

and bequeath my entire estate to my brothers John S. and William S. McCombs equally between them: provided they pay each of my sisters fifty dollars in cash, I mean fifty dollars to each one. I will further more state that it is my desire that the old homestead be kept in the McCombs name and family as long as possible

I declare this writing to be my last will and testament

Mary Jo Tatham
March 10th 1908

Witness
Laura Tatham
Witness
W. E. Moore
witness

Recorded February 7, 1923
A. E. Reimer,
Deputy C. C. C.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Cherokee County } Before the clerk.

In the Matter of the Will of Mamie Stiles, deceased.
The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Mamie Stiles, deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina, by R. J. Stiles, the executor therein named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of Alfred W. Green and L. F. Green, the subscribing witnesses thereto, as follows:
North Carolina, Cherokee County.
Alfred W. Green and L. F. Green, being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself deposes and says, that he is a subscribing witness to the said paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mamie Stiles, and that they saw her execute (or heard acknowledge the execution of) this as her last will and testament, and that affiant attested it in the presence and at the request of said Mamie Stiles, deceased; and at the time of its execution (or at the time its execution was acknowledged) said Mamie Stiles was, in affiant's opinion, of sound mind and disposing memory.

Alfred W. Green
L. F. Green

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16 day of Nov. 1922

A. L. Johnson
Clerk Superior Court Cherokee County

And thereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the will and Testament of Mammie Stiles, deceased, and it is ordered that the same, with the foregoing examination and this certificate, be recorded and filed.

This 16 day of Nov. 1922

A. L. Johnson
Clerk Superior Court Cherokee County.

North Carolina, Cherokee Co.

I Mammie Stiles of the aforesaid County and State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament.

First. My executor hereinafter named shall give my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses and all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my son, Hillman, one watch an Illinois Special, and one bracelet

Third: I give and devise to my son Charles: one Elgin watch.

Fourth: I give and devise to my son Franklin, one gold-filled watch.

Fifth: My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devised and legacies above mentioned shall be sold except all the quilts and the debts owing to me collected and the surplus over and above the payments of the debts expenses and legacies. That such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportion at the age of twenty-one share and share alike.

Sixth: And whereas my said children are minors of the age of thirteen, ten, seven, and five respectfully and will not be of full age of twenty-one until Feb. 23, 1930 Aug. 12, 1932 July 6, 1936. Aug. 23, 1938. respectfully, now

Therefore my will and desire is that R. J. Stiles be and is hereby constituted and guardian of the said children to have and to hold the custody of their estate until the said children shall arrive at the full age of twenty-one years.

Seventh; I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend R. J. Stiles my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true and intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I the said Mamie Stiles I hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth 15. of July, 1922.

Mamie Stiles (Seal)
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mamie Stiles to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Alfred W. Greene
L. J. Greene.

Recorded Feb. 8th, 1923.

Affidavit of John M. Taylor, Jr.

John M. Taylor, Jr. being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That he is the eldest son of James Taylor, now deceased, who was the beneficiary under bill H.R. 11131, and is the identical James Taylor mentioned in the finding of the Court of Claims No. 1344, referred to the said Court by the House Committee on Claims on February 23, 1887, and reported as Congressional case No. 1344. The said James Taylor being the identical person mentioned in House Document No. 187, 64 Congress, First Session, which included finding of the United States Court of Claims filed May 3, 1909.

2. That the affiant is acting for and in the capacity of attorney representing himself, his two brothers names respectfully William J. and James L. Taylor, and two sisters names respectfully Madona Rucker and Addie Matthews.

The affiant, and said two brothers and two sisters being the heirs and legates under the last will and testament of James Taylor, being dated October 7, 1906, which was in full force at the time of the death of said James Taylor at Claremore, Oklahoma, on January 14, 1907.

3. The affiant makes this affidavit for consideration by the Committee on Claims of the United States Senate in connection with a copy of said will and other papers filed by the affiant in support of bill S. 1557, 67th Congress, First Session.

John M. Taylor, Jr.
District of Columbia: ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May, 1922.
M. P. Seal)

Joseph H. Bartholomew
Notary Public