

Wills Of February Term 1854

In The Name of God Amen

I James Ferguson of The State of North Carolina and County of Gaston being at Present of sound mind and Memory Blessed be God, and Knowing The uncertainty of Life and The certainty of Death and being at This time in ill health do This day make ~~this day~~ ^{This my} Last & only will and Testament in Writing in Manner & form following
1st I Through The hope of the Mercy of God, do Bequeath my Mortal Soul to Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour

2nd I Will and Bequeath unto Amanda McCarthyn Daughter of Isabella McCarthyn one Thousand Dollars said Sum to be Paid & The Interest arising from The Same to be apportioned Equally to The use and benefit of Both The said Amanda & Isabella McCarthyn so long as she The said Isabella may live and Should The said Amanda die before coming of The Age of Twenty One years The principal of said Sum to be retained in The hands of my Executors to be Equally divided among my Children hereafter named but The whole of said Interest to go to the use of The said Isabella During her Natural Life Should she out live said Amanda

I will and bequeath unto Amanda M. McCarthy Daughter
of Isabella McCarthy one Thousand Dollars said sum to be
loaned & The Interest arising from the same to be applied
Equally to the use and benefit of Both the said Amanda
& Isabella McCarthy so long as she the said Isabella may
live and should the said Amanda die before coming of
the Age of Twenty One Year the principal of said sum to
be retained in the hands of my Executors to be Equally
divided among my children hereafter named but the
whole of said Interest to go to the use of the said Isabella
during her Natural Life should she out live said Amanda

3rd I will and bequeath all my Estate not above mentioned to be
~~also~~ Equally divided between my Eight children viz William M.
Thomas J. Mary P. Elizabeth J. Nancy J. James B. John B.
& Sarah A.

4th I do hereby appoint and constitute as my Executors
my worthy Friends James Curran and John R. Kelly

October 29th 1853

James Ferguson

Witness