

M. L. McCorkle's Will

In the name of God, Amen:

I Matthew Locke McCorkle do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

I Will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane Martha Ann all my property real and personal during her lifetime with the privilege selling the same at any time should it be necessary for her comfortable and reasonable support and maintenance and with power of giving any of it off to any of my children or devisees as she may be able to spare the same - so as not give any one more than their proportionate share - my will being that all my children shall have an equal share of my property - but with this condition that if any of my children or devisees shall die before they are twenty one years of age or before marriage then his or her part shall revert to the balance of my devisees and children. My children must account for the money advanced towards their education after they left home for school as follows:

I charge my son Henry as an advancement not for money spent at school but property given him viz:
 I charge my son William Henry as advancement \$1150.00
 I charge my son George as per money at school \$1600.00
 Do Mary Locke for money at school & property \$1300.00
 Do my daughter Anna Dowd \$700.00
 Do L. J. Alberta for schooling & property \$800.00
 Do my son Milton in money for schooling and money advanced \$500.00

my grand daughter Jean Dowd is to have her mother's share with the foregoing condition that is to say if she dies before she arrives at the age of twenty one years or without issue her part is to revert to the above devisees and children. If at any time hereafter I shall give my children any property they must account for it in addition to the above.

The words "Spotts" in this paper were there before writing this will.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife executrix of this my last will and testament - revoking all other wills by me heretofore made - In testimony whereof I have placed my hand and seal this 17th day of Jan. 1896.

M. L. McCorkle

North Carolina: In the Superior Court
 Catawba County

A paper-writing with out subscribing witnesses, purporting to be last will and testament of M. L. McCorkle, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by Mrs. M. J. McCorkle, the executrix therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of George McCorkle, that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said M. L. McCorkle, after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit: J. M. Brown, D. F. Moore and M. E. Lawrence, that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said M. L. McCorkle, having often seen him write, and truly believe that the name of the said M. L. McCorkle subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of the said M. L. McCorkle. 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 M. L. McCorkle.

It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the said paper-writing is the last will and testament of the said M. L. McCorkle, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Sworn to and subscribed
 before me, this the 18th
 day of July 1899
 L. J. Phillips, C. J.

George McCorkle
 J. M. Brown
 D. F. Moore
 M. E. Lawrence