

State of North Carolina
Union County

I James McCollum
of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound
mind and memory and in the enjoyment of my
usual health, but considering the uncertainty of
life and the certainty of death do make publish
and declare this to be my last will and testament
in manner and form following viz.

First That my executrix herein after appointed
shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable
to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay
all personal expenses together with all my
just debts howsoever and to whomever owing
(if there be any) out of the moneys that may
first come to her hands as a part or parcel
of my estate.

Second It is my will and desire that all my
estate both real and personal and mixed be and
belong to my beloved wife Elizabeth B. McCollum
at my death to be hers absolutely for her to use
and enjoy and to dispose of at her pleasure
and I hereby authorize my said beloved wife if she
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any part of my estate real or personal and
if need to make title and her title shall be good.
It is further my will and desire that whatever
may remain of my estate at the death of my
wife Elizabeth B. McCollum that it go to my
beloved daughter Margaret J. McCollum to be hers
absolutely and by her to be used enjoyed or disposed of
by sold or will or in any way that she may desire.
And lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved wife E. B. McCollum
sole executrix to this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills and testaments by me
made

In testimony whereof I the said James McCollum have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal

This the 7th day of May A.D. 1872. } James McCollum (Seal)
Signed sealed published and declared to be the
last will and testament of James McCollum in the presence
of us who in his presence & at his request have signed our
names as witnesses thereto with all its interlineations &c. &c.
J. W. Smith

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James M^cCollum dec^d was offered for Probate in open Court by Elizabeth B McCollum the executrix therein and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of J. C. Stry and J. W. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Probate Court, that the paper writing every part and ~~whole~~ thereof is the will and testament of James M^cCollum decedent and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Elizabeth B McCollum the executrix therein named duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Witness my hand for the Executrix above named
 Asw. to M^cLarty P. J.

State of North Carolina in the name of God amen
 Union County I Jackson Simpson being of Sound mind & memory considering the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do make this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows (viz)

Item, I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth Simpson all my plantation whereon I now live including all the