

I, James Dot. McRee, of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen. Now in good health and of sound mind and memory knowing that by and by, I will die and have no further use for the effects of this Transitory World, all that I own at the time of my death I will and bequeath - as follows -

1st I wish all of my just debts to be paid out of my ready money notes and accounts and if there should be any deficiency I wish my lands known as the Gray's Bay and McMillan Tracts sold for that purpose and if my ready money notes accounts and the lands is not sufficient to pay what I may be owing I wish my negro boy Frank. Sold to fulfill paying my debts.

The boy, Frank is now staying with my uncle John Dot. McMillan and has been there ever since he was born. My uncle ought to pay him for him from the first day of January 1840. if he does the boy will not have to be sold, as I think my Executor can manage to pay my debts with what is owing to my estate including the Price of Frank.

2^d I will and bequeath to my dear beloved Wife Julia Wright, Slaves, McRee, all my Town Lots in the Town of Elizabethtown with the improvements thereon including the Mansion House where I now live together with all the out houses.

3^d I also will and devise and do hereby bequeath to my dear Wife Julia Wright Slaves, McRee, all of the following negroes to wit - Hannah, Cook, Manassa, Elliott, Morris Peter, and - together with their future increase to her and her heirs forever.

4th I also give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Julia W. D. McRee, all of my Property of every kind after my debts are paid, whether it be named in this my last Will and Testament or not, to her and her heirs forever.

5th I wish my Executor hereinafter named and so I hereby direct him, to buy and manage my estate so as to have the Town Lots and negroes left for the use and behoof of my dear beloved Wife Julia Wright.

Slaves, McRee, as I am particularly anxious that she should have left after all debts of every kind, so they be just, is paid the negroes or any less the first five of them, and their future increase and the Lots I now live upon including the Mansion House and all out houses of every kind and all the improvements of every kind.

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my much respected friend and trusty friend, Doctor. Amos, St. Robinson Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all my other Wills.

In Testimony whereof I, James D. McRee, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of January A.D. 1854

Witness the words in
the Town of Elizabethtown

J. D. McRee

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North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions.
Bladen County } December Term 1854

Amos, St. Robinson brings into Court a Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James D. McRee and propounds, the same for Probate as the last will and testament of James D. McRee deceased.

Whereupon it is found to the satisfaction of the Court by the oath of Kenneth McLeod, Esq. and the same was found after the death of the said deceased among his valuable papers. And Kenneth McLeod, John A. Pickett and James Melvin three credible witnesses, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, depose and say, veraciously that they are acquainted with the Hand writing of James D. McRee deceased, and that the said Hand writing is generally known to the acquaintances of the deceased, and that they truly believe that the whole of the said Paper writing, is the Hand writing of the said James D. McRee deceased and that his name subscribed thereto is in his own proper Hand writing.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said Paper, writing is only good, as the last Will and Testament, of James S. McNeel deceased, and is sufficient in Law, to pass his Real and personal estate. And it is ordered that the said Will be recorded.

Whereupon the oath prescribed by Law for the qualification of Executors is administered to the said Herman, & Robinson the Executors named in the said Will, in open Court, and it is ordered that Letters Testamentary thereon issue to him

Court. J. Cunningham Clerk

I, Daniel Clark of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner, and form following that is to say.

First, that my Executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses to gether with my just debts, burials, and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parts of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Flora Clark Two Hundred acres of land in Little River Bog, including the mansion house and plantation

whereon I now live, also my negro man "Edd" three cows and calves, his choice of my stock, one horse saddle, bridle and carb, and all of my household and kitchen furniture, and all of the farm productions and farming utensils.

I give and devise to my eldest son, August Clark Twenty five cents besides what I have given him heretofore.

I give and devise to my eldest daughter Catherine Buie, One hundred dollars.

I give and devise to my daughter Nancy Smith, One hundred dollars.

I give and devise to my son Otis Clark one hundred dollars and one tract of land on both sides of Crooked Branch, containing forty six acres.

I give and devise to my daughters Single Women to wit: Isabel, Christian Mary, and Cineline, three tracts of land, first tract containing two hundred acres on the West side of the head of Foyers Swamp, known as the Turned Land, and the other two tracts containing one hundred and fifty acres each known as the Gay Land.

I give and devise to my son Duncan, at Clarke two tracts of land containing One hundred acres each one tract known as the Buie tract adjoining the lands of Robert Pennick, the other tract on the North East side of the Little Horse Creek, also one Bay mare and her mare.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughters Single Women to wit: Isabel, Christian Mary and Cineline, and my son Duncan, at Clarke after the death of my wife, all that I have devised to her, to share equally alike.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend John G. McDugard and Duncan, at Clarke, my lawful Executors, 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, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made.

In Witness Whereof I the said Daniel Clark do