

In the name of God our m<sup>r</sup> Joseph McTain of the County of Mecklenburg  
State of N<sup>th</sup> Carolina being sick & in a low state of health, but of sound mind,  
to speak to God therefore, Do this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the 21<sup>st</sup> year  
of American Independence in the year of our Lord 1797. Make and  
proclaim this my last will & Testament in manner & form following  
that is to say I <sup>do</sup> ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> give & command my soul into the hands of Almighty  
God to receive it & my body to the Earth from whence it came in hope  
of a joyful resurrection thru' the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ  
and expect that I probably shall therewith obtain pleasure & God to bless me  
I stipulate thereof as follows etc. First I give & bequeath <sup>the sum of</sup> £100.  
My only daughter Sarah ten Shillings Sterling. Secondly I give to  
Dwight my nephews & neices £100 a piece one hundred shillings  
to them to - Thirdly I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Jane  
McTain £100 & the remainder of my Estate both Real &  
personal if her said to enjoy. Fourthly I give to the next Heirs  
I declare that there may be a just inventory taken of all  
I said to the best advantage & public interest by my executors  
for his use & benefit only ~~and~~ Lastly I Requested desire that  
all my debt debts & general charges be first paid; and I do  
hereby Revoke & disannul all former Wills & Testaments  
I do declare and publish this as my last Will & Testament &  
no other. ~~and~~ I make constable & witness my good friends  
John Buchanan & Robert Buchanan to be my executors of this my  
my last Will & Testament I witness whereof I the said Joseph  
McTain doon to this my last Will & Testament set my hand  
Under the day & year above written -

Signed Sealed & delivered by the Testator in the presence

of us who were present at signing & sealing these aforesaid

Robert Buchanan

Charles Buchanan

Adam Steele

Joseph McTain



In the name of God our m<sup>r</sup> Alexander McTain of the County of  
Mecklenburg State of N<sup>th</sup> Carolina & Province Settlement being  
weak & sick in Body but of sound memory knowing that it is  
a heavy task for men over to die and thinking it very probable