

North Carolina }
Catawba County }

Geo. W. Lockman being sworn says that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Geo. C. McKell one of the witnesses to the foregoing will, & that the foregoing is in his own proper handwriting and the signature thereto is genuine.

Last Will & Testament of Jesse McKellian Dead.

In the name of God Amen.

I Jesse McKellian of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of a sound and disposing mind but feeling the uncertainty of my existence do hereby make & declare the following to be my last Will & Testament in the following form to wit:

Item first that it is my will and desire that my executor hereafter named to prepare a decent burial for me, & my wife at our deaths & pay all the necessary expenses so incurred out of the first moneys that may come into his hands and also to pay all debt that I may owe at my death, also of the first moneys that may come into his hands.

Item second, I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife all of my lands with the meadows and meadows as described in the said deed of the said deed whereby the same are so conveyed also all my personal property of every description during her natural life.

Item third, And after the death of myself and wife my daughter Bell is to have one half of all my lands which shall include the dwelling house and all the out ^{buildings} ~~houses~~ as a remuneration for her service so rendered during our natural lives and that the other half of my lands

shall be equally divided among all my children including Bell as one of them, after our debts are paid for.

Item fourth that all my personal property remaining at my death including money and notes, shall be sold at public sale by my said executor and after all expenses are paid shall be equally divided among all my children.

Item Fifth and lastly I do hereby appoint my worthy and trusty friend A. Q. Yoder to be my lawful executor to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made heretofore to be null & void. In testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal this 16th day of February, 1891.

Signed sealed and published
in the presence
D. A. Abernethy
J. M. Yoder

Jesse McKellian (Seal)

Probate of Will

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Catawba County }

A paper purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Jesse McKellian, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of Court for said County, by A. Q. Yoder, the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Jesse McKellian by the oath of affirmation, of D. A. Abernethy & J. M. Yoder the subscribing witnesses thereto, who, being duly sworn, both depose & say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Jesse McKellian; that the said Jesse McKellian, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said

paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which bears the date of the 24th day of Feb 1876. And the deponent further saith that the said Jesse Hillman, the testator aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited, to be his Last Will and Testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as att. Witnessing witness, there, and at the request of in the presence of the said testator. And then 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 deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Jesse Hillman was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, inflicting or the belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Subscribed and sworn to my
 D. O. Obermeyer, Seal
 G. M. Yaden Seal
 Subscribed this 7th day of
 November, 1876, before
 me,
 J. H. Sherman, C. J.

Last Will & Testament of Lorenzo D. Hale.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Lorenzo D. Hale of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being weak in body but sound of mind memory and understanding praise be to God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

1st That my executor shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

2nd I give to my son Thomas Hale the tract of land wherein I now live containing fifty four & 1/2 acres, he the said Thomas Hale is to maintain and take care of his father and mother as long as they live he is also to keep and maintain my youngest daughter Jane Hale as long as she may live, providing they can agree to live together but in case they cannot agree or do not live together, then in that case the said Thomas Hale is to give off to my daughter Jane ten acres of land or one hundred dollars in lieu thereof, in case she takes the land it shall be given off to her whereon they may agree to take it off at.

3rd I give and bequeath to my four children namely Wm. Hale, Florida Hale, Logan Hale, and Jane Hale, six acres of land that Johnathan Hale now lives on to be equally divided between the four above named children, my will and desire is that Florida Hale's part shall include the dwelling house and other improvements that they have made. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Thomas B. Hale