

say; First of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried and in a Christian like manner buried at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same by the almighty Power of God. and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life.

I give and Dispose of it in the manner following. First my will and desire is that the land and plantation on which I now live and stock of all kinds and Tanning stuff of all sorts all this I give and bequeath to my Loving wife Elizabeth excepting such legacies as shall be hereafter mentioned. Secondly. I leave to William Ball and Esbel his wife the plantation where they now live during their natural Lives and after their death the land to be sold by my Executors and that the money arising from such sale be Equally Divided amongst the five Boys that is to say, Henry, Thomas, Jesse, William and Dennis M^c Lendon.

Thirdly I give to Mary my Daughter the Cattle formerly called here our Feather bed and Bolster and two shute one Linen Wheel four pewter and two Cattle plates. Fourthly I give to Anna my Daughter the Cattle formerly called here our Feather bed and Bolster and two shute one Linen wheel, four pewter and two Cattle plates. Fifthly: I give to my Daughter Sally the Cattle called here our Feather bed and Bolster and two shute one Linen wheel four pewter and two Cattle plates, a parcel of land beginning at a white oak near Abraham Gilberts Line publick or private sale at the Discretion of my Executors and the money applied to schooling the Children in the manner following that is to say Henry and Thomas six months each Jesse Twelve months William Sally and Dennis ^(out) and living on the North side of Cherry between Peter Barbours and John Harris to be sold at publick sale by my Executors and the money applied to pay

my just debts and I do hereby constitute and appoint Elizabeth M^c Lendon and William Ball my Executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Day and year first above written the 14th Day of March 1782. Signed and sealed in the presence of: Luc John Bryan, Peter Barbours, Simon M^c Lendon, John Clark.

Jesse ^{his} M^c Lendon ^{and} ^{mark} 

State of N^c Carolina } July Court 1782
Duplin County }

There was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Simon M^c Lendon and John Clark and at the same time Elizabeth M^c Lendon and William Ball, Qualified as Executors to the said Will. Ordained that Letters may issue accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God amen this 23^d of Dec 1811.
I John Mallard of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being sick of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefor and calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching what estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following. First I do give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary two beds and their furniture My horses and plantation and as much of the furniture as shall

shall see proper her Life time or widow hood. To my son W^m Mallard I give one hundred and fifty Dollars one gun one horse in possession. To my son John Mallard I give one hundred and forty six acres of Land now in his possession. To my son James Mallard I give one hundred and eighty acres of Land now in his possession. To my son George Mallard I give one hundred and sixty Dollars. To my son and my youngest son I leave all the rest of my Land one gun and one Cow and calf. To my daughter Nancy ten Dollars. To my daughter Sarah one bed and its Furniture one Cow and calf now in her possession. To Catharine my daughter I give one bed and furniture one Cow and calf. To Dorcas my daughter I give one bed and furniture one Cow and calf. and at my wifes death the balance of my stock of all kinds with my house hold, Kitchen and plantation furniture to be equally divided amongst four to it Sarah, Catharine, Dorcas and Asa and last of all I appoint my two sons William and John my whole sole Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Day and date above written sealed signed and delivered in the presence of. Test. John Gilman, Test. Hubert Conny.

John Mallard Seal

State of N^c Carolina
Duplin County

April Term 1812.

There was the within will proved in Court by the oath of John Gilman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at same time John Mallard and William Mallard the Executors named in the said will came before the court and Qualified as such according to Law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.
Test W^m Dickson C. C.

State of North Carolina
Duplin County

August 29th 1822.

In the name of God Amen

I William M^cGu, Planter, of the State and County aforesaid being of an infirm state of body but of sound mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament, and by these presents do disannul all other wills, Testaments &c &c reserving my soul to the merciful hands of God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors and as to the worldly property with which it has pleased God to bless me, I give and bequeath in the following manner viz: First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth M^cGu my negroes, Catharine, Guy and Kate and their increase, together with all my stock consisting of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and all my plantation tools, house hold and kitchen furniture during her natural life except so much as it may take to discharge my just debts and after the death of my beloved wife, then the said negroes Catharine, Guy and Kate and their increase, with the balance of my perishable property to be equally divided between my eight children and Jephtha Dickson and their heirs or assigns. I appoint and request my son Thomas M^cGu to be my Executor to this my last will and Testament. Signed, Sealed and acknowledged the date above written, in presence of: Test. Saml Stanford A. Morgan.

William M^cGu Seal

Duplin County.

July Term 1829

There was the within Will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of Saml Stanford and ordered to be recorded and at the same time Th^s M^cGu Qualified as Executor to S^d Will. Ordered that letters issue.

Test Jas Penner C. C.

In the Name of God amen. This sixth Day of November 1792. and in the 15 year of American Independence