

amongst my children (John Excepted). 10th I will
and ordain that all my other lands that are
not already willed be sold or divided for the benefit
of my children to whom no lands are by this my
last will as will to my Executors appear to be just.
11th my will is that all the negroes not already
mentioned in this will together with the stock of all
kinds and house hold and kitchen furniture be and
remain with my wife for the purpose of raising
and schooling my young children to be under the
direction and control of my Executors. and that no
Divisions that place untill the debts be paid and
then only as the heirs arrive at Law full age (Except
sooner married) also my will and desire is that
in every Division of my Estate a view be had to
the heirs of my Estate that have lands left to them
and that a reasonable allowance be kept back
from them so as to make my other children some
measure equal to them that have lands. 12th I
hereby constitute and appoint my Beloved wife Mary
McGowan Executrix and my son John Mc Gowan and
my brother-in-law James Dickson Executors to this
my last will and testament. hereby revoking all other
and former wills by me heretofore made in witness
whereof I the said William Mc Gowan have hereunto
set my hand and seal at Duplin this 5th Day of
October 1792. Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by
the S^d William Mc Gowan to be his Last Will and
Testament in presence of us James Middleton
Jas Mc Intire, Joseph Dickson.

W^m Mc Gowan Seal

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1792.
Duplin County } There was the within will proved in open Court
by the oath of James Middleton and Joseph Dickson two of the
Subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time
John Mc Gowan and James Dickson the Executors named
in the said will came before the Court and

Qualified according to Law. Ordered that Letters issue
accordingly. —

Jur. W^m Dickson C. C.

In this the 12 of may and year of our Lord Christ 1832
Conscious of my frailty and of my approaching dissolution
and being in my proper sense and right mind and
thinking it necessary to dispose of my small estate
to my mind so hereby make this my Last will
and Testament. And first of all I commit my feeble
Body to the dust and my soul to God who gave it.
With a joyful resurrection in Christ my Saviour.
Second I order my Executors sell as much of my perishable
property as will defray all my just debts and defray
that and my funeral expenses. Item I give and
bequeath to my two eldest sons Fitzhugh Mc Camm
and James Mc Camm a certain tract of Land
known by the old Plow or ruddy meadow Land beginning
on the river bank Ratliff corner running thence as
his line to Musfang corner thence his line to my
father corner on the south side of the Little branch
thence his line to the Double maple corner thence the
same along Mulberry branch to the upper end of the Island
thence commencing and running as that Shippy branch
and Big pond to the run of Ruddy meadow near a
deep hole in the run to be sold and divided between
them Equally. Item. — I give and bequeath to my son
John a piece of land beginning in my fathers old line
just about twenty yards from the lower corner and
running parallel to and with the fence up to the head
of a little bottom about ten steps above his the S^d John
Barrs and commencing thence a straight line to the pole
bridge in the road and for little branch thence along
the run of pastor branch. Item. I leave and bequeath
to my daughter Polly the land above John commencing
thence on Johns corner & running thence a straight
line over the middle of and old hog pen made
formerly by my B. John in a meadow going right

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on to the back line his John Mc Cause Sr and mine
thence along the same to pasture Branch thence down
the same to John's corner in the road and on east
and calf on Fumelle But. Next I leave to my son
William Mc Cause one hundred acres in the big
pecan patented by me and a small piece of Land
including some Landings. Namely 15 acres pat^d by
me and about twenty acres the remainder of the eighty
acre flag survey. Item - I give and bequeath to my
son Jack Mc Cause a piece of Land including his
field beginning in my father's old Line running with
John's dividing Line and mine up to corner parallel
with the upper corner of the dual field to a corner for
that purpose running parallel with this end of the
dual field fence a direct and straight Line corner
on the Little pecan. Item - I give and bequeath
to my son Ethaniel Mc Cause all the Rest of my Land
including where I live not mentioned in any of the
afo^r said one small dark bay man household and
kitchen furniture Plantations tools provided he stay
on the plantation and provide for and take care of
his mother so long as she lives. Item I give to my
Daughter Susan the other cow and calf running on Fumelle
But and two two year old &c. I leave to my Daughter
Nancy Cherry her yard &c. my boots, saw, clock, shap, shap
tools, slat traps old gun and mule's track too tedious
to mention to be sold to pay my debts and if any
Remains to be equally divided between my three
daughters Equally and all Lastly I leave and thank
my son and my son James Mc Cause his assistant
Executors. Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
us Eli ^{his} Grant. Hugh ^{his} Pickett. Signed by me.

William Mc Cause.

North Carolina } August Term 1832.
Dublin County } There was the within will proved in open
Court by the Oaths of E. Grant and Hugh Pickett the subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded and at the same time
Athaniel and James Mc Cause qualified

as Executors &c.

Test Jas Pearce Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Mathis the
Elder of Duplin County and State of North Carolina
being of sound and perfect memory tho' of a weak and
frail Body and calling to mind the uncertainty
of life and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do constitute and appoint this my
last will and Testament Revoking and Rescinding
all others heretofore made. I Primum I recommend
my Soul into the hands of Almighty God beseeching
his most gracious exception of it. I give my body
to the ground from whence it was first taken and rest
in hope of its resurrection to eternal life, as to my
burial I desire it may be done without pomp or
pride according to the discretion of my Executors
Hereafter named as to my worldly Estate it hath pleased
God to bestow me with. I give and devise in manner
and form following. Item, I will that my just debts
be paid before my Estate is distributed. Item, I leave
to my wife Mary Mathis all my Lands with the
Profits thereunto belonging during her natural Life and
after her Decease I give and bequeath the same to
my son Harmon Mathis to him and his heirs and
assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my
Daughter Sarah Lanier Five Pounds Sterling. Item I
give and bequeath to my son John Mathis my negro
fellow Peter to him his heirs and assigns forever.
Item I give and bequeath to my son Rice Mathis my
negro boy Isaac to him his heirs and assigns forever.
Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter; Temperance Jeff
my girl Ch^r to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give and
bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Elkins my negro
girl Jane to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give
and bequeath to my Daughter Fannie Fumelle my negro
girl Hagar to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give
and bequeath to my Daughter Maryanne Mathis my