

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

my property, real, personal and mixed or what nature or kind soever and where soever the same may be at the time of my death. It has death I will that she be buried decently and tomb rock placed at her grave out of my estate. And that the remainder of my property be equally divided among my children, and that they select one and have it equally divided without its being done by the Court.

In witness whereof I the said Felix Grundie Mc Caul have hereunto set my hand, this 16th day of December 1895

F. G. Mc Caul

Signed, declared and published by the above named Felix Grundie Mc Caul as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. A. Brotherton

C. O. Harwell

North Carolina) In the Superior
Catawba County } Court

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Felix Grundie Mc Caul deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of Court of said County, by Annie C. and Mrs. Caul, the executors ^{according to the terms} therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said Felix Grundie Mc Caul proved by the oath and examination of J. A. Brotherton and C. O. Harwell the subscribing witnesses thereto; who, being duly sworn each depose and say and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Felix Grundie Mc Caul that the said Felix Grundie Mc Caul, in the presence of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid, and which he saw the date of the 16th day of Dec. 1895

And the deponent further saith, that the said Felix Grundie Mc Caul, the Testator

aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his Last Will and Testament, and the 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 deponent subscribing his name thereto as an attesting witness, he aforesaid, the said Felix Grundie Mc Caul, was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information aged belief of the deponent. And further, these deponents say not

J. A. Brotherton Seal
C. O. Harwell Seal

Deponent sworn and subscribed
this 10th day of March 1896
before me

J. M. Koonce
Clerk Superior Court