

real and personal.

I do hereby nominate my beloved wife Isabella Davis and my beloved friend Patrick Kelly Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I William Davis have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Signed and sealed

In the presence of

J. J. Lanning

David T. Melom

Robert Lytle

William Davis (seal)

A short Will in legal form. In the name of God amen. The seventeenth of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

I John McKay of the County of Bladen being now well in health and memory thanks therefor be given unto God therefor calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

As touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Firstly I give and bequeath to my son Daniel four hundred acres of land one tract on a Spring of the Middle Swamp one hundred and fifty dollars (one)

I give and bequeath unto my son Neil my possession of land on the Bromie Marsh, one lot in Elizabeth, one negro man named Bob, one heifer to his son named John.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one hundred acres of land where Henry Gladrick lives and ten head of cattle, one bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Effie twenty dollars and to her son John one heifer.

I give to my daughter Mary ten dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Flora six head of cattle, five head of sheep, one bed and furniture.

I give to my daughter Margaret six head of cattle, five head of sheep, one bed and furniture and ten dollars to buy her a Bible.

I give and bequeath to my son John the plantation where I live and all the rest of my land which I did not dispose of the balance of all my stock, hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, and plantation tools, furniture, one negro boy named Bill, one negro girl named Rose, my family Bible and Psalm book, Confession of faith, Mr. Hraus's Sermon Book, one Willis's Sacramental Catechism and Jones's Dictionary.

It is my desire that my son John attend to my grand son John McKay son of my daughter Nancy that he John will give schooling and take care of him until he should be capable of supporting himself.

I give to my son Neil the explanation of the Lord and Concordance and two volumes of Boyles Works, two volumes of the Church of Scotland and the book named Religion of Nature.

I do hereby ordain and appoint my son Neil McKay Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal, this 19th day of September 1820.

Witness:

John Darrah

Archibald Darrah

John McKay (seal)