

At this time all my beausing apparel & all my books & also my
Mattocks & spadeing hor These I do will & appoint the remainder
of my personal estate to be sold at public Vendue & the money
arising from such sale to be equally divided among the children
of Samuel McRae & Elizabeth Hall. And last of all I do
constitute & appoint my trusty servant Samuel Harris & my
son John McRae son to execute this my last will & testament
& to settle my affairs after my decease, that this & no other
is my last will & testament. Be witness whereof I have here
unto set my hand & seal this 21st day of February 1786.

John McRae
William Kennedy

Daniel McRae

In the name of God Amen. 26th September in the year of our Lord
1785. I John McRae of Creek Leaing County in the State of Pa.
hereby, being weak in body, but expectant & desirous
Mind & memory, 'desire to God' calling to remembrance the transitor
years of this life & that it is appointed for all men once to die; I make
it bedeath this my last will & testament in manuscript, following my
My will & desire is that all my just debts & funeral charges be
settled & fully paid by my executors hereafter named.
Then my will & desire is that after my decease my executors do pay to
my deceased brother Hugh McRae his daughter Sally in Pennsylvania
a sum of \$100, or one hundred pounds current money of Carolina.
The choice to be optional with the legatee if she is of knowledge sufficient
to make it for her best interest, if she is not, my desire is that it be
made in favour of it by my executors to his legacy as to his use
& benefit forever. Then My further will & desire is that my beloved
wife Jane McRae have as comfortable, gentle & sufficient
living esp. of the plantation heron I now live as it will admit
of during her natural life & after her decease to go to the use here
after directed, also I give & bequeath to my said wife to my dear
nearest child & a single woman named Melinda to be worth the
just sum of £500 if any to the use benefit & service of my said wife
during her natural life or charge of widowhood & pone & off the
first afflication that shall take place by either of her, even if she

That those above mentioned negroes to be distributed as here after directed
 Also I allow my said wife two of these beds with their furniture during
 her life & her own mare saddle & bridle, all his wearing apparel, together
 with his lower & Calads, the choice of which, I allow my said wife to make
 & those articles last mentioned to be taken up benefit & disposal for ever —
Item after my wife's decease I give & devise to my brother James A. Estill who
 I expect is now in the Kingdom of Ireland, the tract of land before mentioned
 now being estimated by estimation 300 acres, also a negro boy named
 Jack who is with the land to be to the use & benefit of my said brother
 This his sonnes; but if he should in time to come to America, my
 will is that the part I have before mentioned & devised to him be equally
 divided, or given to my three surviving children Item My further
 will is that the remainder or unoccupied part of my estate which
 will consist of negroes exclusive of those mentioned to my wife 100 acres
 land joining W. Stanford & W. C. Stillman together with every kind of
 stock I have now in my possession, & a right to claim half other my
 moveable property to be sold and after discharging all my just debts
 the balance or remainder together with those two negroes above men-
 tioned to my wife with their increase (if any) I give & bequeath in the
 following manner; My wife now being in the situation of pregnancy
 if it please God to bless her a safe delivery & the child lives to the
 age of maturity, & is a male child I allow him the fourth part of my
 clear estate & the remaining one third I give to my daughter Anna
 C. Estill to be to both their uses & benefits forever, but if my wife
 should be delivered of a female child & it arrives to full age in that case
 I allow an equal division in my clear estate to take place between
 if my said Daughter Anna & I take then & each of them respectively
 begetten for ever — further & finally, I do hereby bequeath & constitute
 & appoint May 7th Thomas Harris & James Harris both of Rock Hill my
 County in S. Carolina together with David Gordon of York County in
 South Carolina my whole & sole executors of this my last will & testament,
 hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made & witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 1st day above written
 signed sealed published & declared by the testator to be his
 last will & testament in presence of

& those articles last mentioned to be to her use beneficial & disposal for ever
Item of all my wife's decease I give & devise to my brother James McLeathem (who
I expect is now in the Kingdom of Ireland) the tract of land before mentioned
now being estimated by estimation 300 acres, also a negro boy named
Nack who is with the land to be to the use & benefit of my said brother
This this is for ever; but if he should in like manner come to America, my
will is that the part I have before allotted & devised, likewise be equally
divided, or given to my three surviving children ~~item~~. My further
will is that the remainder or undivided part of my estate which
will consist of Negroes & all other chattels & part of my wife 100 acres
land joining W. Stanford & W. McMillian together with every kind of
stock I have now in my possession & a right to claim yet other my
moveable property to be sold & so discharging all my just debts
the balance or remainder together with those two Negroes above men-
tioned to my wife with this increase (if any) I give & bequeath in the
following manner; My wife now being in the situation of pregnancy
if it please God to bless her a safe delivery & the child lives to the
age of majority, this a male child I leave him the two thirds of my
clear estate & the remaining one third I give to my daughter Anna
& McLeathem to be to both their uses & benefits forever, but if my wife
should be delivered of a female child & it arrives to full age in the mean
I leave an equal division in my clear estate to take place between
it & my said daughter Anna & to let them each of them have equally
by election for ever & further & lastly, I do hereby leave to my Constitute
Hippopotamus Thomas Harris & Anna Harris both of Rockingham
County in N. Carolina together with David Gordon of York County in
South Carolina my whole estate & contents of the same last will & testament,
hereby revoking all other wills by me herebefore made & witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 1st. 8 year above written
signed sealed published & declared by the testator to be his

Last will & Testament in presence of

Thomas Craig
John McLeathem
Richard P. Scott
Francis Gordon

John McLeathem *[Signature]*

AB It is my b'le. & will that then he doth to George Tilby of
Charleston your Negro say two girls & two boys likewise
three horses say 1 gray stallion blckly foal & mare & one young
bay mare. It is further my will & desire that those he sent to
Robert Harper of Charleston 1 negro fellow named Pompey -
Hm. It is my b'le & desire that the price of the negro fellow named
he'll go to the use of my children

~~for~~ Margaret Harris

Francis Gordon

Nicholas Powell

John McFatin ^{& Co} Esq.

AB Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina October 17th 1788

I William C. H'ree of the above County & State make this my last
will & testament. & I do hereby revoke & disannul all other wills
hereupon made before this I commit my body to the earth, & my
soul to God who gave it, trusting in his mercy thro Jesus Christ
for pardon & acceptance with him - And as to my temporal
estate my will is that my wife Diana have all that here
shoold be left her may think necessary for her ease & the
disposal of it at her death & a sufficient maintenance
by my son Andrew C. H'ree while she lives, & that if it
should be the case that she be the survivor that he pay
a strict regard to that matter; I will to my son John
C. H'ree to be paid to him by my son Andrew as soon as
may be convenient a slaveable young Negroe or the price
of such an one according to the judgment of William Polk
& James Tugwell Esq^r & Robert Allison. Lastly I will to
my son Andrew C. H'ree the plantation on which I live
and all other property of which I am possessed both
as stock farming utensils & & to direct him to discharge
all my lawful debts. I appoint John C. H'ree &
Andrew C. H'ree executors of this will. In witness whereof
of this my last will & testament I do hereunto set my hand
& seal this 17th day of Oct. Anno 1788

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Robert Allison

say more. It is further my will & desire that those be sent to
Robert Harper of Chesterton 1 Negro fellow named Pompey -
him. It is my will & desire that the price of the Negro fellow named
shall go to the use of my children

Margaret Harris

Francis Gordon

Nicholas Powell

John Fletcher Esq.

33 Middlebury County State of Maryland October 17th 1788

I William McRae of the above County & State make this my last
will & Testament. I do hereby revoke & disannul all other Wills
hereupon made. Impensis I commit my body to the earth, & my
soul to God who gave it, trusting in his mercy thro' Jesus Christ
for salvation & acceptance with him. And as to my temporal
estate my will is that my wife Diana have all that I now
hold which she may think necessary for her ease & care. & the
disposal of it at her death. I sufficient maintenance
by my son Andrew McRae to till the land, that if it
should be the case that she be the survivor that he pay
a strict regard to that matter. I will to my son John
McRae to be paid to him by my son Andrew as soon as
may be convenient a Master & Young Negro or the price
of such an one according to the judgment of William Polk
& James Tegart Esq^r & Robert Allison. Lastly I will to
my son Andrew McRae the plantation on which I live
and all other property of which I am possessed such
as stock farming utensils &c & direct him to discharge
all my lawful debts. I appoint John McRae &
Andrew McRae executors of this will. The subscription
of this my last will & Testament I do hereunto set my hand
& seal this 17th day of Oct. Anno 1788.

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Robert Allison

John McLeod

Thomas Henderson

William McRae

