

State of North Carolina SS In the Superior Court  
Montgomery County, N.C.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David Wright deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Justice of said County, by W. L. Wright, Esq., in whose handwriting and due execution thereof by the said David Wright by the testator's testament of J. T. Wright and R. W. Jordan the subscriber witness thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself respectively, and with that he is the subscriber witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of David Wright: That the said testator be it Wright, in the presence of this deponent, subscribe his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown to deponent where which bears date of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1886.

Wright and  
Will

W. L. Wright,  
Esq.

Says the deponent further saith, That the said David Wright, the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing or subscribers by him and intended to be his last Will & Testament, that he deposed did then upon subscription his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request made in the presence of the said testator, that the deponent further said, that as the deponent knew the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as his and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name to the said Will, did the testator aforesaid the said David Wright, say of whom a sum in a sum memory of just over to execute a will that was not burdened with any restraints, & to give full information or belief of this deponent: And further, that deponent say unto

R. W. Jordan, Esq.  
J. T. Wright, Esq.

Notary Public and subscriber  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1886 before you  
W. L. C. W. L. C. W. L. C.

North Carolina, in the Superior Court Before Leslie W. Clark  
Montgomery County, N.C. This day of May 1886 and adjured that  
the foregoing paper writing may be my last Will and Testament  
of David Wright deceased and the same is duly Recorded as such  
C. L. Edwards, Clerk

In the Name of God Almighty  
of John McLeod of Montgomery County, and State of North  
Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory  
but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence  
do make and declare this my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form following what is to say:  
First my will is that my executors hereinafter named  
provide for my body a decent and comfortable suitable  
to my situation to lie, and pay all just expenses  
together with my just debts from me to them so far as  
out of the money that may first come into his hands  
as part or parcel of my estate.

Item my will is that my executors hereinafter named  
sell a tract of land of my real estate consisting of  
land in Montgomery and Wilson Counties taking land  
security, and title subject to make until the purchase money  
is paid.

Item I give and bequeath to Wesley Rogers of Marion, Tenn. one  
of my estates the sum of Fifty dollars.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother of Bates, my the sum of Fifty dollars.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Mathewson of  
Norman Mathewson the sum of Fifty dollars.

Item I give and bequeath unto Howard Mathewson son of  
Norman the sum of Fifty dollars.

Item I give and bequeath unto Christian Mathewson  
daughter of Norman the sum of Fifty dollars.

Item I give and bequeath unto the Children of Henry, the  
daughter of Norman Mathewson the sum of Fifty dollars.

My will further is that my executors hereinafter  
named at my death proceed to collect all debts justly due  
me and that my executors hereinafter named secure all funds  
held in my estate, & justify satisfied to know and shall be pay  
all necessary expenses incurred in the prosecution of  
the same.

My will further is that my executors hereinafter named  
shall grant another plantation to my dear son-in-law, George W.  
and wife, Jessie, in Marion, they prefer him, wife, Jessie, to  
that they Christian Mathewson the mother, bearing a fee for the children  
of the said slaves shall prefer to give a certain share unto the  
slaves. Hereupon break and divide their property in that my  
said executors give them to others than themselves may be at  
the expense of my estate. Should the case arise for the first

I now do, when in slavery, my will is that they have the right to choose and elect their own master and Master the master or masters Master or Masters or choose as above to pay unto my said master a fair and reasonable price for each of said slaves.

Item after the legacies hereof mentioned are paid, just debts and the expenses of settling of my estate are paid off and satisfied my will is as follows: to now give and bequeath to Daniel McLeod of Cynthiana County, the sum of thirty five dollars

and further my wife is and do now give and bequeath and choose John Matheson of Montgomery County Kenneth Matheson & Christian Matheson of Monroe County & Wiley & Bassett and stepson to Barron of Lebanon County the sum of my estate both real and personal and forty four parts and parcel thereof of these

and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John Matheson Kenneth Matheson my lawful executor to all intent and purpose to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and parcel thereof myself hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testament by me theretofore made.

In testimony whereof I the said John McLeod do hereunto set my hand and seal this day of May 1886  
Severna Davis published and John McLeod Seal  
declared by the said John McLeod  
to be his will and testament in the presence of two who at his request were in his service as overseer or manager as witnesses to the same A. R. McDonald  
E. J. Keene

State of North Carolina  
Montgomery County, 3d month Superior Court  
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John McLeod deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Kenneth Matheson one of the executors herein mentioned and due execution thereof by the said John McLeod is proved by the oral examination of Allen Jordan of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina the being second and before me say that he knows E. J. Cain one of the subscribers a witness thereto

Will of  
John McLeod

the said E. J. Cain is seen to be the same acquainted with the handwriting of the said E. J. Cain deceased having often seen him write that the name of the said E. J. Cain subsists as a witness to the said will in the place writing of the said E. J. Cain  
and the said Allen Jordan further say that he is well acquainted with A. R. McDonald the other subscriber witness thereto that he A. R. McDonald resides at Middletown the County of蒙哥马利 State of North Carolina that said A. R. McDonald is now dead has been for some time a poor man and that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said A. R. McDonald having often seen him write and that the name of the said A. R. McDonald subsists as a witness to the said will in the place writing of the said A. R. McDonald  
Signed to and witnessed  
before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1886

Allen Jordan  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1886  
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North Carolina  
Montgomery County, 3d Month Superior Court  
In the Name of the State of North Carolina  
Daniel Martin Clerk of the Superior Court  
A. J. Martin being duly sworn depon say:  
That Daniel Martin Clerk of said County is and having given bond and published his last will and testament and that he is the executor named therein further that the property of the said Daniel Martin consisting of personal and Real estate is worth about \$1000000 as far as can be ascertained at the date of this application and that A. J. Martin John L. Martin my son wife of G. W. Martin Margaret Ann Freeman wife of Joseph Freeman & Christopher M. Freeman all residing in Montgomery County doth affeirm