

Will of Dugald McKeithan

In the name of God, Amen, the twenty first day of January 1750/51 I Dugald McKeithan of Bladen County in the province of North Carolina, Taylor, being very sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given unto God therefor calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament: Principally, and first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form -

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary McKeithan two Negro men viz. Old Jacks and _____ five Cows & Calves, two Horses named Buck & _____ one feather bed and furniture, two large pewter dishes, one small, one large _____ Basin & one small D^o _____ one Pot, one new Tea Kettle, one Chist & Trunk with all her wearing apparel _____ nominate & appoint her the said Mary & Alexander McKeithan to be my Executors.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Child that my dearly beloved wife Mary McKeithan now gone with if safely delivered whether male or female, two negro men called _____ young horse, two Breeding mares furniture, three pewter dishes, three large Basins 2¹/₂ doz new plates one large Pot, one D^o small, one frying pan, one half doz Chans, also _____ acres of land where I live on beginning at W^m. Rowan's upper line & running upward fronting the river and running one mile back it is my desire that the Negro called Dick be sold and two negro girls bought with the money for the use of said Child, which Child & Intrest I leave to the Care of my wife Mary aforesaid while she remaineth on the aforesaid land, if she remove off the said land the Child with the above said _____ to be left with my dearly beloved Bro^r J^r McKeithan if living at the time aforesaid to be left with the rest of kindred on Cape Fear the said

Child to be set free at the age of twenty one year and to receive his or her estate if it please God there should be twins or two Children the _____ estate to be equally divided between them. It is also my desire that the _____ and work on the sd. plantation except _____ for the space of five years and the profits of the same to discharge debts which is now or may ~~become~~ ^{become} be exempted by reason of money legacies not yet mentioned.

I also desire that the sd negro men called Young Jack should be sold at the end of five years & two young negro girls bought for the money they of the sd. Child or Children. It is also my will & pleasure the aforesd. Child or Children should dye before they arrive the age of twenty one year that one of sd. Negro girls be given to my beloved wife Mary McKeithan and the remainder part of sd. Negroes all _____ Chattels laid out for sd. Children to be equally divided between the Children of my beloved Bro^r James McKeithan and Duncan McKeithan, Nancy McKeithan & Sarah McKeithan any of the sd. persons dying without issue this part to be equally divided between the next heirs of kindred.

Item I will and desire that the aforesmentioned Land _____ the aforesmentioned Child or Children's the heirs or heirs of my body should not live to years of maturity that then the sd. land to be given to my Neg. James McKeithan son to my beloved Bro^r James McKeithan.

Item I give to my beloved Father Donald McKeithan one feather bed my young bay horse in _____ on cow & calf. Item I give to my beloved brother James McKeithan 160 acres land whereon he now liveth & the rest of the legacies here after mentioned after paying the debts aforesd. to be _____

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved _____ John McKeithan & my beloved _____ James McKeithan aforesd. one cow & Calve to each of them _____ to them and their heirs.

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Alex Daniel _____

Item I give to my sister Nancy M^r. Lanchlan & her heirs for ever one Cow & Calf with their increase

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Will of James Carver

The Last Will & Testament of James Carver of Bladen County in the province of North Carolina this twenty seven the day of February one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, who being very sick and weak in Body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God do recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping for a glorious Resurrection by his power, and my Body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as for my worldly Estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following Inprimis I will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to our society of People called Quakers two acres of land whereon the meetinghouse now stands to be laid out for the use of the meetinghouse and a grave yard to the aforesaid Society of peoples & their heirs for ever.

Item: I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Carver a good horse to be bought at the discretion of my Executors & her side saddle & Brille and one feather Bed and furniture belonging to it and one desk and one tea chest and one large Bible.

Item: My Will & desire is that after the term of three years is expired that my Executors if they think it best & more to advantage may sell my half of the saw mill and the land I now live on & if opportunity presents or offers to buy a good piece of Land and build a good house thereon with the said money which said land and house I give and bequeath to my son Job Carver his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item: My will & desire is that my true and Loving wife have a good sufficient room in the aforesaid House and one third part of the land that is bought for my son Job and the other two thirds to be delivered to him when he is of age.

Item: I give to my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Carver one riding horse, side saddle and one feather Bed and furniture

Item: I will and desire that the fifty acres of land bought of Thomas Davis be sold by my Executors and I give one half of the money to my Brother Samuel Carver and the other half to be for the use of the Estate to pay debts

- Item I give to my beloved sister Sarah McKeithan one Cow & Calf to her and her heirs for ever.
- Item I give to Mary McKeithan Daughter to Donald McKeithan one Cow & Calf to her & her heirs for ever.
- Item I give & bequeath to the Daughter of Alex McKeithan one Cow & Calf wth her increase to her & her heirs.
- Item I will & bequeath to my beloved son in Law Robert Willard Junior son to John Willard North-Hampton County deceased one young Iron gray mear. one feather Bed.
- Item It is my will & pleasure that my plantation on R. --- quise Swamp on --- river be sold Containing four hundred & fort acres, to pay and discharge my first mentioned debts and a plantation in South Carolina be also sold Containing 394 acres of land by deed and patent be it more or less the sd. money to be --- out in Young --- slaves for use of the aforesaid Infant or Infants the heirs of my body & their heirs forever.

And I do hereby revoke & disannul all other former Wills and Testaments, ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seals the day and Year above written.

Dugald McKeithan
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & delivered by sd. Dugald McKeithan as his last will & testament In the presence of us the subscribers.

Thos. McNeill
Alex^r McAlister
Angus Shaw
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Proved by Angus Shaw and oath taken by the executors.
Proved in open Court March 1750 by the oath of Angus Shaw
Thos. Robeson, Clerk.

Recorded in the Clerk's Office of Bladen County North Carolina according to Law.
Thos Robeson, Clerk.