

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court September Term 1858

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William A. Rouse is exhibited in open court and offered for probate, and is duly proved by the oaths of Miles Gaston William A. Peden and Uriah Sullivan three of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of said William A. Rouse in every respect, and as such sufficient to convey the bequests therein made, Let the same be registered and filed, At the same time James D. Miller and Shadrack McWick two of the executors therein named, appeared in open Court and were duly qualified according to law.

Test Samuel Brumby Clerk

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County

I William H. McCoy of the State and County aforesaid being of Sound and disposing mind and memory (by the blessing of a kind providence) do solemnly make publish and declare this paper writing to be my last Will and Testament in manner & form following, hereby revoking any ~~other~~ Will heretofore made by me.

It is my will and desire that my remains be decently buried, and that my executor be authorized to expend as much of my estate (in reason) thereof as he may deem much and expedient.

It is my will and desire that my executor hereafter named do pay my just debts to the uttermost forthwith.

It is my will and desire that all my real and personal estate which may remain after the payment of my just debts may be and belong to my wife Francisca E. McCoy to have and to hold during her life or widowhood and that my beloved wife shall out of the property will to her for her life or widowhood provide for maintain and educate my two beloved sons William and Robert and such other child or children as may be the offspring of our marriage, and for this purpose she is to have the contrall of all my property until said William or Robert or such other shall arrive at the age of twenty one and in that case each child shall draw from my estate an equal share leaving still an equal share in the hands of my beloved wife Francisca E.

Item 5th It is my will and desire that whatever amount may be due from my brother T. Hall McKoy for and on account of the Copartnership now existing under the name and firm of William H. McKoy and Brother, shall not be prepaid or due for collection until three years after my death, unless my executor shall see some necessity for bringing suit soon before that time. And I also authorize and empower my executor, to permit the firm to continue the business transactions for three years.

Item 6th It is my will and desire that if my wife should at any time after my death marry, that in that event, she receive a child's part of my property that remains after the payment of my debts and hold the same without any reservation or restriction and the rest of my property money or effects, be placed in the hands of the Guardian of my Children, or in their hands if they are of the age of twenty one years.

I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Almond A. McKoy my executor, and Dr William A. Berry Guardian to my Children, to this my last will and testament.

Signed and sealed in the presence of three of these witnesses, who signed the same in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, this 29th day of July 1858 the word (that) inserted. Item 1st first line
Elijah Willis
Robert J. Howard

W. H. McKoy Seal

State of North Carolina
Harris County Court, September Term 1858
This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of W. H. McKoy is exhibited in open court and offered for probate and is duly proved by the oaths of Elijah Willis & Robert J. Howard the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and Testament of said W. H. McKoy in every respect, and as such sufficient to carry out the bequests therein made. Let the same be registered and filed. At the same time Almond H. McKoy the executor therein named appears in open court and was duly qualified according to law. Test

Samuel Bunting Clerk