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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.