

Daniel McKeithan's Will

I Daniel McKeithan of the County of
Murray and State of North Carolina being
of Sound Mind and Memory but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make
and declare this my last will and
testament in manner and form following that is to
say

First that my Executors hereinafter named
shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my relations and
friends and pay all funeral Expenses together
with my last debts hereover and to whomsoever
owing out of the Money that my
first Come into their hands as a part or
parcel of my Estate

Item I give and devise to my daughter Mary
Christian McKeithan Two hundred acres
of land on both sides of the Gum Branch
Beginning at a Station pine pointers
by a road called the New road, on the ridge
between the big Branch and Gum branch
running so as to take off thirty eight acres
from 200 acres to the old field thence
West to a pine on the east side of the
Gum branch and by reference to the
100 acre survey and the 62 acres that include
the 100 acres patented by A. J. McKeithan also
all the sheep that are on her own track & one
cow and pigs my Buggy & Harness one bedstead
that she uses one new spinning wheel one
Amm Book, Two Cows & one small one
not over three years old one side saddle
and all articles of her own in the House
Item I give and devise to my daughter Mary
C. McKeithan Two hundred acres
of land lying on both sides of the major
road hereover to be ascertained by

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reference to a deed made by A. J. McKeithan
to Will McKeithan also all articles of her own
in the house two cows and one small one not
over three years old, Four head of sheep
of her own and two that are already her
own, One cow and pigs one new spinning
wheel, and one black mule between her
and Martha Jane

Item I give and devise to my daughter Lydia

One hundred and twenty five acres of
Land the northern part of the survey including
the school house. Beginning at a pine and
pine pointers on the east side of the big
Branch S. E. of a spring head in Mary Christian
Closing line of her 200 acres running 86 degrees
West 169 Chains to a small black gum on the
East side of the eastern prong of the Gum branch
Christian Corner thence by the said side of said branch to
a stake in McDonalds line thence with said line East
11 Chains & 26 links thence S. W. 13 Chains & 45 links
thence S. 88 & 31 Chains 23 links to the Road at
the foot of the Red Hill thence as the road to
Mary Christian's line thence with said line
to the beginning

Item I give and devise to my granddaughter
Martha Jane One hundred and twenty five
acres of land. Beginning at Mary Christian
4th Corner of 200 acres in the fork of the big
Branch near the path leading from John McKeithan
to William Johnsons running with her line S. 86 &
30 Chains and 81 links to Lydias Corner thence with
her line to her other Corner thence as Christians
line S. 71 & 8 chains to a pine thence S. 26 & 43 chains
23 links to the corner at the new road
thence direct to the beginning also Five
Hundred Dollars in value of Bank Notes
if that amount can be collected or
received if not collected or received

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or received less than five hundred
 Item I Give and devise to my Grandson
 Elisha A. McKeehan the House and premises on
 which I live adjoining Mary Catharine 200
 acres Martha Jane 175 acres Christian 200 acres
 and part Christian's Casing the River to a water
 Oak above the bridge then adjoining Black
 lands and Mr. Blay down to the lower part
 of her down. Thence at 2620 Chaining 18 links to
 a dead water Oak running down in the bend of the
 three prong branch thence in a ditch to Mary
 E. S. line that will give him 50 acres more than
 either Lydia or Martha Jane, also Nelson
 a Slave about 36 years of age Sarah about
 30 years of age Bartlett about 11 years of
 age and morning, who is helpless to be taken care
 of at his expense, a bay mare and bay mule
 one saddle and bridle a rifle gun and
 double land short gun the Surveyor's Company
 Chain & instruments. Provided he study Surveying
 and if not, my Son John, Daniel will have
 them my Drunk ten Cows and one small one
 not over three years old four heads of Sheep
 One Sow & pig the best bed in the Hall
 and one bed and bed clothing.
 Item I Give and devise to my Grandchildren
 John A. McKeehan's Children Five hundred
 acres of Land including the long point
 including 120 acres in two Surveys, S.
 patented by John A. McKeehan running from
 the 2^d Corner of the 20 acres to Byrum's line
 thence with Byrum's line, thence to Murchison's
 line thence with Murchison's line to the
 County line thence with the County line
 thence with the Southeast boundary of my
 land, also Lane a Slave about 13 1/2 years
 of age young Basil and Mariah old
 Basil (being blind) to be taken care of

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by them while he lives and one bed
 Item I Give and devise to my daughter Lydia
 One hundred acres of Land principally
 on the South side of the River patented by
 Arch^d McKeehan running from the
 3^d Corner at 2630 Chaining to a Station
 Near a large Black Swamp and some
 Dogwood outside the pasture fence and
 a mark of the same thence in
 a den then to Ferguson's line so, to make
 her and Martha Jane equal in number
 of acres, thence by Ferguson's line to Byrum's
 thence with Byrum's to the land of the
 heirs of John A. McKeehan, thence with
 their line, also George a Slave about
 24 years of age One Chest four geese
 a bed and bed clothing my best bed and
 and clothing and one thousand dollars
 equal to Bank Notes and one chest
 & cards.
 Item I Give and devise to my Granddaughter
 Martha Jane, One hundred acres of Land
 and part of 98 acres patented by E. A. McKeehan
 on the South side of Lower Little River
 adjoining J. B. Block Land bought of Camp
 also Mr. J. McKill, Land thence with the
 Western line of the 100 acres to Mrs. Blay down
 thence with her line to Elisha A. McKeehan
 by line out to the corner, thence by Elisha A.
 line to Mary Catharine's then adjoining Reids
 McDonalds and Ferguson's to Lydia's land
 so as to have an equal number of acres
 with Lydia, also William a Slave 26
 years of age two Cows and one small one
 not over three years old Four heads of
 Sheep, One Sow and pig one cow turned west
 - east bed & bed clothing.
 Item I give and devise to William James