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A paper purporting purporting to be the last will and testament of Andrew Graham was brought into court by Isaac Seaton and John Munro named in said paper as executors and offered for probate and Daniel B. Ladd a subscribing witness thereto was examined by the court who proved that he saw said Graham execute said instrument as his last will and testament that he signed it at the request of said Graham and in his presence as a witness and that said Graham was of sound mind and memory at the time he executed the same whereupon the court ordered said paper writing to be admitted to probate in common as the last will and testament of said Graham and Isaac Seaton and John Munro the executors therein named were duly qualified as executors of said will in said Court.

A. L. Ladd Esq.

Daniel Patterson's Will

In the name of God Amen I Daniel Patterson being of sound mind and memory though feeble in body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in matter and form as follows, viz,

Item 1st To my beloved wife Anna Patterson I give and bequeath the following property viz the land on which I now live including the plantation and going to both sides of little River known as the Lewis tract containing about three hundred and twenty five acres with all the appurtenances thereto belonging including the house hold and kitchen

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furniture and farming utensils of every kind also my horse Jack and all the stock of cattle sheep and hogs except such of the stock as is herein after bequeathed to my children the above property to be held by her during her natural life together with the debts now owing to me of every kind.

Item 2nd To my daughter Isabella McDonald I give and bequeath two cows and calves a bed and common furniture a spinning wheel and cards and a sow and pigs.

Item 3rd To my daughter Anna McDonald I give and bequeath the property she has already received viz two cows and calves a bed and furniture wheel and cards and two hens and pigs.

Item 4th To each of my daughters Christina, Mary, Sophia Barbara and Jane I gave and bequeath two cows and calves a bed and furniture and wheel and cards to be received by them respectfully as they may marry off or arrive at the age of twenty one years.

Item 5th To my son Duncan N. Patterson I give and bequeath the balance of my lands including two entries made by my self of one hundred acres each one lying on the North side and the other on South side of Little River also the land known as the Campbell land being three several tracts containing in the aggregate about three hundred acres and also the land and also the land bequeath in the 1st Item of this instrument to my wife Anna. I give and bequeath to my son Duncan N. Patterson at her death, also my Horse Buck Saddle and saddle also my Rifle Gun and shot pouch.

Item 6th I do hereby in my last will and testament request and ordain that my wife Anna and son Duncan N. take special care of, and exercise exclusive guardianship over my little

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to my Son Daniel Patterson so long as all three, or
other of them and he may I hereby further
ordain that at the death of my beloved wife
Should my Son Duncan N. Survive her he
shall have the care of, and charge of, providing
for his Brother Daniel & that he
(Duncan) execute a bond in a proper time in
the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars as
for the faithful performance of the trust confi-
ded to him in taking care and providing for
his Brother Daniel & I further ordain and order
that said bond be made payable to, and put
into the hands of my neighbor and friend
Over de Patterson.

Item 7^o To my Son Hector Patterson (Should he ever
return to this country) I give and bequeath
forty dollars in money Thirty dollars to be
paid him by his brother Duncan N. and
Ten Dollars to be paid by his mother Anna
Patterson I also ordain that my wife Anna
Patterson and my Son Duncan N. Patterson
be executors and executors of this my last
will and testament and that they pay all
just debts which I now owe out the debts
due me as soon as said debts can or may
be collected by them In testimony whereof
I do hereunto set my hand and affix
my seal this 19th day of February in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and forty eight 1848,
Signed and sealed
witnessed of
Over de Patterson
Patrick A. McKeithen
Daniel Caddell

Daniel Patterson (Seal)

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A paper writing purporting to be the will of
Samuel Patterson was offered to the court for
probate by Duncan A. Patterson named as
one of the executors therein and it was proven
by the oath of Over de Patterson a witness thereto
that said Patterson executed said paper as
his Will and at the time was of sound and
disposing mind and memory and that he
Signed said paper in the presence of said
Samuel Patterson and at his request as a
witness the court ordered that said paper
writing be admitted to probate in common
form and filed with the records of the court
and Duncan A. Patterson one of the exec-
utors therein named was duly qualified as
such in open court.

A. L. Bailey att.

The last will and testament of John McLeod

Be it known unto all whom it may now, or ever
hereafter concern, that I John McLeod of the county
of Moore and State of North Carolina being old and feeble
in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory
and wishing in life, to direct the disposition I want
made of my earthly effects after my demise, do constitute
and ordain this my last will and testament, accompanied
by a few remarks respecting some of the property I will
remark in the first place, that the disposition to be
made of the negro property which I hold in right of
my wife Elizabeth under the last will and testament
of Joseph Hinton dec'd, is already pointed out in that
instrument, and that any further reference to it is
unnecessary. I would again remark that the same may be
left of the three negro men Abram Tom and Wesley
which Alexander H. McLeod already holds under a

John McLeod's Will

End of gift from me, as to Louis H. McLeod. I give him some property at different times since he was married as much as I intend to give him, until I should think proper hereafter to give him something more in the same way; Now I give and bequeath to Alexander H. McLeod, to him and his heirs forever, all the Land I hold on upper Little River, under the last will and testament of Daniel McLeod Decd. Also give and bequeath to him, the above named Alexander H. McLeod and to his heirs forever all the Land I hold by purchase on the Water of Slick Creek together with the entire Stock of cattle Horses and Hogs; also the Wagon, Cart and Blacksmith Tools, and all the plantation implements of every description and every article of household and Kitchen furniture, in short I give and bequeath to the said Alexander H. McLeod every article, great or small, of use or utility that I possess on the land; also what cash I may have in hand or debts due me in any way, reserving nevertheless at close of the above to my wife Elizabeth Ninety with the said Alexander H. McLeod the occupancy possession and privileges of the Domicile and out houses. I also reserve for my wife Elizabeth such an interest in the Stock, labour of the hands and products of the farm, as will be sufficient for her accommodation with Bed, Board and apparel and whatever necessary she may need during the remainder of her life.

As to the rest of my property consisting of three negro men, Harry, Ned and Tom, I leave to be equally divided between Alexander H. McLeod and Nancy A. Pullin in any way they may do no property, or should Alexander H. McLeod prefer (I leave it optional with him) to pay Nancy A. Pullin one Thousand Dollars in four annual installments of two hundred

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50 fifty Dollars each without Interest the first installment to be paid twelve months after the probate of this instrument, then he will keep the above named Harry, Ned and Tom entire to himself should the said Alexander H. McLeod die without lawful issue than all the above property will go to Nancy A. Pullin during her natural life and then to the heirs of her body forever subject however to the reservation made above in favour of my wife Elizabeth.

Such is the deposition I think proper to make of my temporal matters let all concerned be therewith contented.

Now I constitute and ordain Alexander H. McLeod my Executor of this my last will and testament, on him will devolve the payment of what debts I may owe, and should any money I may have on hand or debts due me be not sufficient for that purpose, he can hire out the hands in whole or in part, or sell property as may best suit himself.

In witness of all which I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 9th day of April A.D. 1853

Execution in presence } John McLeod Seal
of
Wm R. Benjamin
Thomas Harrington }

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter sessions
Moore County } October Term A.D. 1853
This paper writing was offered for probate as the last will and testament of John McLeod and Wm R. Benjamin and Thomas Harrington subscribing witnesses thereto were duly sworn and examined by the court and proved that they heard John McLeod acknowledge his signature to this paper writing as his last will and testament and in his presence and by his request they signed their