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In the name of God Omnipotent. I William McLennan, of the State  
of Carolina & County of Newbern being weak in body  
but of perfect mind & memory therefore let to God for his goodness  
I willingly record the mortality of my body & that it is appointed  
and for all men once to die & after that the judgment do appoint  
this my last will & testament. Inasmuch I do in the first place bequeath  
my soul into the hands of God my saviour heartily hoping thereby  
the riches of his free grace to obtain a happy resurrection & my  
body to the dust to be buried at the discretion of my executors & as  
for such worldly goods as it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with  
I do dispose of as follows. By first of all I will that my funeral expenses  
& all my other lawful debts be punctually paid out of my estate. & the  
remainder to be equally parted between my well beloved wife Eliz.<sup>th</sup>  
McLennan & my two sons William & Dennis as follows. By my wife  
to remain in full & free possession of my land & immovable property of every kind  
without let or molestation of my heirs or whomever for these years  
support & maintenance & for the support & maintenance of my two  
children until my said two children attain to years capable  
of learning in which case I will & desire that they both be sent  
to school first in English & next Latin to be qualified respect  
human manners fit them for preaching the everlasting gospel of our  
Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ the expences of their learning to be taken  
out of their part of my estate. But in case my wife should think too  
expensive again after my death & before my children are ripe  
capable of attending their schools, I will & desire that all my estate  
land & money be sold at public vendue & my wife to receive the  
third part of all the money arising therefrom & the two of the other  
two parts be disposed of for the benefit of my two children as above  
mention'd as the wisdom & pleasure of my executors may direct, each  
of my children to receive an equal part of said money & it is my dying  
wishes only to be my last will & testament & appointing Robert  
Allison & Elizabeth McLennan Executrix of this my last will & testament  
and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1794.

Signed sealed & delivered

William McLennan Esq<sup>r</sup>

Verily I command the Mortality of my body & soul & it is appointed  
for all men once to die & after that the judgment do appoint  
this my last will & testament. I do in the first place begone  
my soul into the hands of God my Saviour heartily hoping thro'  
the riches of his free grace to obtain a happy resurrection & my  
body to the dust to be buried at the discretion of my executors & as  
for such worldly goods as shall be left I do hereby make & give  
I do dispose of as follows. First of all I will that my funeral expenses  
& all my other lawful debts be punctually paid out of my estate. & the  
remainder to be equally partition between my well beloved wife Eliz.  
McLennan & my two sons William & Dennis as follows. With my wife  
to remain in full & free possession of my land & immovable property of every kind  
without let or molestation of any person whatsoever for their own  
support & maintenance & for the support & maintenance of my two  
children until my said two children come to years capable  
of learning in which case I will & desire that they both be sent  
to school first in English & next Latin to be qualified as good  
humanitarians fit them for preaching the everlasting福音 of our  
our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ the expenses of their learning to be taken  
out of their part of my estate. But in case my wife should think pro-  
per to marry again after my decease & before my children are of age  
capable of attending those schools, I will & desire that all my estate  
then & thenceforward be sold at public vendue & my wife to receive her  
third part of all the money arising therefrom & the money of the other  
two parts be disposed of for the benefit of my two children as above  
mentioned as the wisdom & pleasure of my executors may direct, each  
of my children to receive an equal part of said money. Likewise I do by  
my appointing only to be my last will & testament & appointing Robert  
Allison & Elizabeth McLennan executors of this my last will & testament  
and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1794.

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of us,

John McCoard

James Eastman

William McLennan *{Seal}*