

RECORD OF WILLS.

guardians for my daughter Emily and her heirs.
I also give unto my daughter Janet Melvin
and her heirs. Rhody and Lucy Sebie, Elijah Fisher
and Thomas Fort I leave as guardians for my daugh-
ter Janet Melvin and her heirs and not to go to
the use of William Melvin.

I also give unto my grand daughter Elizabeth
Simpson and her heirs Stewart and Mary, and
Sammy.

Also I give unto Thomas Fort my son, Isaac Maria
Irishgishon and Charlotte, and Sarah.

Also I give unto my grand daughters, Janet -
Hallingworth, and Mary Jane. Brownigworth James
and Brokey, and Rhody Jane.

I also leave Elijah Fisher and Thomas Fort guardians
for my two grand daughters.

Also I give unto my daughter Julius Fisher, Mary
and Judy, and Robert, and Lemard I give to Saml
McDaniel. I leave and the balance of my stock
and perishable property, and all my land that have
not decided away is to be sold and be divided, but
Janet Melvin is to have nor her heirs is to have none
of the money that the cattle brings, the money the land
brings. I want equally divided between all of my
grand children, except Gray Fort, and Thomas M Fort
is to have no share in the money the land brings
after my debts are paid and the estate settled, if
I am in a live. That protests this Will, his share
shall be cut off, and give to the rest, and to have
no share in my estate. Julia Ann Fort my wife
Keeps her own cattle, and has no share in the money
my property brings only the five hundred dollars
above named.

Elijah Fisher, and Thomas Fort. I leave as my
Executors to this my last will and testament.

This the 27 day of July 1852

Witness and sealed in
presence of us
John Fort

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Clark County 3 In the County Court
Bladen County 3 May Term 1852

Shew in open Court, Elijah Fisher and Thomas Fort, Executors
in Probate the within paper writing as the last will and
testaments of John Fort deceased, and it being proved to the
satisfaction of our Court here, by the oaths of Daniel B.
Beard and H. P. Beard. the subscribing witnesses thereof
that the same was executed by the said John Fort in
their presence and that they in his presence and at his
request subscribed their names thereto as witnesses and
he was of disposing mind and memory and it is or-
dered by the Court that the said paper writing and
every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the
said John Fort sufficient in law to pass his Real and
personal estate, and it is ordered to be recorded according-
ly. Thereupon Elijah Fisher and Thomas Fort
the Executors therein nominated are qualified in open
Court, and permitted to act accordingly.

Teste J. D. McKee, Clerk

In the Name of God "Amen"

I, James I. McKay of Bladen County, Clerk of Court
do make and publish my last will and testament
Manuscript and form following to wit:-

I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved
Eliza Ann McKay, my Hammonds Creek N.Y. N.Y.
Singleton, Delmont Plantations and the plantation
the estate that I bought of Alex. B. Hammonds
Joseph A. Kemp, during his lifetime.

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Plantations as aforesaid, to my Brothers William J. McKay and John L. McKay and my sister Emily S. Kemp, their heirs and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

2^d I give and devise the Derry Plantation with the Derry the Hudson Plantation at the mouth of Turnbull and the Mill lands to William J. McKay his heirs and assigns.

3^d I give and devise my Thomas Plantation to Emily S. Kemp, her heirs and assigns.

4^d I give and devise the Honey Fields in Columbia County to Caroline Whittier her heirs and assigns.

5^d I give and devise to my friend William J. Corran, his heirs and assigns my Oxford and White Plantations.

6^d I give and devise to my friend Robert Harvey after the termination of the Widowhood of my wife C. S. McKay the Plantations that I bought of Alexander L. Harvey and Joseph S. Kemp, his heirs and assigns.

7^d I give and devise after the termination of my wife Widowhood, my above named, Delfont Plantations, to William J. Corran, and my Executors herein after named and their heirs in trust for the County of Otsego in the express Condition, that the said Plantations shall be used, as an experimental farm, and that the poor of the County, and poor and indigent orphans who are directed by Law to be bound out, shall be kept, maintained and employed on said Plantations, under such rules and regulations as the Court of said County shall prescribe.

I give and devise the residue of my Real Estate situated to William J. McKay, John L. McKay, Emily S. Kemp, their heirs and assigns.

I give and bequeath to my wife C. S. McKay my Furniture and other articles of Personal Property to be disposed of at her pleasure.

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with the exception of those I acquire, by intermarriage, her share that I received in the division of my Father's estate - old Joe and Carryman Jim, to William J. McKay, John L. McKay and Emily S. Kemp, to be equally divided between them, but it is my will and desire that the share of Harri, now bequeathed to Emily S. Kemp, shall belong to her during her life, and after her death shall be equally divided among her children.

10th It is my will and desire that the share, now bequeathed to her, shall be paid out by my Executors for two or three years, in order to raise a fund for that transportation to the Colony of Liberia and as soon as that object is effected, my Executors are hereby strictly enjoined to take the requisite measures for the transportation of said slave to Liberia, under the direction and patronage of the Colonization Society.

11th I give and devise to James McKay Marks, his heirs and assigns, the House and Pote in Elizabeth and the Juniper Bay that I bought of Thomas J. Marchant.

12th I give and bequeath my Law Books, to John S. Williams and Satter Ployd, and my other Books to William J. Corran.

Lastly - I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Ann McKay, Executors, and William J. McKay, Executor, of my last will and testament, with power to her or to him them out and rent the Plantations, as they think most advisable, for the payment of debts, and should it become necessary, for that purpose to any part of my estate, real and personal, with the exception of such part, as I have devised and bequeathed to William J. Corran, James McKay Marks, John S. Williams and Satter Ployd.

Witness my hand, published and declared by the said James S. McKay the Testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of the said James S. McKay, James McKay Marks, John S. Williams and Satter Ployd, have subscribed our names and the date of the foregoing.