood the entire amount that
I may be worth at my death consisting of
all real, personal money, notes or any thing else
that I may have or could have, jointly to
have and to hold to him or his heirs

And lastly I do hereby constitute and ap-
point my worthy brother Joseph L. Hood my
lawful executor to all intents and pur-
poses, 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 de-
claring utterly void all other wills and testa-
ments by me heretofore made In witness whereof
I the said Alexander Austin Hood, do hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 9th day of
August 1893

Alexander Austin Hood, Seal

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County }

A paper writing without
subscribing witnesses purporting to be the
last will and testament of Alexander Austin
Hood, deceased, of Catawba County, North
Carolina is exhibited for probate in open
Court by Joseph L. Hood, the executor therein

named; and, it appearing by the oath and examination of the said Joseph L. Wood that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Alexander Austin Wood, after his death, in a large envelop, sealed, and marked, upon the back thereof in the handwriting of the said Alexander Austin Wood, as follows: "Private, A. A. Wood."

And it further appearing by the oath and examination of three credible witnesses viz: J. B. Little, S. L. Rhynes, and W. B. Gathers, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said Alexander Austin Wood, having often seen him write, and verily believe that the name of the said Alexander Austin Wood, subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said Alexander Austin Wood.

It having been also proved by the oath and examination of J. B. Little, that in a conversation sometime during the year 1894 or 1895 that the said deceased, Alexander Austin Wood, being then in delicate health told the said Little that he wanted his brother, Joseph L. Wood, to have all that he owned, after his death, and told him that he had written his will so disposing of his property and exhibited said will to him, that he took the said will out of a large envelop, upon the back of which was written in the proper handwriting of the said Alexander Austin Wood, the words as follows: "Private A. A. Wood."

That since then he has heard the said deceased say that his brother, Joseph L. Wood, had been very kind and attentive to him in his sickness, and that he intended that he should have what property he owned at his death, or words to that effect.

And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Alexander Austin Wood.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will

and testament of the said Alexander Austin Wood, and the same is ordered to be recorded, and filed.

May 19th 1896

J. H. Rockwell
Clerk Superior Court

Joseph L. Wood
S. L. Rhynes
W. B. Gathers
J. B. Little

Sworn to and subscribed before me this May 19th 1896

J. H. Rockwell
Clerk Superior Court

Last Will & Testament

of Peter Grumdie McCal

In the name of God, Amen! I, Peter Grumdie McCal, of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, praise be God for same, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

1st That there shall be a decent burial provided for my body, with tombstones at my grave suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends.

2^d That all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing shall be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my wife (who will pay all my just debts) as part or parcel of my estate.

If she desires she has the right to sell my imaginary to help pay my just debts. I have a piece of land in Lincoln County, Catawba Springs Township, known as the Wilson land, which (if she become in destitute circumstances) she may sell for the benefit of herself and children.

3rd I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Anne E. McCal, during her natural life time, the remainder of all