

State of North Carolina
Catawba County, Aug. 6th 1887

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M. C. Chapman
Esq.
of
Catawba County

I M. C. Chapman being of sound mind and usual memory (Blessed be God for the same) aware of the uncertainty of our earthly existence, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die, after committing my spirit into the hands of our blessed God who gave it, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Item 1st I wish my body to have a decent and Christian like burial, suitable to the wishes of my family and friends.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my loving wife M. C. Chapman all of my real estate which consists of seven tracts of land designated as follows: 1st The tract on which I now live

containing one hundred and ninety five acres. The 2nd is a tract of one hundred acres known as the Johnson land. The 3rd is a tract of ten acres and 144 poles on North side of Jacobs River known as the Boyles land.

The 4th is a tract of five acres adjoining the last named, it also lies north of said river.

The 5th is a tract of 51 acres known as the Hannah tract. The 6th is a tract of twelve and 1/2 acres known as the Dorian tract.

The 7th is a tract of — acres known as the Rhiney tract with all improvements and any thing pertaining thereto.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my said wife all of my stock of every kind, horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs.

Item 3rd I will to my wife M. C. Chapman all my wagons, buggy and all farming and carpenter tools of every description. And all my household and kitchen furniture of every description whatever. Also all my provisions on hand of every description.

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my loving wife all notes and monies that I may have on hand at my demise. My will is that my said wife M. C. Chapman shall over,

control and enjoy all the above property named in items 1st 2nd 3rd 4th during her natural life or widowhood. At her death, or when she shall cease to be my widow, I will that all my property both real and personal be equally divided between my five children namely, Perry S., J. M. Mosey, Ethel May, James J. Mosey Chapman.

Item 5th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife M. C. Chapman Executor in this my last will and testament to all intents and purposes, to carry out and execute the same and every part thereof according to the meaning and intent thereof.

Given under my hand the day and year just above written. And witnessed at my request by

James McLampie

M. C. Chapman & Son

North Carolina Superior Court, and official Power
Catawba County, before P. H. Hoyle C. J.

James McLampie makes oath and says, that he is a disinterested witness to the foregoing paper writing, that he signed the same as an attesting witness at the request and in the presence of the testator, and at the time said paper was executed and the time the said J. M. McLampie signed his name as an attesting witness the testator was of sound mind and memory.

J. M. McLampie.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me Aug. 8th 1885 P. H. Hoyle C. J.

Personally appeared before me J. S. Fouts and make oath that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of M. C. Chapman and that he verily believes that the signature M. C. Chapman to a paper writing purporting to be his last will, is the genuine signature of the said M. C. Chapman.

J. S. Fouts

Sworn to and subscribed before
me 8th August 1885. P. H. Hoyle C. J.

From the foregoing proof the will of M. C. Chapman is admitted to probate
P. H. Hoyle C. J.