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State of North Carolina }
County of Gaston }

I John D. McLean of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina, being of Sound & disposing mind and memory, but feeling the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. That is to say:-

Viz:-

- 1st I Will & devise to my beloved wife Martha E. McLean the tract of land upon which I now live, known as the Houston Place, adjoining the lands of Arthur Armstrong, Samuel Craig &c, Wm. R. McLean, & others, containing about 300, three hundred acres, including the land of said tract lying upon both sides of the South Fork River, and including all the lands belonging to said Houston Place, to have & to hold said land with all improvements thereon to my said wife Martha E. McLean for and during the term of her natural life. And at the death of my said wife I direct hereby that said land shall belong to my son Robert Alexander McLean in fee simple, it being my intention to give to my said wife a life estate in said land, and the remainder therein to my said son Robert Alexander McLean in fee simple - Subject to the limitation

said land. And the remainder therein to my said son Robert Alexander McLean in fee simple - Subject to the limitations hereinafter stated in item Sixth of this Will. But if my said wife Martha E. McLean, should die before I die, then I give and bequeath said land directly & immediately to my said son Robert Alexander McLean upon the same terms and limitations as above expressed.

and

I give & devise to my son John D. B. McLean the tract of land known as the Mill Place. Containing about 188, One hundred & eighty eight acres more or less. purchased by me from Joseph McLean decd. saving & excepting six acres of the same upon said six acres is situated the brick Mill and cotton gin. To have & to hold the said Mill tract of land together with all improvements thereon to him my said son John D. B. McLean in fee simple - Subject to the limitations hereinafter stated in item Sixth of this Will. And the said six acres. above excepted, from the "Mill Place". I will & devise as follows the one half of the same upon which is situated the Cotton Gin. together with the Cotton Gin & all its Machinery, I will & devise to my said son John D. B. McLean. And the other half of the said six acres. upon which is situated the brick Mill & saw Mill. together with said brick & saw Mill & all their Machinery, I will & devise to my said son Robert Alexander McLean. the said six acres

And the deponent further saith. That the said Mary E. Wallace the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said Paper-writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her Last Will and Testament. And this deponent did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto. and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said Last Will and Testament as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto. as aforesaid the said Mary E. Wallace was of sound 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.

It is therefore considered by the Court. that the said Paper-writing and every part thereof. is the Last Will and Testament of the said Mary E. Wallace. And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And thereupon the said David R. Horsley Executor as aforesaid. duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

J. R. White, Prob. Judge

as aforesaid. duly qualifies as such by taking
the oath required by law.

J. J. White. Probate Judge

Gaston County: In the Probate Court.

Before J. J. White

In the Matter of the Will
of Mary E. Wallace

Judge of Probate

David R. Horsley. being sworn. doth say.
That. Mary E. Wallace. late of Said County. is dead.
Having first made and published her Last Will and Testament
And that David R. Horsley. is the executor named therein.
Further. that the Property of the said Mary. E. Wallace
consisting of one fifth undivided interest in 100 acres
of land & Household & Kitchen Furniture. is worth about
\$200. so far as can be ascertained at the date of this Application.
And that Mary A. Wallace. And the Children of
Sarah A. Horsley. all of Gaston County.
are the parties entitled under said Will to the Said Property.
Sworn to and subscribed before me.
this 2nd day of December 1880.
J. J. White. Probate Judge.

D. R. Horsley.