

Will of John McLeod,

In the name of God Amen, I John McLeod of the County of Johnston deeply considering the certainty of death and the importance of being duly prepared for its coming as well in spiritual preparation as in a satisfactory disposition of what worldly wealth or property may surround me therefore under these considerations I do make this writing my last will and testament and place it among my valuable papers that it may be established in due conformity with law if it should please my Almighty God to cut me off suddenly without and opportunity of adding to or altering it. This my handwriting and signature being so well known in this community that surely there can exist no doubt of its genuineness and made with proper mind and reflection. As it has been the holy will and pleasure of my God to take from this life before me all my dear children and to leave me as it were alone in family it devolves upon me to look around for those to whom I had rather give my property than leave it subject to strife and controversy between such as it might neither improve or make happier. Should death take me hence leaving my wife (now in Mississippi) surviving my will is that she shall have the following named negroes being all the negroes of my estate which came to me through her and one (Penny) over to her Sarah, Rosetta, Phoebe, Noley, Rufus, Romulus and Penny the latter being now in waiting on her mistress in Mississippi with all their increase and also negro men Sam Balt and Adam the latter in Mississippi also to her and her heirs forever. Together with a bed and furniture and such bed furniture as quilt and counterpanes as may be in the house of her own designs and work and also a bureau with five hundred dollars as her years support and the use and enjoyment of my Bonavesta plantation as long as she lives only if she choose to live thereon but if she should not choose to live thereon the use and enjoyment of it is to follow the free simple right of it. My will and desire is to provide for the comfort of my well beloved friend William H. Manning having found him long a faithful and endearing friend but as he is now under pecuniary embarrassments which cannot be well paid out of this my bequest to him I do therefore and for that reason will bequest to William H.

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Houston, and George W. Haywood, as trustees for the use benefits and enjoyments of William H. Manning to them and their assigns forever the following property (viz) my lots in the town of Smithfield Nos 13, 14, 15, 16 and 117 with all my houses and improvements thereon together with my dear Bonavesta plantation containing with the adjoining tracts of lands from fourteen to twenty hundred acres (see my title papers) but on which my wife is to enjoy a life estate if she may choose to live thereon as herein before mentioned and together with the following negroes (viz) Phillis and her children Juliet and Guilford her husband, Nat and Frank and Lary to them the said H. W. Houston & George W. Haywood trustees as aforesaid to them and their heirs forever. Upon more reflection I do add negroes Erasmus and Dennis to those given in the last item to H. W. Houston and George W. Haywood trustees aforesaid and should the said William H. Manning die and depart this life before this trust be fully executed or deemed my will is that he may dispose of all that is herein given in trust for his use and benefit to whomsoever he may desire in right and in fee. But further in regard to this provision made for the use and benefit of William H. Manning my will and desire is that the aforesaid trustees may as soon as they may be therunto required by the said William H. Manning in writing in proper form coming in fee simple and in all right to himself above all and singular the foregoing property hereby devised to them as trustees for his use and benefit. I hope that he may be able to keep and improve my dear Bonavesta residence as long as he may live. The next object of my care and providence is my dear female friend Nancy Avera daughter of my near friend and neighbor David Avera. She has long been a favorite of mine she has long and often been a member of my affections and with as pure and virtuous a heart as ever beat she has deeply sympathized and shared in my sorrows pure and religiously chaste as I know and believe her to be and so thus pronounce her as if an my dear friend she feels near to me and nearer like near dear kindred that has been around me than any other and therefore I will and bequeath unto said Nancy Avera the following negroes, (viz) Hannah, Emily, Minerva.

Equally, Ben, William and Atlas and all their increase to him the said Nancy and her heirs forever provided however that the said Nancy may be married at the time of my death I desire of my executors that all my business be immediately closed by sales and collections to meet all my obligations and that a fund may be created as well to pay off my debts as bequests in money hereafter made my will and desire is that my executors sell to the best advantage either by private or public sale or by both and upon such credits as the conditions of my indebtedness may allow the following property not heretofore mentioned (viz) my tenting distillery in Smithfield and all its distilling attachments all my springtime or piney woods lands lying on the east side of House River being in various tracts and in quantity about two thousand acres and a tract of three or four hundred acres on the north side of House on the Poplar Creek and with all this land and distillery that my executors further sell my valuble cooper Burton and carpenter Ben and Elkin a good leather worker and valuble woman Miley and all her children together with her, so also woman Angelina and son Elbert and other children if she may have such one negro woman Beck who is superannuated and also that my said executors sell upon usual terms and conditions all my crops, stock of every description provisions utensils and furniture of all kind and every kind and all property of whatever nature and kind not herein not devised or enumerated all to create a fund as aforesaid.

It is of my opinion at the time of this writing that the proceeds of such a sale as above directed will amount to \$8,000 or upwards. I may be mistaken but out of the proceeds of such sale after paying my debts my will and desire is that each one of the daughters of my brother Alexander McLeod who may be left living at my death shall have three hundred dollars each to be paid over to a guardian or to each one as she becomes of age.

So also to each of his two sons Marshall and Julius I give and bequeath two hundred dollars each So also I give and bequeath to each of the four children left by my deceased sister Nancy McLeod long since deceased or to three legal representatives the sum of three hundred dollars each that is three hundred dollars

each to the said four children left living by my sister Nancy. I do also give and bequeath to two maiden daughters of my half brother John McLeod of Thornton Embury county one hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid to them by my executors out of the said fund is to be raised or reserved, the five hundred dollars herein before bequeathed my wife and which may be to a thousand dollars if there is enough of said sales to do so, and to answer the other bequests and demands on the said funds

I give and bequeath unto my valuble and beloved friend Herman W. Heusted one thousand dollars to him his heirs forever and to my dear sister only one living Betsey Buffaloe one hundred dollars to be paid out of her in some token of remembrance of me she is like myself without children and does not need or this bequest would have been larger.

I also give and bequeath unto John McLeod Smith now and infant and son of Abner & Harriet Smith of Lawrence Co Missouri one hundred dollars to be if possible put to compound interest until he becomes of age. I also give to each of my executors hereafter named one hundred dollars each over and beyond the usual allowance for settlement of my estate.

I do also give and bequeath to my worthy and dear friend Dr John B. Beckwith my body servant Boy Romeo with a hope that they may be acceptable to each other through a long life.

I also give and bequeath to William P. Mooring all my Library and books and papers of every description and also my gold watch as a memento and also to my aforesaid favorable and dear Nancy Avera my gold spectacles as a remembrance.

If there should be any remainder left of the proceeds of such sales as hereinbefore directed to be made my will and desire is that such balance or remainder be equally divided between my wife and the trustees aforesaid for the use and benefit of William P. Mooring on the other hand should I be mistaken and that such proceeds of sales may not amount to a sum sufficient for all the demands made thereon by the numerous bequests above, then in such event my will and desire is that the monied legacies or bequests herein named shall each suffer such abatement

on scale in the fund as shall make them equal in proportion as their respective amounts may be to the fund for their use.

I further will and desire of my executors that they may enclose over my grave suitable monument and that they may enclose the same as well as the grave of my dear Willie in a permanent and durable manner.

And ^{now} I do here appoint and designate as my executors to the my last will and testament my ^{dear} friends Nathan Williams, Bytham Bryan and William H. Husted who I hope & do faithfully trust will see this my last will and desire carried into full effect - and as near the meaning and plain intent thereof as may be possible according to a provisions.

Thus having disposed of all my worldly attainments - as becometh me at the time and date hereof and in and by which I have given unto my wife such a share or more as the law would allow her and all ample and sufficient for her comfort and independance during life and I hope as all is so plainly directed that there will be no need of dispute or controversies over or about it.

In solemn testimony of all which I do hereunto affix my name in my most usual manner of signing it: This the — day of December A.D. 1847.

Signed & acknowledged
in the presence of
Mathew Avera
David Avera

John McLeod Seal

Exas Qualified
Johnston County Court

February Term 1850

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court - by the oaths of Mathew & David Avera the subscribing witnesses thereto and added to be sworn Thomas Bagley clk by H. J. Bell

Elizabeth McLeod widow of John McLeod dissents from will

Will of Jacob Woodall Sr

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Woodall Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do the 23rd day of November A.D. 1848 make publish and declare my last will and testament - in form and manner following (to wit)

Item 1st I give to my son William one negro man by the name of Sam and one negro girl by the name of Spicey to him and his heirs forever

Item 2nd I give to my daughter Cinderilla one negro man by the name of Joe and one negro girl by the name of Nory to her and her heirs forever

Item 3rd I give to my son James G. one negro boy named Arthur and one negro woman by the name of Silver together with her increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th I lend to my daughter Charity during her natural one negro girl by the name of Rachel and after her death it is my will that the said Rachel be given to her lawful children to them and their heirs forever.

Item 5th I lend to my beloved wife Lucy one negro man named Silas and one negro woman by the name of Sook for and during the term of her natural life and after her death it is my will that the aforesaid negro be sold and the monies arising from such sale be equally divided in the following manner to wit - to my dear son William one fourth part, to my daughter Cinderilla one fourth part - to my son James G. one fourth part - & to the lawful children of my daughter Charity one fourth part to them and their heirs forever.

Item 6th I lend to my beloved wife Lucy during her natural life two feather beds together with their necessary furniture one chest, one table, hofat one set of cups & saucers, two earthen dishes and one pewter dish six pewter plates, one jug two glass bottles one case of knives and forks six earthen plates six spoons one coffee pot one sugar dish one earthen pitcher six earthen bowls two pewter basons two mugs two pots two pair of pot hooks 1 spider 1 skillet 1 loom & gear and flap wheel one wooden wheel 1 pair of cotton