

Joshua Hicks Will

In the name of God Amen,
I Joshua Hicks of the County of Montgomery and
State of North Carolina being now in possession of
perfect sound mind and memory do make and
ordain this my last will and testament in manner
and form following viz I give and bequeath to
my son Beny ~~Hicks~~ the sum of one dollar.

I give and bequeath to daughter Mary Sutton
the sum of fifty cent. and to my daughter Rachel
Bell the like sum of Fifty cents and to my daughter
Deborah Leach the sum of Fifty cents. all the
rest and residue of my estate gown and chattel
including my lands I give and bequeath to
my dear beloved wife Catharine ~~Hicks~~ to be her
sole right and property during her natural
life or widowhood and at her decease to be
equally divided between my four daughters
Militia ~~Hicks~~, Rhoda ~~Hicks~~, Elizabeth ~~Hicks~~ & Catharine
~~Hicks~~. And I nominate and appoint my
friend Thomas Ballant sole executor of this
my last will and testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal the third day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty nine

Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Testator Joshua ~~Hicks~~ as and for his last will
and testament in the presence of us who have
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the
presence of said testator

James B Ballard
Nicholas Reynolds

Joshua Hicks

Montgomery County Court January 8th 1850

Then this will was proven in open court
the oath of James B Ballard one of the subscribe
witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded
J. M. Skinner

Substance of Findley McRae's will

John M'Aulay states on oath in open court at
April Term 1850 of Montgomery County Court, that sometime
in the year 1817 he and Edmund Sebury attested a will executed
by Findley McRae who declared the same to be his last
will and testament and which said will was duly proved
in the County Court of Montgomery as he believes, the
original & record of which he supposes has been de-
stroyed by fire at the burning of the court house in
1823. he further swears that the property was dis-
posed of as follows as he believes to be

That his wife Flora McRae, was to have all
the property real and personal for her lifetime, and
each of his daughters were to have from two hun-
dred dollars in money and at the death of said wife
McRae the sons were to have all the lands equally
divided between them, and all the personal property
was at her death to be sold and divided equally
among all his said Findley McRae's children three
and share alike. He further states that he
believes the widow Flora McRae and his son
Alexander McRae were left securer and
executors of said will.

Sworn to in open court
and ordered to be recorded

John McLeumis clerk

John M'Aulay