

subscribing his name as an attesting
 Witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said J.
 Caldwell was of sound mind and memory,
 of full age to execute will, and was not
 under any restraint the knowledge of information
 or belief of this defendant, and further these
 affiants say not.
 Sworn and subscribed, } W. H. Russell Seal
 this 2 day of May before me } J. N. Murr
 P. W. Rye C. C.

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Will of Joseph McKnight.

In the name of God, Amen: I, Joseph McKnight
 of the county of Rowan and State of N. Car-
 olina being sound mind and memory, but
 calling to mind the uncertainty of human life
 do therefore, ordain and declare this to be my last
 will and Testament that is to say That after
 all my just debts are paid and my fun-
 eral expenses paid the residue of my es-
 tate real and personal I give and dispose
 of in the manner following 1st give off to
 my Grand daughter Loula Shaden when ever she
 arrives at the age of twenty-one years fifty
 acres of land off the west end of my
 home plantation a Bed and Bureau if
 she dies before she comes to the age of twenty-
 one years as aforesaid the above willied prop-
 erty is to go to my daughter Josephine Mc-
 Knight together with all the rest of my lands
 lots and premises both in Rowan and
 Catawba Counties and the balance of other
 personal ^{property} to said daughter Josephine her heirs
 and assigns forever.
 Joe McKnight Seal

Signed sealed and ~~delivered~~ by said Joseph
 McKnight to be his last will and
 Testament in presence of us who
 at his request in his presence and
 in presence of each other as subscribers
 our names as witnesses

Thos Boston
 Wiley Leyerle

North Carolina } Superior Court
 Catawba County } Jan 30 1889

The execution of the foregoing paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of
 Joe McKnight, is proven to the satisfaction of the
 undersigned Clerk of Superior Court by the
 oaths of J. V. Fisher who upon oath says he is
 acquainted with the hand writing of the
 said Joe McKnight and that the said paper
 writing is executed by the genuine hand

writing of the said Jas McKnight
He further states upon oath that the subscri-
ing witnesses are both dead.

John V. Fisher
Sworn to and subscribed before me
Jan'y 30 1887. P.A. Hayle, D.C.

The hand writing of the subscribing
witness to this will (both of whom are now dead)
is proven by the oath of Josephine McKnight also
said she is well acquainted with their hand-
writing and that those genuine signatures ap-
pear as attesting witnesses to this will.

Josephine McKnight.
Sworn to and subscribed
to before me Jan'y 30, 1887.
P.A. Hayle, D.C.

Last Will of Joseph William Deed.
In the name of God, Amen.

Joseph William of the County of Catawba
and State of North Carolina, being of sound
mind and memory but considering the uncertain-
ty of my earthly existence do make and declare
this my last Will and testament, in manner
and form following: That is to say:

1st. That my executor herein after named
shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the request and wishes of my
friends and relations and pay all my funeral
expenses together with my just debts
whosoever and to whomsoever owing out of
the moneys that may first come to
hand as a parcel or part of my estate.
Item, I will and devise to my beloved wife
Ragena, she shall have as much of the
household and kitchen furniture as will
render her comfortable during her natural
life and further that she shall have one cow
and one heifer and four head of hogs and three
head of sheep and ten bushels of wheat and
forty Bushels of corn.

2nd Item. I will and devise to my daughter
Mahala one cow and calf and the increase and
two Bedsteads and furniture for the same and
kitchen furniture as much as the rest
of my daughters got. I further direct that
said Mahala be permitted to live on
the home plantation while she remains
single.

3rd Item. I will and direct that my youngest
son Asper C. William shall have part of
the home plantation and said Asper C. shall
to have the upper end of the plantation
the line running in the following form
beginning between me and Mrs. Chis's
place running with the Aaron Branch
to the mouth of the branch thence down
the creek to the hollow opposite the