

State of North Carolina
Morganton County

I David Wright of the County aforesaid being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament

First I do give and devise after manner shall give my body a plain simple burial though decent buried within the burial of my friends & relations and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate

Second I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret all the tracts of land on which I now live situate on the east side of the River of Troy containing three acres & conveyed to me by Nathaniel Knight on the 16th day of June 1852

Also a back of 13 acres lying on the south side of the Fayetteville Road and on the East side of said Town containing three Town Lots of said Town of Troy to wit the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th the same having been conveyed to me by Nathaniel Knight on the 29th day of February 1850

Also a lot on the North side of said Fayetteville Road and East of the Town of Troy known as the Shop Lot & upon which the Blacksmith Shop is located containing one half an acre and conveyed to me by David Jones on the 20th day of September 1852 & conveyed to me by David Jones on the 2nd day of February 1855

Also another Lot containing about one half an acre on the North side of said Fayetteville Road adjoining the above described Shop Lot & the Lot on which I now reside being the same upon which my Gin House Cotton down & Wood Shop are located and conveyed to me by Nathaniel Knight on the 16th day of April 1857

Also one tract of land situate in said County on the North of Turkey Creek containing one hundred and one acre and conveyed to me by W. J. Jordan on the 10th day of September 1857

Also one other tract of land adjoining the aforesaid one hundred and one acre tract containing 1/2 acre and conveyed to me by Locky Simmons on the 27th day of March 1858. I have to hold the aforesaid Lots &

tracts of land for the natural life in satisfaction of my debts and there do hereby leave

Third I give and devise to my son W. S. Wright one tract of land in Hill Township in Morganton County known as the "White Creek Place" adjoining the land of Wm. W. Seal & W. S. Wright and other containing one hundred and twenty eight acres being the Northern part of the tract which was devised to me by my father James Wright

Also one tract of land as follows. The tract of 1/2 acre upon which I now live 1/2 acre back south of the Fayetteville Road including Town Lot No. 1539 and the Shop Lot of one half an acre the Gin House & one Shop Lot of about one half an acre the tracts of one acre purchased of W. J. Jordan lying in Turkey Creek and the adjoining 1/2 acre back purchased of Locky Simmons subject to the life estate of my said wife in the said tracts mentioned & devised in item second of this my will. I have to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple

Fourth I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Margaret all of my live stock horses cattle sheep & other farming tools shop tools & other baggage gear & other household furniture and all of my personal property of whatever description and in the event my said wife shall desire to dispose of any of the above said personal property bequeathed to her by me or otherwise it is my will that she shall first consult and advise with my executor hereinafter named and see if otherwise disposed of the same by his Executor as she shall see fit. I hereby constitute & appoint my son W. S. Wright my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the provisions & meaning of the same & every part thereof & thereof & everything & everything therein contained in my said testament by him hereafter made in witness whereof I the said David Wright do hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of February 1858

David Wright Seal

Signed before me as aforesaid & declared by the said David Wright to be his last will & testament in the presence of me who at his request saw him publish & subscribe on manner & in language therein

J. H. Jordan
J. S. Wright

State of North Carolina in the Supreme Court
Montgomery County

I, John Wright deceased is exhibited by the undersigned ~~John Wright~~ said County, by W. L. Wright the Executor therein mentioned and the declaration thereof by the said David Wright by the said and examination of J. T. Wright and R. W. Gordon the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn each depose and say and each for himself separately and jointly that he is the subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of David Wright: That the said David Wright in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name as aforesaid and a paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which have date of the 16th day of February 1886

And the deponent further saith That the said David Wright the testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing to subscribe by him and admitted to be his last Will & Testament And this deponent did then upon subscription his name with each of said Wells 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 time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said David Wright was of sound mind and memory of full age he is a white male and was not under any restraint by any person Information in belief of this deponent: And further that deponent say not

R. W. Gordon Sen
J. T. Wright Sen

Witness my hand and subscribe
this 17th day of May 1886 before me
J. C. W. & Co

North Carolina in the Supreme Court Before John Wood Clerk
Montgomery County, & it is therefore Considered and adjudged that
the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
of David Wright deceased and the same is duly Received as such
to be proved by

In the Name of God Amen
I John McLean of Montgomery County, and State of North
Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory
do hereby considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make and declare this my last will and testament
in manner and form following to wit to wit
First my will is that my executor hereinafter named
prepare for my body a decent and honorable burial
in my situation in life and pay all funeral expenses
together with my just debts hereunto to be answered and
paid of the moneys that may first come into his hands
as part or parcel of my estate
Item my will is that my said executor hereinafter named
pay a debt of six months to my son a debt hereinafter
made in Montgomery and Union Counties taking bond
security and title not to be made until the purchase money
is paid
Item I give and bequeath to Peter Rogers of Madison Town
of my estate the sum of fifty dollars
Item I give and bequeath unto my friend John Rogers
brother of Peter Rogers the sum of fifty dollars
Item I give and bequeath unto John Matheson son of
Norman Matheson the sum of fifty dollars
Item I give and bequeath unto Norman Matheson (son of
Norman) the sum of fifty dollars
Item I give and bequeath unto Christian Matheson
daughter of Norman the sum of fifty dollars
Item I give and bequeath unto the children of Mary the
daughter of Norman Matheson the sum of fifty dollars
My will further is that my said executor hereinafter
named do my death process and receive all debts
due and that he further process and receive all debts
which my estate is justly entitled to and that he pay
all necessary expenses incurred in the prosecution of
the same
My will further is that my executors to wit Charles and
Margaret and her children take my dear and beloved
and dear friends they prefer my will further is
that they choose amongst the children of Mary the children
of the said Mary shall prefer to go and reside where ever they
shall therefore I have no other will my will is that my
said executor cause them to have their Ransom may be at
the expense of my estate. Should the said executors

McLean John
Wells
K. Matheson
Sen