

The State of South Carolina,

The last will and testament of Margaret
Murdoch of Asheville, in the State
of North Carolina, Widow.
I give devise and bequeath

I give, devise and bequeath all my property, real and personal, consisting of my Farm near the Village of Asheville, North Carolina, known as the Homestead of the Family, and a farm about four miles from the said Village of Asheville purchased by late husband, William Murdock from D. Reynolds Esq. and also all my personal property to my sons Robt. Murdock, James S. Murdock and Francis J. Murdock, and the Survivors or Survivor of them, the heirs, Executors, and administrators of such survivor in trust to hold the same for the equal benefit of all my children, and to that end to manage and administer my said estate to the best advantage in their discretion until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of Twentyone years, or until all of my children ^{shall} have attained their majority, then in case they find it inexpedient, to carry out my wishes in regard to my estate as hereinafter expressed or my said Trustees should not deem it advisable in furtherance of the interests of all my children to close. I trust to sell or dispose of my said estate to the greatest advantage and to divide the proceeds of sale among all of my children share and share alike the issue of any deceased child to take by representation. The parents share. But as it is my earnest wish that my real estate above mentioned should continue to be the property of my family as long as possible

that my children or such of them as may elect to retain the same, may always have a home to which they may retire, It is my will and I hereby declare on my trust, that my also executors of my will, as a part of their trust, that if either or more of the children named for the division or distribution of my estate all or any of them decide to retain possession of the Real Estate aforesaid, they shall be allowed to do so, and if any one or more of my children shall find it to their interest, and desire to part with their property as my said estate, they those who shall desire to retain possession of the same, when a release to them of the share or interest of him, he or them so desiring to take as aforesaid, shall pay to him, he or them their ratable and several several proportion of said property.

And it is my earnest desire that all
concerning duty to provisions of this my will
and trustees as well as my other children
shall endeavor to promote an amicable
relationship & any conflicting interests
between themselves, And it is my will that
should any of my children desire my testimony
or before the time appointed for the division of my
estate as aforesaid, leading issues, such issues shall
take by representation the parents share, And should
my trustee or any ~~of them~~ or more of them make
any assignments or sell my said property, then
it is my will that in the decision of the same, when
some of them elect to retain possession of the estate as
aforesaid, then all expenses as advancement for such
assignments to be reimbursed to make good to
them or them out of the portions or interests of the
other children equally, I authorize my executors to
disburse of any of my personal property to pay
my said debts.

Truly I nominate and appoint my sons
Robert Murdoch, James E. Murdoch and
Frederic Murdoch, Executors of this my will.
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Reynolds Esq. and also all my personal
property to my sons Robt. Murdoch,
James S. Murdoch and Francis J. Murdoch,
and the survivors or survivor of them,
the heirs, Executors, and administrators of
such survivor in trust to hold the same
for the equal benefit of all my children
and to that end to manage and
administer my said estate to the
best advantage in their discretion until
my youngest child shall arrive at the
age of twentyone years or until all
of my children ^{shall} have attained their majority,
then in case they find it inexpedient,
to carry out my wishes in regard to
my estate as hereinbefore expressed
or my said Trustee should not
deem it advisable in furtherance of
the interests of all my children to close
I intend to sell or dispose of my
said estate to the greatest advantage
and to divide the proceeds of sale
among all of my children share
and share alike the issue of any
deceased child to take by representa-
tion the parent's share
But as it is my earnest wish that
my real estate above mentioned
should continue to be the property
of my family as long as possible

that my children or such of them as
may elect to retain the same, may
always have a home to which they
may retire, It is my will and I hereby
authorize on my Trustee who are also executors of
my will, as a part of their trust, that if after
time named for the division or distribution of
my estate all or any of the devise to retain
possession of the real estate aforesaid, they
shall be allowed to do so, and if any one
or more of my children shall find it to their
interest, they desire to part with their property
in my said estate, then those who shall desire
to retain possession of the same, when a release
to them of the share or interest of him, be or
them so desiring to take an aforesaid, shall
pay to him, her or them their ratable and equal
reversion proportion of said property.

And it is my earnest desire that in
carrying out the provisions of this my will
my children as well as my said children
shall endeavor to promote an amicable
settlement of any conflicting interests
between themselves, And it is my will that
should any of my children die in my lifetime
or before the time appointed for the division of my
estate as aforesaid, leaving issue, such issue shall
take by representation the parent's share, and should
my husband or any of them or more of them (male
ages) improve in or own my said property, then
it is my will that in the division of the same, when
some of them elect to retain possession of the estate as
aforesaid, then all expenses as advances for such
improvements to be remembered to be made good to
him or them out of the portions or interests of the
other children equally, I authorize my executors to
dispose of any of my personal property to pay
my just debts.

Lastly: I nominate and appoint my said
sons Robt. Murdoch, James S. Murdoch and
Francis J. Murdoch, Executors of this my will
and I authorize and empower them and each of them
and their heirs and assigns to do and execute all such
things and to do all such things as may be necessary
and convenient to carry out the same.

will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the fourth day of June
anno Domini, the thousand eight hundred
and fifty six.

Margaret Murdoch Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the
said Margaret Murdoch, as and for her last
will and testament, in the presence of us, who
in her presence and at her request have
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Francis D Lee

Geo. J. Ba. Bagg

J. R. Head

Probate in common form before W. E. Vincent
Esq. Judge of Probate Charleston County S. C. November
1856 and on same day appeared James S.
Murdoch, and Francis Murdoch two of the
Executors named within.

State of South Carolina & Probate Court
Charleston County

I William E. Vincent Judge of Probate
of Charleston County, do hereby certify the foregoing
pages to be and contain a true and correct copy
of the last will and testament of Margaret
Murdoch late of Charleston, of probate
and record in this office the day and year
within mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of
office this 13 day of September 1856

William E. Vincent
Judge of Probate

Charleston County S.C.

Seal

I Betsy Lenoir, widow of William
B. Lenoir deceased and a resident
Citizen of the County of Roane & State
of Tennessee, being of sound and dis-
posing mind and memory and
being admonished of the uncertainty
of life, do make and ordain this
my last will and testament.

Item, 1. Whereas by the will of
my deceased husband, William B.
Lenoir, there was left to me six
beds, bedsteads and furniture and
one fifth part of all the house hold
and kitchen furniture and I was
also made equally interested with
my three sons, William Lenoir, Benjamin
Shepard Lenoir and Israel Pickens Lenoir
in six mules, six ten head of horses
sixty head of cattle all the hogs and
sheep, also all the grain that was
growing or had matured, also all the bacon
pork and pork that was on hand at the
time of the death of my said husband
also the one tenth part of all the net
profits of the farm and Factory accruing
during my life time.

Now I do not wish to be particular
or exacting with my said three sons
William, Benjamin Ballard & Israel
Pickens Lenoir - I propose to fix
my said interest of one tenth part
of the net profits of the farm and
of the Factory accruing during my life
time together with the use and services
of the negroes belonging to me at the
sum of four hundred per annum
from the proceeds of the above
named property & interests. I make
the following bequests. To my daughter
Myra A. Reagan, I give and bequeath
one hundred and fifty Dollars which she
has already received and which is not
to be counted in any division of