

North Carolina  
Cherokee County.

In the Matter of the Last Will of Mary Jo Tatham, deceased,

Before the Clerk of the Superior Court.

J. S. McCombs being duly sworn deposes and says:

- That he is an applicant for the probate of the last Will of Mary Jo Tatham, deceased, and is a devisee named in said will, there being no executor appointed therein.
- That the value and nature of the estate of said Mary Jo Tatham, according to affiant's best knowledge and judgment, is as follows:

One tract of land in Cherokee County, North Carolina, containing approximately fifty acres, valued at twenty-five hundred dollars.

Personal property consisting of household and kitchen furniture valued at one hundred dollars.

- That the names and residence of the parties entitled to the testator's property are as follows:

John G. Tatham, Murphy, N.C.  
J. S. McCombs, Murphy, N.C.  
W. S. McCombs, Murphy, N.C.  
Laura Abernathy, Murphy, N.C.  
Anne Moore, Murphy, N.C.  
Mary Jo McCombs, Murphy, N.C.

J. S. McCombs  
Applicant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1923.

E. E. Davis  
Clerk Superior Court

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In the Matter of the Will of Mary Jo Tatham, Deceased.

The paper writing hereto attached and purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Jo Tatham, deceased, is exhibited before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina, by J. S. McCombs, a devisee, therein named, and thereupon the following proof thereof is taken by the oath and examination of Laura Tatham and W. E. Moore, the subscribing witnesses thereto, as follows:

North Carolina, Cherokee County.

Laura Tatham and W. E. Moore being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself and himself, deposes and says, that she and he is a subscribing witness to the said paper writing now shown her & him respectively, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Jo Tatham, and that she and he saw her execute and heard her acknowledge the execution of this writing as her last will and testament, and that affiant attested in the presence and at the request of said Mary Jo Tatham, deceased; and that at the time of its execution said Mary Jo Tatham was, in affiant's opinion, of sound mind and perfect memory.

Laura Tatham  
W. E. Moore

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this 6 day of February, 1923.

E. E. Davis

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 last will and testament of Mary Jo Tatham, deceased, and it is ordered that the same with the foregoing examination and this certificate be recorded and filed.

This 6 day of February, 1923.

E. E. Davis  
Clerk Superior Court of Cherokee County.

## The Will of Mary Jo Tatham.

I Mary Jo Tatham being of sound mind and mindful of the uncertainty of death do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First I do will and bequeath to my sister Bettie McCombs a certain piece of land known as the Lemon, land

Second: it is my will and desire that my husband John G. Tatham, have the use and control of the rest of my land as long as he lives. Provided he does not cut the grapevines around the house unless it is some tree that is dead or dangerous, further I want him to have all the timber he needs for wood and fencing but he must not clear any land outside the field.

Third I want my sisters Laura and Anna, to divide my household furniture vases, dishes, pictures, frames brackets, books, bedding, & among themselves and my other sisters nieces, and nephews, for I suppose some articles you will find marked with the names for whom they are intended or then my ~~set~~ set and Jewelry I want my niece Mary Jo McCombs to have. My large mirror I want my sister Bettie McCombs to have at her death I want my niece Mary Jo McCombs to have it. The Parlor-furniture Bird bought for me he can do as he pleases with it the other tricks Vases Brackets, Pictures, frames, books & are mine the lamp he gave me. the carpet is his my other furniture and bedding you will find up stairs in the room over my room Birds bed over the Parlor gives him plenty of cover for his bed. After the death of my husband John G. Tatham I do will

and bequeath my entire estate to my brother, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 1908

Witness  
Laura Tatham  
Witness  
W.E. Moore  
Witness

Recorded February 7, 1923.

J. G. Reamer,  
Deputy Clerk.

North Carolina { In the Superior Court  
Cherokee County { Before the Clerk.

In the Matter of the Will of Mamie Stiles, deceased.  
The paper writing hereunto 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

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

A. D. Johnson  
Clark Superior Court Cherokee  
County,