

Last Will of Matthew McCashin.

In the name of God - Amen.

I, Matthew McCashin of Catawba County, and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life to therefore make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit:

To my son J. J. McCashin all the black-smith tools, one rifle gun one ax one 30 gallon Molasses Barrel and the dining room table and all the dishes ware in the kitchen. To my Grand Son James Old McCashin one dollar.

To the heirs of my son William McCashin one dollar each.

I give, bequeath and devise all the rest of residue and remainder of my estate personal likewise all moneys and credits to be equally divided between my two daughters Margaret Jane Yoder and Martha Ann Gribbight.

I likewise I make constitute and appoint Daniel A. Yoder to be executor of this my last will and testament in witnesses whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 1st day of Feb. one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Attest { A. Miller
Daniel Keever.

Matthew McCashin.
mark.

North Carolina } Superior Court.
Catawba County } April 19, 1884

The execution of the paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew McCashin, is proven by the oath and examination of Daniel Keever before me, and Absalom Miller the subscribing witness

thereunto, who are sworn as the law directs See full probate hereunto attached.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew McCashin, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, M. Hoyle, Clerk of the Superior Court in said County, by Daniel A. Yoder, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Matthew McCashin is proven by the oath and examination of Daniel Keever and Absalom Miller, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew McCashin. That the said Matthew McCashin in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of the said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 1st day of Feb. 1884. And the deponent further saith, that the said Matthew McCashin the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said 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 an attesting witness thereto, and at the request of him in the presence of the said testator. And this 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 the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Matthew McCashin 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 deponent, and further these deponents say not.

Sworn and subscribed, this

19th day of April before me

J. H. H. C. S. C.

Samuel K. K. Seal
A. M. M. Seal

Last Will & Testament of J. Caldwell.

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

Aug. 29th 1888.

J. J. Caldwell being of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & testament.

1st I want all my just debts paid

2nd I want to run a line commencing or beginning on my North line James Crow & Abernethys corner, on my line running due South or nearly so as to strike the Denver road, then with said road until you get to Edmond Caldwell's line. Now, all the lands on the west side of this line I think will be about 125 acres I want sold either public or private as my Executor may think best he may cut it in to lots if he can do better in the sale of the land, now after selling this land & paying my debts I want my Executor to recover all my buildings & garden & yard fence, then the balance of the money equally divided among all of my Children except Edmond I want him to have ten Dollars and no more as he has already got more than his share. Now all the balance of my land I give to my wife Mary J. Caldwell during her lifetime, and all my stock farming tools household and kitchen furniture, and at her death I want it equally divided between all my Children except Edmond not to have any part. Now I do not want my Executor to allow any settlements on the plantation by the

Heir or any one else on the plantation. No timber to be cut or destroyed for the use of the plantation. Now I appoint J. J. Conner my Executor giving him all power over my estate to rent & manage as he may think best for my wife & Children.

Attest of J. H. H. C. S. C.
J. H. H. C. S. C.
W. W. Mott

J. Caldwell.

State of North Carolina, In the Sup. Court.
Catawba County

A paper Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J. Caldwell, deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, J. A. Hoyer, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County, by J. J. Conner, the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said J. Caldwell is proven by the oath of examination of J. H. H. C. S. C. and W. W. Mott, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, both depose and say and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of J. Caldwell. That the said J. Caldwell in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 29th day of August, 1888. And the deponent further saith, that the said J. Caldwell the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said 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 an attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And this 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 the deponent's