

54) ²¹⁶ Duncan McCallum's Will

To all whom it may concern Be it known that I Duncan McCallum of Moore County being apprehensive that my time in this life is near at an end must and do resign my soul into the mercy of him that gave it and though very weak in body I still retain the use of my Reason and understanding and therefore wish and desire that as to that small ^{Share} of property which God hath blessed my industry with and after my just debts is paid that it be equally divided amongst my Children both male and female as the Law direct and moreover my principal motive in making this my last will and testament is to induce my beloved friend Mr. Murdoch McKenzie in whom I place special confidence to be the whole and sole executor of this Will and that he according to his Skill and prudence will conduct at his discretion the trust I in confidence of his goodness have reposed in him for the benefit of my fatherless Children which is my last bequest declaring this to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I do and have set my Hand and seal this fourth day of June 1809 signed sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of

John Montgomery { Duncan McCallum } Seal
Daniel McEver

Moore County August 29th 1809
The above will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Daniel McEver and was ordered to be recorded

A. M. Myde C. C.
[Signature]

James Riddle's Will

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In the name of God Amen I James Riddle of the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect memory and sound in judgment and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I hereby make my last will and testament In the first place I desire that my last debt be paid and that one hundred acres of Land lying in this County on the upper Little River my Wife's and mine a parcel of Tobacco a Stack of Wheat and a Mule I have a parcel of Tobacco a Stack of Wheat and a Mule and twenty dollars that I have a rifle gun and a Mule and twenty dollars that Charles McEwen is owing the above property to be sold and McEwen's debt to be collected and all put to the purpose of paying my debt - Then I will and bequeath unto my Will beloved wife Temperance all my lands lying on Governors Creek all my household furniture my Negro fellow I leave my Horses my Cattle and Hogs during her widowhood or her natural lifetime Then I will and bequeath unto my two sons William and John a gun to each of them and at their Mothers decease to have the lands on Governors Creek to be equally divided between them but in case either of them should hereafter become Idle or disobedient to their Mother the above mentioned Land is altogether left to him that is obedient and diligent to his mother which is to be determined by two disinterested persons appointed by the Court of the County who may Judge agreeable to the true intent and meaning of this Will Then I will and desire that at my Wifes decease my Daughters Mary and Sarah shall have five pounds in Cash extraordinary if my Wife cannot conveniently allow it to them before her decease and that all rest of the parishable property then in possession be sold and equally divided between all my Daughters now living and their heirs and also my Negro fellow if then living to be sold and divided equally between all my Children now living or their heirs the meaning of the above exceptions in disinheritance either of my sons or the land mentioned is that it is probable the property pointed out to