

my nat. Senecely sworn and subscribed
this 8th day of Feb. 1916 before me.

J. F. Crater

Clerk Superior Court.

J. D. Smithman

J. D. Harmon

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

It is therefore considered and
adjudged by the Court that the said paper
writing and every part thereof is the last
will and Testament of W. D. Steele deceased.
Let the said will, together with the probate
be recorded and filed.

This 8th day of Feb. 1916.

J. F. Crater

Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina
Fadkin County

I John B. Messick, of the aforesaid
County and State, being of sound mind, but
considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence, do make and declare this my last
will and testament.

First: My executor hereinafter named, shall give
my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes
of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral
expenses together with all my just debts out
of the first moneys which shall come into his
hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine
Messick my home place in Knobbs Township
Fadkin County, containing 79 acres more or less
for her natural life and so long as she remains
single. Also I give and bequeath to my wife
Catharine all my personal property during her
natural life, and as long as she remains single.
After her death or at her marriage, I give and
devise to my youngest son Robert J. Messick
and his heirs my home tract containing
79 acres more or less.

Third: I give and devise to my daughter
Lara E. Messick and her heirs my E. B. Hair
land containing 87 acres more or less.
It is my will and desire that my
daughter Sallie F. Greenwood shall have
a home with Lara E. Messick as long
it is agreeable to both parties, In case
Sallie F. Greenwood does not desire to live
with Lara E. Messick, then she and
Sallie F. Greenwood shall have the privilege
of cutting on the North west corner of
the E. B. Hair land enough timber to build
a house in Jonesville.

Fourth: after the death or at the marriage of my wife

of nat. Generally sworn and subscribed
as 8th day of Feb. 1916 before me.

J. F. Crater
Clerk Superior Court. } J. D. Smithman
J. D. Harman

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Fadkin County } ss

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is 8th day of Feb. 1916.

J. F. Crater
Clerk Superior Court.

John J. Merrick will

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North Carolina
Fadkin County

I John J. Merrick, of the aforesaid
County and State, being of sound mind, but
considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence, do make and declare this my last
will and testament.

First: My executor hereinafter named, shall give
my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes
of my friends and relatives, and pay all funeral
expences together with all my just debts out
of the first moneys which shall come into his
hands belonging to my estate.

Second: I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine
Merrick my home place in Knobs Township
Fadkin County, containing 79 acres more or less
for her natural life and so long as she remains
single. also I give and bequeath to my wife
Catharine all my personal property during her
natural life, and as long as she remains single.
After her death or at her marriage, I give and
devise to my youngest son Robert J. Merrick
and his heirs my home tract containing
79 acres more or less.

Third: I give and devise to my daughter
Cara E. Merrick and her heirs my E. B. Hair
land containing 87 acres more or less.
It is my will and desire that my
daughter Sallie F. Greenwood shall have
a home with Cara E. Merrick as long
it is agreeable to both parties, In case
Sallie F. Greenwood does not desire to live
with Cara E. Merrick, then she and
Sallie F. Greenwood shall have the privilege
of cutting on the North West Corner of
the E. B. Hair land enough timber to build
a house in Jonesville.

Fourth: after the death or at the marriage of my wife

Catherine, I give and bequeath to my son Robert J Messick all my personal property Fifth: I hereby constitute and appoint my son Robert J Messick my lawful executor, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, thereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, In witness whereof, I the said John J Messick do hereunto set my hand and seal this April 1st 1910

John J. Messick

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John J Messick to be his last will & testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

C. N. Bodenhamer
J. P. Hendren

Probate

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Fayette County } ss
a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John J Messick deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, by R J Messick the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John J Messick by the oath and examination of C N Bodenhamer and J P Hendren the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say and each for himself deposes 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 J Messick, that the said John J Messick in 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 1st day of April 1910. And this Deponent further saith that the said John J Messick 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 this 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 this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their name as attesting witnesses thereto, as aforesaid, the said John J Messick was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent; and further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and subscribed, this 7th day of March 1910, before me J. S. Crater

J. P. Hendren
C. N. Bodenhamer

Clerk Superior Court

North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Fayette County } ss

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of John J Messick deceased Let the said will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 7th day of March 1910

J. S. Crater Clerk Superior Court