

Will of James McColenney

In the name of God Amen I James McColenney of the County of Johnston being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die 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 unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and, from Samuel Lee executor Nathan Godwin executor.

First- First of all I leave to my beloved wife Patsy McColenney all my land with my plantation to her, her life time or widowhood, and likewise all my house hold furniture and likewise a negro girl I give to her her life time or widowhood. and after her death or widowhood, my plantation land to be equally divided, between my two youngest sons Samuel and, Moses, and likewise four hundred acres of land, to be equally divided, between my three oldest sons James, William and, John and the negro girl and her increase to be equally divided, among my seven children and then all and singular my stock of every kind, and all my house hold goods to be equally divided between my seven children and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannull all and every other former wills, testaments & legacies bequests and executors by me in anywise before named, willed & bequeaths ratifying confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of November in the year one thousand, seven hundred, and ninety two assigned sealed, and delivered, in the presence of us

John McColenney (seal)

Carter Lee
Phillip Jones
Nathan Godwin