

In the name of God Amen. I James Mc Knight of the County of
Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina being of sound & disposing
mind & memory. Do make & contain the following and no other
to be my last will and Testament Viz.

1st It is my desire that all my last debts be paid as soon
as possible after my decease -

2^d As to the remainder of my property after my debts are paid it
is my will that it be disposed of as follows. To my beloved wife
Ann McKnight I give & bequeath my negro woman Pegg, my
negro boy Jeff, my negro girl Nancy Malinda, also my boy
named Nancy, my riding gig her saddle & bridle, two beds with
suitable furniture her chamber furniture & cabinet one Bureau
Loom & such things to it, spinning wheel, my Cherry tree corner
cupboard, Lichenis. Her own & priviledge of my dwelling house
and other out Buildings, with the use of all the household
& kitchen furniture for herself & family so long as they
are in a family capacity or the remains in her widowhood -

3^d To my beloved son David McKnight I give & bequeath together
with the lot or parcel of Land I have already decided to give
my negro boys Sandy & Henry, also one mare called Dancer
which he is in possession of, also two cows now in his possession
also my single Trussed Rifle gun, together with whatever
other articles I may have hereafter given him - To my
grandson James McKnight Anderson of Danville I give and
assign with my negro boy Anna Mary - The above I consider
as his full share of my estate at this time -

4th To my beloved James McKnight I give & bequeath to him the
lot or parcel of Land bounded as follows Viz. Beginning
in the West bank of big Sugar creek at the mouth of the Spring
branch thence with said branch creek back of point in the negro
grave yard thence with the North fork of said branch to a corner
stone in a corner as seen on yesterday by Mr. Horner & a Black
Bath near the road leading to Hugh McConnelly, thence with said
Road to McConnelly line, thence with the said McConnelly line to
Mr. Dowell's corner on pine hill, thence with my own line to the

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2d As to the remainder of my property after my debts are paid it is my will that it be disposed of as follows. To my beloved wife Ann McNight I give & bequeath my negro woman Bess, my negro boy Jeff, my negro girl Nancy Matilda, also my bay mare named Lancy, my riding gig her saddle & bridle, two beds with suitable furniture her chamber two closets & cabinet one bureau & one chest of drawers to her, my Cherry tree corner cupboard, likewise the use & privilege of my dwelling house and other out buildings, with the use of all the household furniture, for herself & family so long as they remain in a family capacity or she remains in her widowhood --

3d To my beloved son David McNight I give & bequeath together with the lot or parcel of land I have already deeded to him my negro boys Sandy & Henry, also one cow called Deacon which he is in possession of, also two cows now in his possession also my single Furred Rifle gun, together with whatever other articles I may have at present given him -- To my grandson James McNight and son of David I give and bequeath my negro boy Absalom -- The above I consider as his full share of my estate at this time --

4th To my beloved Samuel McNight I give & bequeath to him the whole of that lot or parcel of land lying a part of the present line live on and bounded as follows viz beginning on the west bank of big Sugar creek at the mouth of the Spring branch, thence with said branch with fork opposite to the negro graveyard, thence with the fork of said branch to a corner in an acre or more on yesterday by Mr Horwood a Black Oak near the road leading to Hugh McConnel's, thence with said Road to Mr Horwood's line, thence with the said Mr Horwood's line to Mr Donald's line on pine hill, thence with my own line to the beginning at which corner will more fully appear by a plat thereof made out by Mr John Harrison and filed among my land papers, also the grounds on the Spring side

creek lying between my meadow and the lot I have laid off
for my son David McKnight. Also my negro boys Edmond and
Pearson & Breitzer, also one bed and suitable furniture to-
gether with whatever articles of property I may have given him heretofore
to my beloved son William P McKnight I give & bequeath that him
and his heirs forever all the remainder of my lands & having that part
of my plantation known as the one which my mansion house
stands, subject to the encumbrance of his mother I desire while
they remain in a family capacity that is to say so long as his
mother remains a widow and his father unmarried also
my negro boys Charles, Bob & Jack one horse named Hornet
my waggon & gears, also my plantation Waggon, my other
sons to have the use of the waggons when needed until they
become supplied with waggons of their own, and my double
barrelled Rifle gun, and my farming utensils, my Dutch Pan
my other sons to have the use of when needed, my Grindstone
my bed and bed furniture and one bed & suitable furniture
together with my horse & saddle & bridle

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1. to my beloved son in law Russ Price I give & bequeath my negro boy
named Sam. To my beloved Daughter Mary P Price my negro woman
Pinner and boy El Thompson. To my Grand Daughter Mary A Price
my negro girl Rachel. To my said son in law Russ Price my
named pilot which he has possession of and all other articles of
property I have given them & part in their portion heretofore.
To my beloved Daughter Catharine L McKnight I give & bequeath
my negro girls Sylvia, Boy Alfred, Girl Cynthia and boy Andy
one horse saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars, one cow & calf
one spinning wheel & carder his bedding and other house hold and
kitchen, utensils I equal to her sister Mary Price.
To my beloved Daughter Mary A McKnight I will & bequeath
my negro girl named Hannah Boy Joe Neal & girls Grace & Martha
one horse saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars, one cow & calf
bedding & other furniture to make her in these respects to be
as the same sister -

2. I will and direct that my negro woman Lotty be & remain
with my wife & family on the plantation to the sole use and

go the whole wholen article of property I may have given him heretofore
to my beloved son William P. McKnight I give & bequeath to him
our three fourths all the remainder of my land & being that part
of my plantation known as on from which my mansion house
stands, subject to the encumbrance of his mother I desire while
they remain in a family capacity that is to say so long as his
mother remains a widow and his father unmarried also
my negro boys Charles, Bob & Jack one horse named Harold
my waggon & gears, also my plantation Waggon, my other
sons to have the use of the waggons when needed until they
become supplied with waggons of their own, and my double
breeched Rifle gun, and my farming utensils, my son Sam
my other sons to have the use of when needed, my Grindstone
my bed and cupboard and one bed & suitable furniture
together with his saddle and bridle.

I, a my beloved son in law Reese Price I give & bequeath my negro boy
named Sam. To my beloved Daughter Nancy P. Price my negro woman
Nina and boy Ella Thompson. To my Grand Daughter Mary of Price
my negro girl named Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
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named pilot which he has possession of and all other articles of
property I have given them & part in their portion heretofore.

To my beloved Daughter Catharine L. McKnight I give & bequeath
my negro girls Sylvia, Boy Alfred, Girl Cynthia and boy Andy
one horse saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars, one cow & calf
and spring wheel & cards for bedding and other house hold and
kitchen, articles I give to her sister Nancy Price.

To my beloved Daughter Mary A. McKnight I give & bequeath
my negro girl named Hannah Boy Joe and girl Grace & Martha
one horse saddle & bridle worth eighty dollars, one cow & calf
bedding & other furniture to make her in these respects to her
other two sisters.

I will and direct that my negro woman Lotty be & remain
with my wife & family on the plantation to the sole use and
benefit of my wife & family that remain in a family capacity
and at the death of my said wife (or in case she should marry
and cease to be my wife) I will & direct that the said negro

Woman Betty & on open should she have any be legally
divided among my Heirs or their lawful Representatives
There and there alike either by Sale or Valuation as my
Executors may think proper -
Whatever Stock of Provision, Grain, forage &c may be
on hand at the time of my decease, Also the Crop that may
be then growing if any Also the live Stock that I will
leave I will & allow for the benefit of my family that
may be then living in a family Capacity or my premises
I will that my large family Bible remain in the house
my other Books to be equally divided my Children
my wearing Apparel I allow to be divided among my sons
as my beloved wife may think proper
As it is not contemplated by me that there be any sale of
my property having bequeathed it as far as I recollect at
present, should it so turn out that there be any Articles
not disposed of Above, my will that they remain on the
premises to the benefit of my family that I live.
I do hereby constitute & appoint my
son Daniel McKnight & my Brother in Law David Reed to be
the Executors of this my last will & Testament; And I do hereby
revoke & disannul all other wills by me heretofore made
or published, declaring this & no other to be my last will
and Testament In witness whereof I the said Daniel
McKnight have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my Seal this 14 day of October 1826.

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Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the said Daniel
McKnight to be his last will
& Testament in presence of
John G. Green
Hugh McDaniel

James McKnight