

In the name of God Amen, I John. Mernan of Campbell County considering the uncertainty of this mortal life being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be to almighty God for the same do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give and bequeathe to my beloved wife Elizabeth Mernan the plantation I now live on during her natural life also one Gray mare one brown mare with a black face also two Bay horses also all the sheep and goats now on the place also three beds and the bedding four Cows and one calf also all the house hold furniture together with all the farming utensils on the plantation also all the hogs after they is taken out this coming fall 1810 for in express purpose I do also give and bequeathe to my two sons Jacob and William Mernan the forty hogs above mentioned to be equally divided between them also I give to my son Jacob one Gray horse also to my son William one horse and one spotted heifer I also give and bequeathe to my daughter Mary one black Cow with a spotted face one spotted Cow also a young black Cow with a white face and one calf one bed and bedding I do also give and bequeathe to my daughter Elizabeth one dun Cow and calf also I do give and ordain that my two sons Jacob and William Mernan do pay to my daughter Elizabeth sixteen dollars thirty six cents when ever they see the aforesaid forty hogs each of them an equal part to pay - I further give and devise to my daughter Mary one whole saddle and one bed and bedding I do also give and bequeathe to my son George one spotted Cow and a brown spring Calf I do also give and bequeathe to my son James one red Cow and the first Calf the place now does have I do also give and bequeathe to my son Charles one white heifer and the first Calf the place now does have I do also give and bequeathe to my daughter Sally one dun heifer two years old with a white back - I do further will and order my executors to sell

the plantation I have sold to my wife her natural life time after her death for the best price and in the best manner they can and purchase a larger tract of land and divide the same equally between my three youngest sons George James and Charles and if any of the said boys should die before marriage his or their part or parts to be equally divided between the living brothers and sisters I do further will and order my executors after the death of my beloved wife to sell all the personal estate that may be left after raising the children and pay ten pounds to my daughter Sally and then divide the remainder equally between all my sons and daughters before named and Sally an equal part with the rest And lastly I appoint Michael Mernan and William Readick my sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills in this respect my hand and seal this 22^d day of August 1810

Signed sealed and published and declared by the above named John Mernan to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who have herunto subscribed our names witnesses

Marcus Lindsey
John Mernan
John Mernan
Michael Young
John Mernan
John Mernan

Campbell Novorber Court 1810

This last will & Testament of John Mernan deceased was presented to Court and proved by the Oaths of John Young & Michael Young two of the subscribing witnesses there to & ordered to be recorded whereupon the same is recorded in my office

Teste James Taylor
clerk