

Estate to him with it that pleased God to take me in this life I give
eternal & happiness of the same in the following manner & form -

First I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife her last
clothes & sum third of all the moveable property during her natural
life & my dwelling house & other effects to be the property of my
son George & the remainder of all my real & personal property to
be equally divided among my three sons Robert, John & George,
Only to my son Richard I leave five shillings Sterling & to
my son James & his son John all my body clothes all the property
to be equally divided by the executors & trustees chosen
by my executors - I do further constitute make & ordain to
be my executors William Hill & James Barry to be the executors
of this my last will & testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow
and disannul all former wills, former legaments, testate
legacies, bequests & directions by me in any way before named made
or executed. Ratifying & confirming this I do call to be my last
will & testament witness & believed I have hereunto set my hand
Vocal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord 1795 -

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signed, sealed, published & declared by the said

John Morrison as his last will & testament in the presence of
us two in his presence & in the presence of each other has
hereunto subscribed our names

James Barry
George Duckworth
William Hill

John Morrison

22 In the Name of God Amen I John Morrison of the County of Meck-
lenburg State of NC aforesaid being thanks be to almighty God in my few
great stores with a perfect use of my natural reason though weak
& indisposed of body, being well aware that is ordained for all men
under the Nation of the shortness & uncertainty of this mortality life
I have thought proper to settle & dispose of such worldly goods as on
merciful God & gracious benefactor has been pleased in his kindness
to give me in the form following in this I give & command my spirit
God who gave it in hope of a gracious reception hereafter the most

Mediation & intercessions of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & my body to be committed to the earth in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my friends & I am leaving in sure & certain hope of the same being again raised up & restored by the power of Almighty God, at the general Resurrection & great day of Reckonings. 2^d last my just & temporal estate to be fully paid & discharged. 3^d I do will & bequeath to my wife two horses to be kept for her at the charge of the whole plantation & as much grain & meat to be provided for her yearly by my three sons viz Samuel, James & Robert as her in sufficient time will judge sufficient for her support, with the mansion house & her firewood best & half of the door by said Samuel, James & Robert likewise her Bed & furniture. 4^t I will & bequeath to my son Samuel two hundred acres of land on the North side of old bear creek joining & heming Harris & the Govins line the creek to be the dividing line between him & the rest of the plantation. 5th To my son James I will & bequeath two hundred acres of land on the South side of the creek joining small Harris. My wagon horses, plow & most iron tools. 6th Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
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6th I will & bequeath to my son John Fifty pounds specie to be paid by my two sons Samuel & James, & two years boarding off the whole plantation with liberty to eat coal wood the same space of time if he sets up his trade on this plantation. 7th I will & bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth & Mary given one cow each. 8th I will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth two cows, & to my daughter Mary one horse likewise their Bed & bed clothes & when my said two daughters are either of them married my three sons Samuel, James & Robert to provide them each house board such if they will be any way able with as much of his house hold furniture as my executors thinkes proper.

9th I likewise will & bequeath to my son Robert the rest of my plantation & the black mare cold and the other cold to my son John. 10th The Bay Horse & the Black Mare I allow for the use of the family in general to ride board for them. 11th and I allow my son, John the privilege of riding with his mother which he on the time having the privilege of the house & firewood & after his mothers decease the boys must ride her a horse on any part of the plantation where she pleases. Further I do substitute & appoint Thomas Harris & Nicholas Harris

to be fully paid & discharged. 3rd I do bequeath to my wife two horses to be kept for her at the charge of the whole plantation & as much grain & meat to be provided for her yearly by my three sons viz Samuel, James & Robert as keep in different houses will fudge sufficient for her support, with the Mansion house other firewood & coal I shall do to the door by said Samuel, James & Robert likewise her Bed & furniture. 4th I will & bequeath to my son Samuel two hundred acres of land on the North side of Mikess creek joining Mechanical Harrison & the Governor's line the creek to be the dividing line between him & the rest of the plantation. 5th To my son James I will & bequeath two hundred acres of land on the South side of Mikess creek joining Southern Harrison. They to begin plows, plow & not sown to others. 6th I will & bequeath to my two sons James & Robert fifty pounds Specie to be paid by my two sons Samuel & James & two years boarding off the whole plantation with liberty to each to all the same space of time after setting up his house in this plantation. 7th I will & bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth & Mary one cow each. 8th I will & bequeath to my daughter Mary two cows, & to my daughter Elizabeth one horse & bed clothes & when my said two daughters are either of them married my three sons Samuel, James & Robert is provide them one horse each if they will be any worth while with as in their house hold furniture as my executors thinks proper.

9th I like as well I bequeath to my son Robert the rest of my plantation & the Black mare colt and the other sold to my son James. 10th The Bay Horse & the Black mare I allow for the use of the family in general to ride for the time 11th and I allow my son, the Baptiste the privilege of living with his mother which he may do so long as having the privilege of the house & firewood & after his mother decease the boys must leave her never on any part of the plantation where she pleases.

Further I do substitute & appoint Thos. mas Harrison & Mechanical Harrison to be the true & lawful executors of this my last will & testament abrogating & disannulling & rendering void & of none effect every other will or wills & testament or testaments by me or in my name made done or executed preceding this date. No trifling alterations

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and confirming this & this only is, my last will & testament, In witness
of all hereof I have caused to set my hand & affixed my seal this 19th day of
September in the year of our Lord 1795

Test. John Gingles
Daniel McRae

John Montezino ^{Esq}

For the name of God herein I John McRae, in a very lucid & 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 & ordain 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 mighty power of God — also as touching such
wealthy estate as he hath bestow'd me with in this life, I will give the
greater & liberality of in the following manner viz Providence It is my last
desire & earnestly request that my dearly beloved wife Ruth McRae
do live on this plantation of 230 acres during her life or widowhood
together with our seven children until the severally come to full age
except the said Mecklenburg Co. No. Wills 1783-1844 of which effect the goods
I chalke to my daughters, the negro boy which included be left on
the farm in order to cloath School & support my said family except
such articles as my executors hereafter named judge proper & prudent
to sell for the better benefit of said family. Then it is my will & desire
that my two eldest sons James McRae & William Elliott & their be bound
body by the County & my said Executors together with my said wife
for all time to see that justice is done to them Then I will give begin
with myself convey & transfer to my third son John McRae the whole
of the said 230 acres of land I now live on to him his heirs & assigns
forever, Provided nevertheless that my said wife Ruth it to have an
equal & ample maintenance of from the said premises during her
life or widowhood. Then in case my said son John should die
before he comes to the age of twenty one leaving nothing of his body
the & then the said land shall be equally divided between his sons John
& Thomas James & William Elliott 15, that is my said Executress may
said land for the best price divide the net sum arising between his
sons & William Elliott share & share alike, but this is no wise to be
done until the death or intermarriage of my said beloved wife, John