

# 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 negroe 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 negroe 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 negroe 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 negroe 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 appurtenances 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 McKinley

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.

1st as to the disposal of my personal estate I will and ordain that



to be paid.

2nd I bequeath to my beloved wife, Feriby Jane Wallace all my estate both real and personal during her widowhood for the use and support of her and my children and

3rd I allow also my wife to give to each of my children as she is enabled with the consent of my executors with the reserves und~~er~~named.

4th I bequeath to my beloved son Franklin M. Wallace when he comes of age one hundred and twenty acres of land off the lower end of the plantation I now live on and

5th if so be I have another son he shall inherit the balance of said plantation only I allow my wife to have her support off the whole of said plantation during her widowhood or natural life and

6th I allow in case my wife should marry that she shall have an equal divide with my children of my perishable estate and

7th I also allow my plantation whereon Demsy Reid now lives to be equally divided and Jeremiah W. Reid to have a title to one half of said tract from my executors and the other half to be sold.

8th and lastly I appoint William McAnulty and William Wadington for my executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I set my hand and affix my seal this twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven. Signed and sealed in the presence of

David White  
Charles S. Black

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John M. X Wallace  
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#### Will of Richard McRee.

In the name of God, Amen. I Richard McRee of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of a sound mind and memory and called to mind the mortality of human nature do make and ordain this my last will and testament after committing my soul to the mercy of God and a decent interment of my body in the following manner and form viz-

1st It is my will and request that all my just debts be paid by my executors as punctually and speedily as possible.

2nd I will and bequeath to my nephew Franklin A. McRee my pony to him and his heirs forever.

3rd It is my further will that the balance of my property be sold at public auction, and the money arising from said sale to be divided into four equal parts and distributed in the following manner, viz-two parts I bequeath to my brother, James McRee one part to my brother, Wilson McRee and one part to my brother Andrew McRee, to them severally and their heirs forever.

4th I do hereby constitute, nominate and appoint my brother James McRee executor to executer this my last will and testament at the same time revoking all other wills and declaring this and only this to be my last will

and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of December, 1828. Signed, sealed and published and declared in the presence of us

Daniel Coleman

Richard McRee seal

#### Will of George Harky

July 1st 1821

Know all men by these presents that I, George Harky of the county of Montgomery and State of North Carolina do make ~~this~~ my last will and testament viz: I bequeath my soul to God and my body to be buried in a decent Christian like manner. I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved wife, Mary Harky, all my estate after paying all my just demands until death or ~~so long as~~ she keeps my name and after death or marriage I want my land equally divided among all my boys and the rest of my property to be equally divided among all my girls.

I appoint for my lawful executors my dear beloved wife, Mary Harky, Wm. Petre, and Jacob Teter.

Whereunto I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written.  
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John X Barba  
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Wm. S. Jones /?/

his  
George X Harky  
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Probated Oct. Sess. 1828

#### Will of John Houston

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Houston, of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory do this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine make and ordain this as my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

First I will and bequeath to my son David Thomas one hundred acres of land to be run off of the north side of my plantation, to include the improvements he has made, also one of my horse creatures to him, his heirs forever: but in case he shall die without a lawful heir, then and in that case I bequeath the said land and premises to my daughters, Nancy and Betsy to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, the sons and daughters of my son Andrew, Decd. the plantation whereon his widow now liveth, containing one hundred acres be the same more or less, said land to be sold after all arrive at lawful age, and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly her maintenance off the land hereinafter bequeathed to my daughter, Nancy and my negro woman, named Rose, her choice between my horse and oldest mare and my stock of hogs also