

Will of John McKinley

In the name of God, Amen. I, John McKinley, of Cabarrus County, North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory, blessed be God for these and all his mercies, do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz-

Item- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fanny McKindly one black mare called Venice, her saddle and bridle, two cows her choice of my flock, one bed and furniture, one half of my cupboard and kitchen furniture and one hundred dollars in money, to her, her heirs and assigns forever, also as long as she remains my widow, I allow her her living off of the plantation I now live on, including the dwelling house, also my negore woman Ruth to attend and wait on her during her natural life or widowhood then to be disposed of as hereinafter directed.

Item- I give and bequeath to my son Midas McKindlys two children, John C.L. McKindly and Mariah McKindly my negro boy, Gabriel and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars also to their mother Rebeckah McKindly the sum of fifty dollars, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item- I give and bequeath to the children of Crecida McClellan my negro woman named Cloe and her children Ruth and Peter with all her future increase also my two negroe girls Hannah and Mary to be equally divided among them by their father William McClellan as he shall think best as they shall come of age or marry, to them their heirs and assigns forever he the said Wm. McClellan having the use and benefit of the said negroe woman Cloe during his natural life.

Item- I give and bequeath to my daughter, Hessey Alexander, my three negore girls, July Ame and Patsey to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item- I give and bequeath to my son, Sydney McKindly, my two negroe boys named Samuel and Benjamin, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item- I give and bequeath to my daughter, Stattira McKindly and the legal heirs of her body forever, my three negroe girls viz-Liza, Caroline and Margeret, also two beds and furniture, one of my gray mares her choice, saddle and bridle, two cows, one half of my cupboard and kitchen furniture and one bureau formerly her sister, Ceneys.

Item- I give and bequeath to my son, Sandy McKindly, all that plantation on which I now live with all apurtenances thereunto appertaining or in anywise belonging, nevertheless subject to the incumbrance of his mother as above devised, also my three negroes, named Ezekiel, Henry and Luce, together with all other articles of property of whatsoever kind or description not otherwise disposed of, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item- I allow all my just debts together with the above legacies of money to be paid off as soon as circumstances permit.

Item- In case any of the above legatees should die under age, intestate or without lawful heirs, then it is my will and pleasure that their legacies

be equally divided between the survivors or their heirs except the case of Midas McKindlys children, if one of them should die without issue or under age the heir or heiress, but if both should die their legacy to revert back to my estate to be distributed as above.

Lastly I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain my true and trusty friend and son-in-law, Alphonso Alexander, my true and lawful executor of this my last will and testament- Signed and sealed this 13th day of March, A.D. 1827

Cyrus Alexander  
Sandy McKindly

John McKinley seal

Codicil to the above will.

First it is my will and pleasure that my son Sandy McKindley, shall have one bed and furniture. 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife, Fanny McKindly all my beds and furniture, except those bequeathed to Sandy and Statira, to her heirs and assigns forever also it my will that she shall have the use of the household furniture during her natural life or widowhood- Done, signed and sealed this 26th day of March 1827.

In the presence of Fr

Franklin Stafford  
John Irwin

John McKinley seal

Died April 10th 1827

Will of David McRee.

In the name of God, Amen. I, David McRee, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being of a sound and perfect mind and memory do this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty seven make and establish this my last will and testament in manner following, viz:

1st I will that as much of my personal estate be sold as will discharge all my debts.

2nd I will that all the remainder of my property remain with my wife and to be at her disposal unless she should marry, if so let my property be distributed as the law directs.

And I appoint my friend Samuel Weddington my executor.  
Signed and sealed in the presence of us

A. Alexander  
Wilson McRee

David McRee seal

Will of John M. Wallace

In the name of God, Amen. I, John M. Wallace, of the State of North Car. and county of Cabarrus being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first of all I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in Christian manner.