

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 acknowledged in the

presence of us

Abraham Meisenheimer seal

Leonard /illegible German/

John Misenheimer.

July, 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 shelf during 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 allow 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 allow 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

Apr. 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 aytch 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

tion to them their heirs and assigns forever.

9th I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas McEwen, all my horses, cows, sheep sheep hogs household furniture farming utensils and all my personal estate, except what is give and bequeathed, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

10th and lastly -I make, constitute, ordain and appoint my well beloved son, Thomas McEwen my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disanull and revoke all former wills by me made, ratifying confirming and establishing this as my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and published in the

presence of
Archibald Woodsides
Allison Fleming
Robert Cochran, Jr.

her
Elizabeth X McEwen seal
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Probated July sess. 1803.

Will of Samuel Morton

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Samuel Morton, of the State of North Carolina and county of Cabarrus, being in a weak state of body but sound in mind, memory and understanding, calling to mind the mortality of my body, the shortness of life and the certainty of death, have thought fit to make my last will and testament in form and manner following, viz-

First- I resign and commit my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it hoping to find mercy and forgiveness through the merits of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth to be interred in a decent Christian manner at the direction of my executors nothing doubting but I shall again receive the same at the resurrection of the last day. And with respect to the things of this life which God has blessed me with, I will that they be disposed of as follows-viz,

First That all my lawful debts be completely paid and discharged.

Item-I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Ann Morton, all my moveable property, likewise all notes or bonds for money and what money I have at present, likewise my dwelling house, firewood, and her choice of my books as far as six, also that my two sons, Samuel and William give her a sufficient maintenance off the land during her lifetime.

Item- I give and bequeath to my oldest son, Robert Morton, the sum of five shillings.

Item- I give and bequeath to my second son, John Morton, the sum of five shillings.

Item- I give and bequeath to Samuel Morton my third son, one half of my land, one half of my clothing and one half of the remaining part of my books.

Item- I give and bequeath to William Morton, my fourth son, one half of my land, one half of my clothing and one half of the remaining part of my books also the smith tools to him and his eldest son after him, living.

Item- I give and bequeath to James Morton my fifth son the sum of five shillings and provided he shall return home whatsoever his mother shall see proper to leave him at her decease.

I likewise appoint prdain and constitute my loving wife and William Morton, my son to be the sole executors of this my last will and testament.

And further I publish, pronounce and declare this as my last will and testament ~~renouncing~~ and disowning all former will and testaments made by me or by my order and only as my last will and testament do acknowledge these presents, given under my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of July, A.D. 1799.

Signed sealed acknowledged and delivered in the presence of

William Wallace

her

Mary M Wallace

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her

Ann A Wallace

mark

Samuel Morton

seal

Probated October sess. 1799

Will of Robert McMurrey

This my last will and testament, I execute this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-nine, Amen.

First- I bequeath my body to dust to be interred in a decent and Christianlike manner at the expense of my estate and discretion of my executor and my spirit to God that gave it in full and sure belief of a resurrection from the dead.

Secondly- I order all my lawful debts to be paid out of my estate.

Thirdly- I bequeath unto Eleanor, my wife, all my estate both real and personal during her life or widowhood.

Fourthly- I bequeath unto my negro, Tom, his freedom at the death of Eleanor, my wife and that he be emancipated according to law and likewise, I bequeath him, said Tom, one hundred silver dollars to be paid out of my personal property at the time of his emancipation. I likewise constitute my son, James McMurrey as guardian for said Tom.

Fifthly- I bequeath unto my son, James McMurrey my son, my negro boy, named Jacob.

Sixthly- I bequeath unto Francis McMurrey, my son, my negro girl, named Emmy.

Seventhly- I bequeath unto my son-in-law, James Fleming, five shillings sterling.

Eighthly- I bequeath unto my son-in-law, Volluntine Kirkpatrick, five shillings, sterling, likewise to his wife, Martha, five shillings, sterling.

Ninthly- The remaining parts of my moveables with the plantation to be sold at public sale and to be equally divided with my money into five shares viz, James McMurrey, Francis McMurrey, Robert McMurrey, Robert Fleming and Eleanor Buzzy, likewise all my books to be equally divided among the above mentioned legatees.