

In the name God Amen:— I Thomas M^cDaniel of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God, do this the 20th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty five 1855, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my three sons Morris M^cDaniel, Thomas M^cDaniel and John M^cDaniel all of my lands to be equally divided between them.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son John M^cDaniel One Bed and furniture and the sum of ~~Two~~ Hundred Dollars current money.

Item 3rd. I leave unto my daughter Leah Reynolds during her natural life, Negro Girl Sarah and at her death, I give and bequeath said Negro together with her increase to the Children of my daughter Leah Reynolds, provided any of the Children lives to the age of ten years at her death, if not said Negro or Negroes to go to my natural heirs—

Item 4th. I leave unto my daughter Susan Harget during her natural life negro boy Morris for the benefit of herself and Children and at her death I give and bequeath said Negro to the Children of my daughter Susan Harget, provided that any of her Children is the age of ten years at her death. If not said Negro to go to my natural heirs—

Item 5th. I leave unto my daughter Mary Little, Negro woman Mary and Child Julia together with their increase for the sole benefit of Mary Little and Children, and at her death I give and bequeath said Negroes to the Children of my daughter Mary Little, provided any of her Children lives to the age of ten years at her death. If not said Negroes to go to my natural heirs—

Item 6th. All of the balance of my property of every description not otherwise named, I leave to be sold, and after all my just debts are paid the balances of the money if any to be equally divided between all of my Children. On the same Condition as above written in distributing the different legacies.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy sons Morris M^cDaniel and Thomas M^cDaniel Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said Thomas M^cDaniel have to this my last Will

and Testament set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas M^cDaniel the Testator, as his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

J. C. Thomas
J. H. Heath

Jones County Court

January Term A D 1856

Then was the last Will and Testament of Thomas M^cDaniel last here presented in Open Court for probate, when the execution of the same was proved in due form of law by the oath of J. C. Thomas and J. H. Heath the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be registered and filed. And at the same time Morris M^cDaniel and Thomas M^cDaniel the Executors therein named, came into Court and qualified as such, ordered that letters testamentary issue to them

Attest Chas. Herrick Clerk.