

Mecklenburg County in the probate Court

In the matter of the will of Rufus J. McAden } Before J. M. Morrow C.S.C.

John H. McAden being sworn doth say:
That Rufus J. McAden late of said County is dead having first made and published his last will and Testament and that John H. McAden is the Executor named therein. Further that the property of the said Rufus J. McAden Consisting of Real Estate, bonds, stocks and other personal property is worth about \$500,000 so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that the Widow and Children of the deceased (under the terms of the will) are the parties entitled under said will to the said property.

Sworn to and Subscribed } J. H. McAden.
before me this 28th day of }
July 1889. }
J. M. Morrow C.S.C. }

Will.

Charlotte N.C. April 7/1889
Being of Sound Mind, I make this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills.

I nominate and appoint my Brother John H. McAden Executor of this will, Trustee and Guardian for my Children And as I have Confidence in his honesty and ability I direct that he shall not be required to give any bond for the discharge of his duty.

I direct my executor to pay off all of my debts And in order that he may do so at once, I direct him to use so much of my life Insurance Money as may be necessary. I request my wife and Children to consent to this arrangement as I know they would accept the Money with my debts unpaid. And in addition to this, this arrangement ensures to their benefit as it protects my property from sacrifice, and they are amply protected by the property. Should any of my Children Refuse to Comply with this Reasonable Request they are hereby Excluded from all Rights and interests in my estate.

My mispression is my life insurance policy amounts to my wife twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, if not so, my Executor is hereby directed, out of my Estate to make it that amount. In addition to this, I give to my wife and her heirs one (8) eighth interest in my entire Estate, both Real and personal. I also give to her the house at my Cotton factory known as the "dwelling house" together with twenty acres surrounding said dwelling, her natural life. Also I give to her absolutely, all of my household and kitchen furniture, Carriage and Horses, all the residue of my Estate I give to my Brother, Dr. John H. McAden in Trust, for my Children, he to have entire Control of the Same, And he is Authorizing to sell and dispose of the Same or any part thereof, at such time and on such Terms, as to him may seem best. He shall also have authority to keep in possession and manage and operate any and all such property as long as he may deem it wise to do so. That he may distribute such portion of said property or income, Therefore, at such time, as he may deem it prudent for the best interests of my Estate and my Children.

In case that any of my Children are dissipated and disposed to waste their property, they are to receive only a small income, until the proof by their Conduct and habits, that they are worthy to take more.

The portions of my property due to my daughters shall be given to them in their own right, free from the debts or liabilities of their Husbands, at such time as my Executor may deem best.

My Executor Shall Charge such Commission for his services as he may think just and right

(Signed) R. J. McAden

This paper acknowledged by R. J. McAden before me to be his last will and Testament and we sign the Same as witnesses in his presence and at his Request

(Sig) Arch^d Graham.

(") M. P. Peggam.

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State of North Carolina } the Superior Court
Mecklenburg County. }

A paper purporting to be the last will and test ament of R. G. McAden deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned C. S. C. for said County by J. H. McAden the executor therein mentioned. And the due Execution thereof by the said R. G. McAden, by the oath and Examination of Archibald Graham and M. P. Peggam, the Subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn both depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing, now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of R. G. McAden, that the said R. G. McAden, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which had date of the 9th day of April 1888. And the deponent further saith that the said R. G. McAden, 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 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 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said R. G. McAden was sound of 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 saith not.

Severally sworn to and Subscribed this 28th day of January 1889
before me
J. M. Morrow
C. S. C.

Archibald Graham
M. P. Peggam

North Carolina Mecklenburg County }

On the matter of the probate of the will of Rufus G. McAden deceased }

It is considered and Adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Rufus G. McAden deceased.

Therefore let said last will together with the proofs and this order be recorded
Jan. 28th 1889.
J. M. Morrow C. S. C.

North Carolina Mecklenburg County }

I, J. M. Morrow clerk of the Superior Court in and for said the County and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect Transcript of the application, proofs and will of the late Rufus G. McAden deceased as are now on file and recorded in my office. I also certify that Dr. John H. McAden has duly qualified as executor of the said will of the said Rufus G. McAden deceased according to law.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Court at Office this 19th day of April A. D. 1889.
J. M. Morrow, Clerk Superior Court.

State of North Carolina }
Cherokee County }

The foregoing certificate of J. M. Morrow C. S. C. Mecklenburg County is a duly sworn and according to law. Therefore let the will with the proofs, certificates &c. be Registered this 17th day of April 1889
D. W. Drayton C. S. C.