

COPY - Will of George McKay, deceased.

McKay, George  
Va. 1798

In the name of God Amen, On the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven I George McKay in the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia being very much sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same, and calling to 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 into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, 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, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following Viz: - And first my will and desire is, that my Just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.-- 2 in the 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to Mary McKay my well beloved wife, one Negro man called Joe to be in her survice during her natural life, and to be disposed of according to her will and pleasure at any time in her life and at her death Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Son William one bay mare Colt

Item my Will and desire is that all my movable Astate and every thing or things that I own or possess of any kind whatsoever att that is not bequeathed as aforesaid be and remain in the hands of my beloved wife during her natural life, to dispose of in all respects, and at all times, and upon all occasions as her wisdom and discretion thinks most proper, that she may thereby be the better able to raise her little family, as if we were both living together, and at her decease what is left or found in her hands, to be equally divided amongst all my children and no difference made but male and female alike.--

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The Above Will or the greater part thereof being entered down from the testators own mouth in his presence a few hours before his death by us the subscribers who were called upon by the testator to write the same but was not signed by him the testator.

Witness

Jeremiah McKay &

James Mathes Senior

At a Court held for the County of Shenandoah on Tuesday the 12th day of June 1798

This Noncupative Will of George McKay decd. was Exhibited into Court and being proved by the oaths of James Matthes & Jeremiah McKay to contain the Will of the decedent, is ordered to be recorded and on motion of Mary McKay widow & relict of the decedant Administration with the will annexed is granted her she having made oath & given bond with security according to Law.

Teste:

P. Williams C. S. C.

COPY TESTE:

M. H. Williams Clerk.  
Circuit Court of Shenandoah County, Virginia.