

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 ahereof 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
mark

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

mark

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.

Tenthly- I order this my last will and testament to be executed by James McMurrey and Robert McMurrey as executors in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned in presence of

James Cromwell
Aaron Townsend

Robert McMurrey seal

Probated July sess. 1800.

Will of William Mitchel

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Mitchel of the State of North Carolina and County of Cabarrus being in a weakly state of body by reason of old age but, blessed by God, of a sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of death, do therefore make this my last will and testament. And first when Ever it shall please God to remove me out of this uncertain world by death I commit my soul unto the hands of my glorious Redeemer and my body unto the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of in the manner and form following-

And first I do give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Rebecah, all my real estate that is my land by her to be possessed and enjoyed during her natural life and likewise all my personable property without exception by her to be possessed and enjoyed during her natural life and after her death, I do give, bequeath and devise my real estate, that is my land, to Joell Guillams and the lawful heirs of his body to be possessed and enjoyed forever and my personable estate to be at the disposal of my beloved wife, Rebekah, at the decease of her natural life. And if it should please God to call off Joel Guillams by death before he arrives at the years of maturity then my land is to be possessed and enjoyed by Travis Guillams, Joel Guillams father and the lawful heirs of his body forever and I do constitute appoint and ordain my wife, Rebekah Mitchel and James Black to be the executors of this my last will and testament and I do disanul all wills and testaments by me made either in word or writing and this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the ~~year~~ of our Lord, 1795, this 24th day of February.

Signed, sealed and pronounced in the presence of
Lewis Underwood
her

William Mitchell seal

Mary X Stewart
mark

her
Elizabeth X Black
mark

Probated Jan. sess. 1801

Will of Dorothy Milnster.

State of North Carolina I In the name of God, Amen. June 28th in the year of
Cabarrus County I our Lord, one thousand and eight hundred and twenty
four, I, Dorothy Milnster, widow of the said state and county being of sound disposing mind and memory but old and weak in body do make and ordain this and only this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others in manner and form following, viz - To my oldest daughter Barbara Russell living in Buncom County I give and bequeath my red and blue coverlet and a striped counterpane striped with copperas and blue, to my daughter Hannah Brian, a blue coverlet and a homespun blanket. To my daughter, Polly Mysenhimer one coverlet with fringe below, one counterpane with blue, white and copperas. To my daughter, Elizabeth Milnster one calico bedquilt and a cast up counterpane with nice fringes and all the dresser ware that I own or may own at my death, one pine chest with lock and key, to my daughter, Elizabeth. To my son John Milnster I give one bedstead turned ? one feather bed one chaff bed, one sheet and two pillows and a blanket homespun. Also I give my daughter, Elizabeth one rose blanket and all my sitting chairs. To my sons, David and Washington Milnster I give the sum of twenty five cents each to remind them that they once had a mother. My bed and furniture in which I now lie shall be sold every article separte thereunto belonging and the proceeds equally divided among the heirs except my sons, David and Washington and my clothes shall be equally divided between my four daughters, Barbara, Hannah, Polly and Elizabeth and what bed clothes not mentioned in this to be sold except the sheets which I give to Elizabeth Milnster except the one already mentioned to John Milnster and one to my own bed and I hereby appoint my son John M. Milnster my executor to this my last will and testament and to this my will I set my hand and seal the day and date above written in the presence of

I. S. Beard
Amelia Beard

her
Dorothy X Milnster
mark

Oct. 1st 1825 I, Dorothy Milnster, above signed being still in perfect mind and memory do will further to my daughter Betsy, my loom and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and also my -----wheel and cards and all the grain on hand or that may be on hand at my death, also all the cotton on hand. Signed as above in the presence of

J. S. Beard
Amelia Beard

her
Dorothy X Milnster
mark

Probated