

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN MCLEAN

In the name of God Amen. I, John McLean of Little Ogeechee in the parish of Christ Church, Gentleman, being weak in body but of sound mind and with many of God's Blessings do this day make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say In after my lawful Debts and funeral expenses are discharged I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth McLean the following Negroes that is to say-Guy, Grittor, Willis, Sauney, Nancy, Little-- to be hers and her heirs forever.

Here I likewise give and bequeath to my said wife the sum of twenty pounds Sterling to be paid to her yearly out of my estate during her widowhood and no longer. I likewise give and bequeath to my said wife the Eighth part of my household goods of which I shall be possessed at the time of my Decease. I also give her my Riding Horse and Chair Horse. It is also my wish and desire that my said wife have liberty to live on my plantation where I now live for and during her widowhood and no longer.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son John McLean and his Heirs forever the eighth part of my household goods also the sum of one Shilling Sterling money of Great Britain. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Alexander Crighton the following Negroes Sauney, Nancy, Little [? total of 6- others unreadable]. to be hers and her heirs forever also one Town lot in Savannah situate on Broughton Street and known by the number and the Eighth part of my worldly Goods to her and the heirs of her body forever.

Item: I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Margaret McLean five hundred Acres of Land on the North side of Great Satilly River adjoining Lands of Benjamin Farely to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give bequeath and devise to my son Josiah McLean and his Heirs forever the plantation or parcel or tract of land whereon I now live also two hundred acres of land or Farming lands of Christopher Dawson and David Delegal and five hundred acres on Buckhead adjoining lands of Hooker.

Item: I give bequeath and devise to my sons Andrew McLean and Jervey McLean and my daughter Sarah McLean and their Heirs forever all my lands on the south side of Great Satilla

River that is to say five hundred acres to my daughter Sarah McLean and their heirs forever and the remainder to be equally divided between my sons Andrew McLean and Jervey McLean by my Executors hereafter to be named. I also give to my five following children Margaret McLean, Josiah McLean, Sarah McLean, Andrew McLean and Jervey McLean all my slaves of which I shall be possessed at my Decease which are not disposed of above also my stock of cattle to be divided amongst them to be delivered to them when they arrive at the age of twenty one years and should any of my said children die before they arrive at the age of twenty one years or without heirs lawfully begotten their share shall revert back and be equally divided amongst my then surviving children when they are all twenty one years of age.

I hereby appoint The Honorable James Read, Joseph Clay. Esq., James Butler son of Joseph Butler and James Habersham. Junr. Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul all former wills made by me and this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and seventy three.

JOHN MCLEAN [L.S.]

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and
declared by the said John McLean as his Last Will
and Testament in the presence of us who in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed
our names-----

s/ Isaac Baillou
s/ James Mercer
s/ Tabitha Baillou

GEORGIA

Before his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's said province and Ordinary of the same--

Personally appeared James Mercer one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above and Within Written Last Will and Testament of John McLean Deceased who being solemnly sworn made oath that he was present and did see the said Testator sign, seal publish and declare the same to be and contain his Last Will and Testament and that he was of sound and disposing mind and Memory to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he with Isaac Baillou and Tabitha Baillou subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will at the request and in the presence of the said Testator and in each others presence.---

At the same time James Habersham, Jr. one of the Executors named in the said Will qualified as such--

Given under my hand the 14th January 1774

SIR JAS. WRIGHT, Baronet

The following is a copy of the obituary for John McLean that appeared in the January 5, 1773 issue of the Savannah Gazette.

SAVANNAH, JANUARY 5 [1774]

On Saturday the 1st instant died, of a very sudden illness, John M'Lean, Esq. of Little Ogeechee, (sic) Planter. His death is a shock to his numerous family, neighbors, and to all those who were his acquaintance, as he was a kind and indulgent parent, a fond and loving husband, a good master, and a sincere Christian. He was decently interred on his own plantation, where a suitable sermon on the melancholy occasion was preached by the Rev. Zubley.

Note: Since John McLean's plantation was on the banks of the Little Ogeechee River he was stated to be "of Little Ogeechee."