

John Singler
Daniel McClellan

John McClellan
Sister

32 In the name of God Amen I John M'Nee, In a very weakly declining
State of Body but of sound mind & memory, Thanks to God for his repeated
mercies, knowing that all must die & after that the judgment do
make I declare this my last will & Testament, that is I recommend my
Soul to Almighty God who gave it, not doubting but I shall receive
the same again by the Mercy of God - & as touching such
worldly Estate as he hath put in my power in this life, I will give be-
quest & dispose of in the following manner viz My premises It is my will
& desire I earnestly request that my dearly beloved wife Rebecca M'Nee
do live on this plantation of 230 acres during her life or widowhood
together with one seven children until the severally come to full age
except the time any of them may be learning of trades & that the goods
I challenge to me belonging, the negro boy Ellick included be kept on
the farm in order to cultivate the school & support my said family except
such articles as my Executors hereafter named judge proper & prudent
to sell for the satisfaction of my said wife & children. It is my will & desire
that my two eldest sons James M'Nee & William Elliott be bound
by the Court, & my said Executors together with my said wife
be all joined to see that justice is done to them. Item I will give be-
quest & convey & transfer to my third son John M'Nee the whole
of the said 230 Acres of Land & more or less time he is of age
provided nevertheless that my said wife Rebecca do have a
full & ample maintenance of & from the said premises during her
life or widowhood. Item And in case my said son John should die
before he comes to the age of twenty one leaving nothing of his body
then the said land shall be equally divided between Rebecca
James & William Elliott that is my said executor may sell
said land for the best price & divide the nett sum arising between said
James & William Elliott share & share alike, but this is no way to be
done until the death or intermarriage of my said beloved wife, & in my
said premises make a bequest to the said son John the whole
with, give, convey, & do all such things as my said Executors
shall think fit & assign from the whole of said tract of Land

...that when it shall hereafter happen that any of my daughters who
Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Hannah & Ruth should marry or be of the age of
...to be disposed to move off the premises, that my said Executors with the
...of my said wife shall opportunity I give of to said daughter or to
any of my two sons as the case may happen, what they may then judge
to be the right part of the real estate then on hand if judged by said
Executors & said wife, shall not destroying to the remaining part of my family
as to render impartial Justice to my said children agreeable to the
spirit of this my will & agreeable to what they may then judge I would do
were I alive & present. Item In case my said wife or the share of
any that then my said wife to buy which shall be so by my said Executors
for the best price & the price arising from his sale shall be equally divided
between my two said sons & said children. Item, provided my said
form is alive & inherits the land as aforesaid, but in case said son John is
dead or dies without issue as aforesaid, so that his said two brothers in law
get the price of said land, that these my said sons & said children if any
of them shall have the price of said land as they may think fit if any
there & share alike. Item In case my said son John or the said
said my son John shall be dead, then my said wife or the share
between them shall be divided in the manner above described
excepting the balance of said money to be appropriated to the use & benefit
of the family. Item It is my further will & pleasure that at that period
when my said wife or she shall die or intermarry, that then my said
Executors shall sell the whole of my estate not herein disposed of for the
best price & the money there arising to be divided among my said wife, Ruth
& said son John & said son John & said son John & said son John
seven children. Item I will give & bequeath to my said wife Ruth
above the aforesaid division the Deer made her saddle & bridle
with her bed & furniture & three cows. Item I will give & bequeath to my
said son John two years old filly to be kept on the farm for the use thereof
which the said wife or she may be raised from the stock now
in my possession when he is three years of age
I have by my will & appointed my

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
www.virginiapioneers.net

That And when it shall hereafter happen that any of my daughters Viz
Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Hannah & Ruth should marry or be of the age of twenty
one & be disposed to move off the premises, that my said Executors with the
assistance of my said wife shall apportion & give off to said daughter or to
any of my two sons as the Case may happen, what they may then judge
to be the eighth part of the real Estate then on hand if judged by said
Executors & said wife. Notwithstanding to the remaining part of my family
so as to render impartial Justice to my said children agreeable to the
spirit of this my will & agreeable to what they may then for & I would do
were I alive & present. Then And in case my said wife Ruth should inter-
marry that then my said negro boy which shall be sold by my said Executors
for the best price & the price arising from his sale shall be equally divided
between my two said sons James & William Elliott, provided my son
John is alive & inherits the land as aforesaid. but in case said son John is
dead or disinherited or so as aforesaid so that his said two brothers inhe-
rit the price of said land, that then my said sons daughter or the surviv-
or of them shall have the price of said negro boy divided among them
there & share alike. That I will give & bequeath to my wife & pleasure it if my
said negro boy which should prove the best and or whereby I do not then
render that service to the family that might be expected that he then
shall be sold at any time by my Executors for the best price & the real
mon arising from the sale to be divided in the manner above described
excepting the interest of said money to be appropriated to the use & benefit
of the family. That It is my further will & pleasure that at that period
when my said wife Ruth shall die or intermarry, that then my said
Executors shall sell the whole of my Estate not herein disposed of for the
best price & the monies thence arising together with all other monies due
shall be divided equally there & share alike among my said wife Ruth
& our seven children. That I will give & bequeath to my said wife Ruth
one & also in the aforesaid division the Deer mare her saddle & bridle
our feather bed & furniture & her cows. That I will give & bequeath to my
said son James one two year old filly to be kept on the farm for the use thereof
untill said James is of full age. That I will give & bequeath to my said son
William Elliott the first colt that may be raised from the stock now
on the farm to be given him when he is twenty one years of age
And Lastly, I hereby nominate & appoint my friends & faithful

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
www.virginiapioneers.net

to be the eighth part of the real estate then on hand if judged by said
executors & said wife. And the not disposing to the remaining part of my family
as to render impartial Justice to my said children agreeable to the
spirit of this my will & agreeable to what they may then judge I would do
were I alive & present. Then And in case my said wife & she should inter-
marry that then my said negro boy Ellick shall be sold by my said executors
for the best price & the price arising from his sale shall be equally divided
between my two said sons & sons & children Ellick, provided my said son
John is alive & inherits the land as aforesaid; but in case said son John is
dead or dies without issue as aforesaid so that his said two brothers in the
end the price of said lands, that then my said sons Ellick & he or the survivor
of them shall have the price of said negro boy divided among them
there & share alike. Then And it is further my will & pleasure that if my
said negro boy Ellick should prove fractious or unruly & do not then
render that service to the family that might be expected that he then
shall be sold at any time by my executors for the best price & the real
value arising from the sale to be divided in the manner above described
excepting the interest of my said son Ellick & his heirs to the use & benefit
of the family. Then It is my further will & pleasure that at that period
when my said wife & she shall die or intermarry, that then my said
executors shall sell the whole of my estate not herein disposed of for the
best price & the monies there arising together with the all other monies due
shall be divided equally there & share alike among my said wife & she
& our seven children. Then I will, give & bequeath to my said wife & she
& also in the aforesaid division the Down mare her saddle & bridle
one feather bed & furniture & three cows. Then I will, give & bequeath to my
said son James one two year old filly to be kept on the farm for the use thereof
until said James is of full age. Then I will, give & bequeath to my said son
John one Ellick the first colt that may be raised from the black mare
on the farm to be given him when he is twenty one years of age
And Lastly, I hereby nominate & appoint my truly & faithfully
beloved sons & children & their heirs & assigns & I do hereby
in my last will & testament of this my last will & testament
hereby revoking all former wills & gifts or bequests in them by
me made or writing, Ratifying, confirming this and no other to be

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844

www.virginiapioneers.net

132
 my last will & Testament. The witness bearing I have herewith set my
 hand & seal the 11th day of October Anno Domini 1795.
 Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said
 John W. Rice as his last will & Testament, to be in his presence
 & in the presence of each other, subscribed our names
 Robert Allison
 J. M. Rice
 Andrew H. Rice

John W. Rice

20 In the Name of God Amen. The 12th day of May 1792 I John W. Rice
 of Mecklenburg County & State of Carolina, being of perfect mind &
 memory thank be unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality
 of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
 make & declare this my last will & Testament, that is to say principally
 & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God
 that gave it, And my body, I recommend to the earth to be buried in due
 Christian burial at the place where I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God. And as touching such heretofore estate wherewith it has
 pleased God to bless me in this life I give & dispose of the same
 in the following manner & form. I Will that all my lawful debts be
 duly paid. 2nd I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Jane W. Rice
 the privilege of having her maintenance or living off my plantation where
 I now live with the buildings, during her widowhood, with her Horse &
 saddle & Bridle, her bed & furniture with a negro man, & a slave of a
 child's part as the law directs, to be wholly at his disposal at her death
 only to the use of my Children then surviving. 3rd I give & bequeath to
 my son John W. Rice the plantation that I purchased of Thomas Barnett
 to be wholly his own property when of age. 4th I give & bequeath to my son
 James & Hugh W. Rice the plantation between I now live to be divided
 in the following manner. Beginning at a pine tree being the third corner
 from the Beginning of the plantation & running from thence in a direct line
 or course to strike a Hickory tree being a line tree of said plantation & a
 corner tree of Thomas Barnett's plantation on the West side of the Ferry
 Road, also fifty acres of peat land between the old market line to

Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
 www.virginiapioneers.net