

North Carolina,

Gaston County.

I, Martha E. McLean, of said County of Gaston, being of so und mind and memory, realizing the uncertainty of my earthly life, and desiring to direct the distribution of my estate, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament which I will to be performed at my death in manner and form following:

Item 1. It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts, including funeral expenses, and provide for my grave a suitable monument, ^{all} ~~are~~ to be paid out of any moneys that may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my grand children Wm. S. McLean, Hattie McLean, Martha McLean and Sime McLean children of W. S. McLean, deceased, each Five dollars in money.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son John D. B. McLean, my bureau and large mirror, in my room at his home; and to his daughter Annie P. McLean, I give and bequeath my bed, bedding and bed furnishings; and to his daughter Edith L. McLean I give and bequeath my gold watch.

Item 4. It is my will and desire and I hereby direct, that all the rest of my personal estate, wherever the same may be situated, shall be equally divided

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Item 4. It is my will and desire and I hereby direct, that my personal estate, wherever the same may be situated, shall be equally divided among my children, John D.B.McLean and Martha J.Adams and my grandson A.A.McLean, share and share alike; and to the three (3) last above named, to wit: John D.B.McLean, Martha J.Adams and A.A.McLean, I will and devise all my real estate wheresoever situated, to be divided equally between them.

Item 5. I will and direct that my son John D.B.McLean, have the management and control of A.A.McLean's interest until he becomes of age, and pay out same, or the proceeds thereof, as his necessities may require; and my object in giving him more than I do my other grandchildren who are mentioned herein, is, that he may have the advantage of immediate schooling, maintenance and support, and he has been with me a good deal.

Item 6. I hereby name, constitute and appoint my son John D.B.McLean my executor of this my last will and testament, to give effect to same according to the true meaning and intent thereof, and every part of same.

Hereby revoking all wills and testaments by me heretofore made, I declare the foregoing and every part thereof to be my last will and testament as expressly stated.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Gastonia, N.C.

This the 13th day of March, A. D. 1899

Martha E. McLean,

(Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of us who, at the request of the testatrix and in her presence, signed our names as witnesses:

Wm. H. Lewis

H. H. Spencer

M. T. Wilson.

State of North Carolina,)
) In the Superior Court.
 Gaston County.)

In the Matter of the last will of Martha E. McLean.

It appearing to the court by the oath and examination of Wm. H. Lewis H. H. Spencer and M. T. Wilson the subscribing witnesses thereto, that the paper writing propounded by the Executor therein named, is the last will and testament of Martha E. McLean and that the same was duly executed by said Martha E. McLean in the presence of said witnesses and that at the time of signing the same the said Martha E. McLean was of sound mind.

It is thereupon adjudged that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Martha E. McLean and the Executor therein named qualify as such.

This the 12th day of April, 1904.

C. C. Cornwell Clerk Superior Court