

last will be witness whereof her husband John Moore the 5th
day of November 1780 signed & sealed & pronounced by
the said David Moore before Margaret Moore his wife & their last will
affirmed in the presence of us who in his presence & in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
being witness to the marginal bearing the word witness

John Moore

David Moore

*David
Moore*

James Moore

Margaret Moore

Margaret Moore

29 In the name of God amen The 26th day of November in the year of
our Lord 1780 William McDowell of Newbern County and
provinse or State of N Carolina being in prospect mind & memory thereof
in to god. Therefore calling to mind the mortallity of my body therefore
that it is apperent for all men must die. Do make & ordain this
my last Will & Testament that is to say Principally I bid if al I give
& command my soul unto the hands of God Almighty who gave it and
my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at
the discretion of my executors herein after named testifying Doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God And notwithstanding such worldly estate as I have it
has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of in the
following manner & form. My first I give & bequeath to my dearly
beloved wife Hester A'Dowell the privilege of having her usufruicione
or living of my plantation wherein I now live during her life so that she
all my household furniture with her house saddle & bridle bed & furniture
Two Cows & Calves which is wholly to be at her own disposal Each side of
her third as the law directs. Notethough it is my will & desire & I do
hereby give & bequeath the abovesaid plantation wholly & wholly to my
dearly beloved daughter Dorothy A'Dowell to her to be wholly
her own property at the age of eighteen years (except her mother Hester
A'Dowell Maintenance as aforesaid) which she is to have as her
but in case the said Dorothy A'Dowell dies before the comes of that
age that then at the death of my beloved wife Hester A'Dowell the
said plantation is to be sold & the price thereof to be equally divided
amongst my daughters then surviving but on the contrary shall
to enjoy the land in her separate & part as before excepted.

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Also I give & bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Margaret McDowell
the sum of sixty pounds in Gold or Silver at current rates viz
Pounds at the City of Edinburgh 4 shillings & eight shillings & often
Specie or coins Equivalent or at the same rates as aforesaid or whatever
that sum will, or is worth in the circulating paper currency now
or at the present time passing for & used with other Specie or
Also I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Heron the sum of
Seventy Pounds Sterling to be paid out of my Estate.

Also I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Hillis the sum of
Seventy Pounds Sterling to be paid out of my Estate.

Also I give & bequeath unto my Son-in-Law Robert Hillis hundred
of my Daughter Sarah Hillis my best suit of Mourning Apparel
Also I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hester McDowell a Kite
Saddle & Bridle & also a bed & furniture & also clothing at the
discretion of my Executors to be equal with the other Sisters as my
Executors shall judge or if such cannot be provided the value
thereof in money as they shall judge sufficient -
also all the rest of my Estate not herein mentioned to be as
equitably amongst my four daughters viz Margaret, Jane, Sarah
& Hester as shall be judged equitable by my Executors herein after
named by paying all my just debts & funeral Expenses -
And Lastly I do hereby constitute make Ordain & appoint my
beloved wife Hester McDowell Executrix of my truly friend John
McDale (formerly brother-in-law to the late David McDoyle) Director
of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby disown all
other Wills & Bequests whatsoever, hereby testifying &
confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament -
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
day & year above written

Signed Sealed Published Proclaimed & declared
in presence of us Subscribing Witnesses

Witnessed

Philipina Heron

Robert Hillis

William McDowell ✓

In the Name of God Amen the 25th day of January 1982 I do make