

State of North Carolina
Macon County.

I the Name
of said, Name

I John Shope of the County of Macon
my State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and mind full of the fact that I must soon
die and desiring to arrange my worldly affairs
to the interest of my family, do make and ordain
this to be my last will and testament,

1st I Will and desire that all my just debts be
paid out of my property left after my death, if any
remain due,

2nd I Will to my beloved Wife Martha Matilda during
her Natural life all of my property both real and
personal including Mineral interests reserved
in and to heretofore sold.

3rd It is my Will that the property mentioned in
Item two shall go to my Children Sarah Elizabeth,
Robert Melvin, Zebulon, Vance and Eddie Virgil, at
the death of my Wife Martha Matilda, and in the
Event of the death of any of the Children herein
named, his or her interest shall go to those sur-
viving. I also advise and request that Sarah
Elizabeth, Zebulon Vance and Eddie Virgil look
after their brother Robert's interests and aid him
in the management of his affairs.

I the Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal on this the 14th day of April
1889 in the presence of W. N. Hileman and Mrs
Mary E. Hileman whom I request to witness
this my last Will and Testament.

Witness,

John Shope Dead

W. N. Hileman.

Mary E. Hileman.

Geo. P. McPherson.

This to be my last will and testament,
1st I Will and desire that all my just debts be
paid out of my property right after my death, if any
remain due,

2^d I Will to my beloved Wife Martha Matilda Shupe
for Natural life all of my property both real and
personal including mineral interests reserved
in and to heretofore sold.

3^d It is my Will that the property mentioned in
Item two shall go to my Children Sarah Elizabeth
Robert Melvin, Jubulan, Vance and Eddie Virgil, at
the death of my Wife Martha Matilda, and in the
Event of the death of any of the Children herein
named, his or her interest shall go to those now
living, I also advise and request that Sarah
Elizabeth, Jubulan Vance and Eddie Virgil look
after their brother Robert's interests and aid him
in the management of his affairs,

I do Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal on this the 14th day of April
1889 in the presence of W. N. Hileman and Mrs
Mary E. Hileman whom I request to witness
this my last Will and Testament,

Witness,

John Shupe (Seal)

W. N. Hileman

Mary E. Hileman

Geo. P. McPherson

W. W. Walke

State of North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court,
Madison County }

A paper Writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of John Shupe
deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of

To Superior Court for said County, by
the Execut^{rs} therein mentioned, "as the due ex-
ecution thereof by the said John Shope by the oath
and examination of Mary E. Allman and W. M. Allman
the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who being duly
sworn, both depose and say, "as 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 John Shope, that the
said John Shope in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the end of
said paper writing, which is now shown as
aforesaid, "as which bears date of the 11th day of
April 1887.

And the deponent further saith, that the said
John Shope the testator aforesaid, did at the time
of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare
the said paper writing so subscribed by him "as
exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, "as the
deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at
the end of said will, as an attesting witness
thereto, and at the request "as in the presence of
said testator, And the deponent further saith,
that at the said time when the said testator
subscribed his name to said last Will as
aforesaid, "as at the time of the deponents
subscribing his name as an attesting witness
thereto, as aforesaid, the said John Shope was
of sound mind and memory, of full age to ex-
ecute a will, "as was not under any restraint, to the
knowledge, information or belief of the deponents, and
further these deponents say "not."

Mary E. Allman
W. M. Allman,

Personally sworn and subscribed this 8th day

Said John Shupe and the presence of this
deponent subscribed his name at the end of
said paper writing, which is now shown as
aforesaid, and which bears date of the 11th day of
April 1889.

And the deponent further saith, That the said
John Shupe the testator aforesaid, did at the time
of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare
the said paper writing so subscribed by him^{and}
exhibited to be his last will and Testament, and the
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
said testator, and the deponent further saith,
that at the said time when the said testator
subscribed his name to 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 John Shupe was
of sound mind and memory, of full age to ex-
ecute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the
knowledge, information or belief of the deponent; and
further these deponents say not.

Mary E. Allman
W. M. Allman,

Specially sworn and subscribed, this 2nd day
of Nov. 1901, before me,

Lee Crawford,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina } ss. In the Superior Court.
Macon County }

It is therefore considered and
adjudged by the Court that the said paper-

Writing and endorsing thereof is the last Will and
Testament of John S. Hooper deceased. Let the said
Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.
This 2^d day of Nov. 1901.

Lee Crawford,
Clerk Superior Court.