

In the name of God Amen. This 9th day of March 1837.
 I Andrew McKelvey of the County of Cumberland & State of N. Carolina
 being of sound mind & memory Thanks be to God for the same & calling
 to mind the mortality of my body I knowing that it is appointed for
 all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last will & testament
 & principally & first of all Recommend my soul into the hands of
 God who gave it, my body to be buried in a Christian like
 & decent manner nothing doubting but I shall receive the
 same again by the Mighty power of God, But as touching
 such worldly Estate before with it has pleased God to bless
 me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the manner
 following that is to say: I give & bequeath to my beloved wife
Abigail the one half of my personal estate I am now in
 & comfortable maintenance of the land I now live on & in
 the house I now live in as formerly enjoyed and all the
 profits arising from my lands during her natural life.
 It is my will that all my personal property be realized of
 my executors by three honest men chosen by my Executors al-
 lowing my beloved wife her choice of my property to the sum
 of her full share at the appraisement. It is my will that
 my negroes Oles Allen & his wife Abigail & Peg be kept for
 the support of my beloved wife during her natural life & after
 my beloved wife's decease. It is my will that my old nego-
 woman Rose for meritorious services be set free and if she
 is not able to maintain herself it is my will that my exec-
 utor take out of my estate what is sufficient for her maintenance.
 It is my will that my other three negroes Allen, Abigail &
 Peg be hired out at a reasonable price for two years
 to humane masters as high together as can be got not put-
 ting Allen & his wife unless it is their own choice, & after
 two full years service for meritorious service it is my will
 that each of them Allen & his wife & Peg be set free provided
 the Civil laws of our land will admit of it, but if their
 freedom cannot be obtained. It is my will that they be
 sold at a Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844 To Humane
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It is my will that all my personal property be received after
my decease by three honest men chosen by my Executors al-
lowing my beloved wife her share of my property to the com-
p of her full share at the appraisement. It is my will that
my Negroes Olen, Allen & his wife Nashel & Peg be kept for
the support of my beloved wife during her natural life & after
my beloved wifes decease, It is my will that my old negro
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that each of them Allen & his wife & Peg be set free provided
the Civil laws of our land will admit of it, but if their
freedom cannot be obtained, It is my will that they be
sold at a moderate price at private sale to Humane
Masters allowing them to choose their own Masters if
they can go. If not I allow my Executors to choose
for them remembering not to part Allen & his wife
But if my beloved wife should preceed the Emancipation.

of the residue of my negroes it is my will that her part of them be
sold off after my decease by my Executors & the balance be dispos-
ed of according to my will. It is my will that all my personal
property that is not by my will bequeathed as a legacy after my
decease be put to public sale to the highest bidder except
my negroes which if sold I allow to be disposed off at private
sale in the manner above mentioned, and after my beloved
wife's decease It is my will that all my Lands & Improvements
be put to public sale by my Executors And I do hereby autho-
rize my Executors to make sufficient deed or deeds for said lands
and to bear and said lands against all claims from all
men and after the money is collected or part of it as far as
it goes I give & dispose of it in the following manner.—
I give & bequeath to my sister in law Jane Robinson sister to my
first wife Forty Dollars— I give & bequeath to my nephew
James A. McVee Twenty Dollars— I give & bequeath to my
niece Jenny Bradley Twenty Dollars— I give & bequeath to
Robert Andrew McVee son to my nephew John A. McVee
my silver watch— I give & bequeath to Robert McVee son
of my Brother John McVee Twenty Dollars— I give & bequeath
to my nephews John A. McVee, James A. McVee, Joel & William
McVee together with my Nieces Jenny Bradley, Eliza, Levina
& Peggy McVee all my library of books except such as my
beloved wife wishes to have to be equally divided among them
I give & bequeath my body clothes to my nephews John A.
McVee, James A. McVee, & my nephews James & Robert McVee
living in east Tennessee, some silk Handkerchiefs to Jenny Bradley
I give & bequeath one hundred Dollars to the American board
of Commissioners for foreign Missions for the purpose of sending
the Gospel to the Heathen nations— I give & bequeath to
the American Bible Society for the purpose of sending Bibles to
the poor & destitute Fifty Dollars— I give & bequeath to the Ame-
rican Education Society Fifty dollars, for the purpose of quicken-
ing Pious young men for the Gospel ministry who is unable
to help themselves Fifty Dollars for the

property that is not by my will. I as a Legatee after my
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to help themselves— I give & bequeath Fifty Dollars for the
purpose of purchasing a Library of good books on Divinity
chosen by my Executors to be stationed at the Rev. Robert A.
McVee's for the benefit of his own church & the church & congregation
It is my will that the said money be paid in such order as I have

Named them, as far as my money goes, and if after all my
 just debts be paid, there should be still more money from my Estate
 it is my will it should all be put to some Charitable purpose, such
 as schooling poor orphan children or poor widows children
 such as my Executors may think a Charity & in finding or
 cloathing the poor & destitute in the bounds where they live
 or in perfect knowledge or in life preserving some to the
 Concord Bible Society or the Mecklenburg Education Society
 if they be in operation & remain ability, or in sending some
 to some of the Missionary Stations among the Indians in our
 own Country, or to the American Colonization Society to
 assist in sending the poor negroes to a place of freedom or
 any other way that my Executors may think most for the
 glory of God and the prosperity of Georgia.

And I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends
 friends Nathaniel Robert McMorrisworth James Bradley &
 my nephew John H. McNeely Executors of this my last
 will & Testament and I do utterly revoke all other
 former wills Legacies & Bequests by me before this time
 made, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my
 last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal the day & year above written
 Signed sealed & delivered

In the presence of —

Josiah Abner
 John G. Abner

Andrew McNeely

