

Will of Abraham Misenheimer

In the name of God, Amen. I, Abraham Misenheimer, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being sick and weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it-and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is for all men once to die, do make and constitute and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I will that all my lawful debts and funeral expenses shall be paid before any divide is made of my estate.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margereth, my two plantations the one I now live on and the other which I bought of Marcard. to enjoy and occupy as long till my son Paul is of age and no longer.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my wife the privilege to choose as many articles of household furniture and plantation tools as she may think necessary for her house gibling and her children.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my two oldest sons, Tobias Misenheimer and Elias Misenheimer the plantation where my son Tobias now lives on, each of them an equill share of said plantation to be divided in two equal parts and that to the best advantage of both if they can agree among themselves, and if they cannot agree among themselves then it shall be left to men which they shall choose themselves.

4th I give unto Tobias Misenheimer of the above said plantation the share or part he now lives on and Elias Misenheimer shall have the wood part and my son Tobias Misenheimer shall pay out of his share one hundred dollars lawful money to the use of my estate after my decease.

5th I give and bequeath unto my son, Moses Misenheimer, the plantation which I bought of Marcard with the small entry I made as an attition to the said plantation.

6th I give and bequeath unto my son, Paul Misenheimer the plantation I now live on.

7th I give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Margereth married to Daniel Slough, and Christina, Easter and Susanna Misenheimer shall have the two lots in town of Concord each of them having an equal share and my executors shall sell these lots to the best advantage they can either by private or public sale and the money so arising shall be divided equally among my four daughters them that is under age shall not draugh their share till they are of the eagh of twenty one year except they marrys under the eagh of twenty one then they shall be entitled to.

8th I give and bequeath unto my wife Margereth one hourse, a saddle and bridle one bed and bedstead spinning wheel - two iron pots - one shall one and one mittle signed -two bewter dishes, six bewter plates, one thouzent spoons two chears two cows these articles my wife Margereth Misenheimer shall have if she marries again then the personal property of my estate remaining shall be sold by a publick sale and the money so raising thereof shall be divided among

my wife and four daughters, my wife shall draw two shares and each of my daughters only one share. If my wife Margeret should not marry but remaining a widow till my son Paul will arrive to the age of twenty one year then the remaining property shall be sold by my executors and the money so raised sha shall be divided in the same manner as in the article above mentioned.

9th I give unto my three sons, Elias, Moses and Paul Misenheimer, each of them a good hours after they arrive to the age of twenty one year on this condition if they work faithfully for their mother till they are twenty one years old and whoever does not work faithfully till that time shall have no horse and no other recompense for said horse.

10th It is my will that if any one of my children should happen to die under age then his share shall be equally divided amongst the remainder of my children-if a boy the land to be sold and likewise equally divided amongst the revivers.

11th It is my will that my youngest son Paul Misenheimer after he arrives at the age of twenty one years then he shall take this plantation in possession where I now live on and take the care of his mother first he shall give her ten bushels of wheat, fifteen bushels of corn, ten pounds of sugar, four pounds of coffee, salt as much as she will want for her use, my son Paul shall gibe a horse greader for his mother for her use at any time although he shall have the use of the horse if she does not want him, also two cows to them as his own all those articles is to be delivered every year without delay.

12th It is my will that my wife shall have the privilege to choose such articles of housefurniture such as she may want for herself when she must quit housegibling and before the sale.

Atition to the 11th article It is my will that my son, Paul, Misenheimer shall furnish his mother at all times with a quantity of firewood and build a good fire if required and take her grain to mill as she shall want it, and her choice of the two houses to live in and to gibe it in good repair at all times and further furnish his mother with a good fat hog that will weigh about one hundred pounds and forty pounds of good and fat beef this to be delivered every year, and my son Paul shall give his mother full privelige in the house she will choose to live in-he shall neither stop her going nor coming but let hns mother live in peace at all times.

13th It is my will that after my decease when the first vendue shall happen which will I suppose will settle all my debts with the outstanding money but if any overplush should happen, then that overplush shall be divide in the same manner of the 8th article between my wife and daughters.

14th I do hereby constitute and appoint Tobias Misenheimer and Daniel Schloug executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke disanull and make void all other wills and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I

have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and a Eleven 1811.

Signed sealed and acknowleged in the presence of us

Abraham Meisenheimer seal

Leonard /illegible German/

John Misenheimer.

July, sess. 1811

Will of Charles McKinley

I, Charles McKinley, freeholder, in Cabarrus County, and State of North Carolina being at present in a weak and low condition and at the same time havin having perfect soundness of mind but calling to mind my mortality and knowing that all men is once to die do make this my last will and testament and first I recommend my soul to God who gave it begging he would graciously accept of the same for the sake of what Jesus Christ has done ~~and~~ suffered in behalf of a ruined world with regard to my body I order it to be buried in a plain and decent manner in hope of the resurrection from the dead-as touching my worldly concerns I order that all my just debts be discharged and the remainder I dispose of in the following manner and

First I bequeath unto my beloved wife, Jean, one black mare with her s saddle and bridle, one cow, bed and furniture and one third of the furniture belonging to the shelfduring her life but during widowhood I leave at her disposal the farm on which I now live with the use of all my farming tools or instruments also one black mare named Tack also the dick horse for the support o of my children until the youngest ~~bs~~ of age also I alow particular care be taken as to the schooling of my children.

Item- I bequeath unto my daughter, Jenny Caldwell McEachern, one bay mare with her saddle and bridle a bed and furniture, one cow and calf all which things she has received.

I order that my daughter, Margeret Huston shall receive a part equal to my daughter, Jenry which is to be given her at an age thought proper for her to receive it.

Item - I bequeath unto my son James McKneely one black mare saddle and bridle, one cow and calf, bed and furniture all which things he has already received, I also bequeath unto my son John one bald horse with saddle and bridle one cow and calf with bed and furniture. I also allow three milk cows for the use of my family over and above what is before specified. I also allow that my three sons, Charles Carson, Stephen and David be made equal with my sons, James and John as they come of age. My wagon and whatever else is not willed I order to be sold and the money equally divided betwixt my wife and two daughters, my land I now possess I alow to be equally divided betwixt my five sons according to value.

I also nominate and constitute my beloved son, James to be my executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments.

I also appoint my brother Samuel White as my guardian to see that this my last will be faithfully executed made this third day of November, in the yea of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven in testimony whereof I annex my hand and seal the year and day above mentioned.

Witnesses

Samuel Black
John McKinley
Archibald White

Charles McKinley seal

Sept. sess. 1808

Will of Elizabeth McEwen

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In the name of God, Amen. The ninth day of June in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundren and three, I Elizabeth McEwen, widow, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina sick and low in body but of sound mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all mankind once to die and afterwards to come to judgement do think proper at this time to make and ardain this as my last will and testament. And first and principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian and decent ~~like~~ manner at the discretio of my executor nothing doubting but I shall have the same again reunited to my soul by the mighty power of God through the merits of my Redeemer and as touching the good things of this life wherewith it hath pleased God to bles me with, I give, devise and bequeath in the manner and form following, viz-

First I will all my just and lawful debts to be paid.

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Margeret Means five shilling good and lawful money of the State of North Carolina to be hers, her heirs and assigns forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughters Elizabeth Kilpatrick five shillings North Carolina currency to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

4th I give and bequeath to my son Archibald Woodside five shillings and to my grandson born to my son, John Woodside, William Woodside, my book entitled Brown upon Prayer, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Cochran five shillings North Carolina currency to her her heirs and assigns forever.

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ruth Steel five pounds currency of the State of North Carolina and two pewter dishes and one duzen of plates to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

7th I give and bequeath to my granddaughters Elizabeth McEwen Cochran ~~daughter~~ to my daughter, Frances Cochran, and Elizabeth Steel, daughter to my daughter, Ruth Steel, four pounds North Carolina Currency to ayth of them their heirs and assigns forever.

8th I give and bequeath to my daughters Frances Cochran and to my daughters Ruth Steel and to my daughter-in-law, Polly McEwen all my body ele clothing and beds for them to divide amongst themselves at their own discre