

In the name of God Amen! ⁽⁷⁷⁾

I John Mcbane of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina, do make, ordain, publish and declare this my last will and testament in the manner following, first revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

Imprimis it is my will and desire that my body be decently buried and all my just debts punctually paid and that the remaining part of my property be disposed of in the following manner

Item, I give and bequeath to my four grandsons, John M. Hill, Alexander H. Hill, Frederick A. Hill and Samuel Hill the whole of my landed estate all lying in the County of Chatham consisting of several separate tracts, including in the whole about nineteen hundred and forty five acres, as will appear from deeds in my possession, to be equally divided amongst them, there having reference both to quantity and quality, as soon after my death as my Executors may think proper, which division shall be by deed and shall vest in each of the above named grandsons a good and sufficient title in fee simple for their several shares of said land forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my four granddaughters, Mary Julia Hill, Sarah Loxe Hill, Eliza H. Hill, & Mariat Wallis Hill, seven hundred & fifty dollars in cash, each or three thousand dollars to be equally divided amongst them, as soon as my Executors can make it out of what money may be on hand at my death, of money due me, or the proceeds of sales of such part of my estate as I may herein direct to be sold.

Item, I give and bequeath, all my negroes at the time of my death, including those which Tho Hill had in his possession, during his life time, to the before named eight grand children, to be divided amongst them as soon as my Executors may think proper after my death, so that each one shall have a

lot, equal in value as near as well can be.

Item I give ^{& bequeath} to my nephew James Mebane Senr of Orange my silver watch.

Item, I give & bequeath to my nephew Doctor John A. Mebane of Greensboro, my silver hilted sword, it being the first sword taken from the British in South Carolina during the revolutionary war, by my brother Colo Robert Mebane.

Item, it is my will and I do hereby direct my Executors as soon as may be proper after ^{my} death to sell at publick sale, on a credit of twelve months, the whole of my property of every description, not herein bequeathed, and to divide whatever may remain of the proceeds of such sales, after paying my debts & the before named legacies, equally amongst my eight grandchildren.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my nephews James Mebane Senr of Orange & Doctor John A. Mebane of Guilford, executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony ^{of which} I have hereto set my hand & seal, this 31st day of May 1834.

In presence of
Isaac Hecaden
Wm. M. Stetson

John Mebane *(Seal)*

Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing last will and testament of John Mebane Dec^d was proved in open Court by the oath of Isaac Hecaden, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded whereupon James Mebane Senr one of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified.

Teste W. Stedman *(Seal)*

November Term 1837