

WILL OF ARCHIBALD McELROY, SR.

JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
(Now Wake County, North Carolina)
Dated December 5, 1760

IN THE NAME OF GOD, ARCH MACKLEROY, of the County of Johnston, in the province of North Carolina, gunsmith _____ & body & _____ is _____ for all men once to die. I hereby make and ordain this my will and testament in _____ following, that today 1st and principally, I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it to me, nothing doubting that I shall receive the same again from the hands of my _____ blessed Redeemer at the Day of General Resurrection and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors whom I shall hereafter appoint, & as for what worldly goods it hath been please God to bestow upon me. After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give and bequeath as followth:

IMPRIMIS: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife CATHERINE MACKLEROY, 3 negroes named Cesar, Jane & Doll, and 1 stallion called Bull, and the plantation whereon I now live during her life (Catherine Simpson ? - died by June 1776). (Q4r)

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved grandson, MICAJAH MACKLEROY, the plantation and tract of land on Crabtree Creek whereon James Childres formerly dwelt and 1 negro boy named Cook to him and his heirs forever. (Rev. soldier - died Lincoln Co., Tenn., 1834).

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved son named AVONTON MACKLEROY, my mill and all the land adjoining to it as low as Polk's branch, & 1 negro boy named Buck, to him & his heirs forever. (married Sarah Dawson 3/7/1770, daughter of William and Martha Dawson - will 3/15/1789 - recorded 5/30/1797).

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, JOHN MACKLEROY, the plantation and part of the tract of land I now live on after the decease of my wife Catherine & 1 negro boy named Peter, to him and his heirs forever. (Died 1793/94).

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ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved son, ANDREW MACKLEROCY, 100 acres of land taken out of the tract I now live on lying on Marsh Creek and not coming nearer the plantation than the red hill, and 1 negro boy named Will, to him & his heirs forever. (Revolutionary soldier - Oglethorpe Co., Ga., and Alabama - See Pension Record).

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, SALLEY, 100 acres of land out of the tract I now live on adjoining the land left to my son Andrew, at the lower end of his land, & 1 negro girl named Cloe, to her and her heirs forever, and also, 1 mare called Poll.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter FRANKEY (Frances) the upper end of North Creek land called the hog farm, & 1 negro boy named Dick, to her and her heirs forever. (married John Baptist Shaw 12/3/1771). G43

ITEM: My will and desire if that if it should please God any of my children above mentioned or my grandchild, MICAJAH (son of Archibald Mackleroy, Jr.), should die before they come of age, the boys 21 and the girls 16, or married, having lawfully _____ that then his or her part to be equally divided among the survivors.

ITEM: My will & desire is that all the remainder of my estate, both real and personal, may be equally divided between my wife and children at the discretion of my executors for my desire is that my estate be inventoried but not appraised.

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife, CATHERINE MACKLEROCY, executrix, and my brother WILLIAM, and my friend ANDREW HARTSFIELD, executors of this my last will & testament, revoking all the wills formerly by me made. Allowing this and no other to be my last wil & testament, THOS. HUNTER & NATHANIEL JONES to assist in dividing the estate. In witness whereof, I do _____ unto set my hand and seal this 9th day of December 1760.

In presence of

JOSEPH CHATWIN
JOHN POLK
FRAN CHATWIN

HIS
ARCH MACKLEROCY
MARK

(died January 1761)

JOHNSTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, JOHNSTON
COUNTY, COURT MINUTES 1759-1783 PART I

Jan. 1761 ----- ARCHIBALD McELROY'S will was proved by James Chatwin,
CATHERINE, widow, and WILLIAM McELROY and ANDREW HARTSFIELD, executrix and
executors.

April 1761, SARAH McELROY, widow of ARCHIBALD McELROY, JR., dec'd, returned
inventory of her husband's estate.

SARAH McELROY, widow of ARCHIBALD McELROY, JR., dec'd, granted administrator
on the estate with JAMES LINN and JOHN ROACH (?), securities.

Ordered that SARAH McELROY, widow of Archibald, McElroy, Jr., dec'd, be
appointed guardian of her child, MICAJAH McELROY, orphan of said deceased.
(MICAJAH, native of N.C. b. 9/30/1760, d. 1834 Lincoln Co., Tenn.)

ARCHIBALD McELROY, JR., married Sarah Lynn.

