

I Nancy McMesh of the County of Cumberland
 & State of Maryland being of sound mind and
 memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
 existence do make and declare this my Last Will and
 Testament in manner and form following

First that my executor (hereinafter named) shall
 provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the
 wishes of my relations and friends and pay all personal
 expenses together with my Just debts howsoever and
 to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first
 come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate
~~and~~ cause to be placed a decent Head Stone to
 my grave with a suitable Epitaph thereon & a
 foot Stone with the Emblems of my name placed thereon

Item 1.st I give to Catharine Currie one Negro Girl
 named Caroline during her natural life after
 her demise the said Caroline and her issue
 to go to the heirs of the said Catharine Currie
 I further give one Bed & two new blankets
 Item 2.nd I give to my son-in-law Malcolm Currie one dollar

Item 3.rd I give to Nancy Currie one Negro man
 named Jim ~~and leave to her~~ ^{and leave to her} ~~it~~ ^{it} into her
 during her natural life after her demise
 the said Jim is to go to the natural heirs
 of the said Nancy Currie. I further give her one
 Item 4 I give to ^{my daughter} John Currie one dollar

Item 5th I give to my Grand daughter Ann Currier
daughter of ~~Malcom~~ ^{John} & ~~Leatham~~ ^{Nancy} Currier one Bed and
-stead & furniture

Item 6th I give to my Grand daughter Leatham Currier
daughter of Malcom & Leatham Currier one
Lumber saw

Item 7th I give to my Grand daughter Sarah P.
Currier one half one Lumber Wheel & Leatham

Item 8th I give to my daughter Rory Harris one
Hundred Dollars which Nancy Currier is to
pay over to the said Rory Harris as soon
as my death or to have one Hundred
Dollars of the proceeds of Negroes

Item 9 I further give to Nancy after my death
one half of the present crop now on the
plantation

Thus My Will and desire is that all the moneys of my
 estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies
 above mentioned shall be sold and the moneys
 to me me collected and if there should be any
 surplus over and above the payment of my debts
 & expenses and Legacies that such surplus shall
 be equally divided and paid over to my Sons
 Henry in equal proportion Shares & their heirs
 their and each and every of them their Executors
 administrators and assigns absolutely forever

~~I have written all notes made by me on the
changes of notes~~

And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint
my trusty Friend Alfred Jackson my lawful executor
to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last will
and testament according to the true Intent and meaning
of the Same and every part and then of hereby revoking and
declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments
by me hereto made

In Witness Whereof I the said Nancy McKim
do hereunto set my hand & seal this 7 day of
August 1857

In presence of the said Justice and
witnesses by the said Nancy McKim
to the said Last will & testament in the
presence of us

Wm. Mallory x

Alfred Jackson
Nancy McKim
witness

September Term 1857 -

then was the execution of the foregoing will proved
by the oath of Wm. Mallory one of the Justices of the Peace
of the County of Essex the executor named therein in
accordance with the Statute in that behalf made as such
Executor Sept Term 1857 and it is ordered
that Telling Testamentary issue to him. Letters
Testamentary issued accordingly

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J. L. L.

Alfred Jackson
Clerk