

Peter Sinclair's Will

State of North Carolina Moore County
In the name of God amen I Peter Sinclair
now being of sound mind and disposing
memory calling to mind the uncertainty
of this mortal life do make publick
and declare the following to be my last
will and testament First My Will and
desire is that funeral expences and all
my just debt be paid and that a
sufficient quantity of my personal
estate be sold for that purpose Secondly
I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Minnet Sinclair during the period of
her natural life all my real and personal
estate of every kind and description and
after her death to be disposed of as follows
(viz) I give and bequeath unto my two
daughters Mary and Nancy Sinclair at their
mothers death the whole of my real and
personal estate of every kind and description
under the following restrictions and reg-
ulations my daughter Mary to have abso-
lutely in her own right the full and half
of all my lands of which I shall die seized
and possessed to her for life time and after
her death to my daughter Nancy Sinclair
to her for life time and at her death to
my heirs forever I also give to my daughter
Mary Sinclair one half of my personal
estate and my said daughter Mary Sinclair to
hold to other half of all my real and personal estate
in trust for the benefit of my said daughter Nancy
Sinclair I appoint my daughter Mary Sinclair
executing to me my last will and testament
in witness whereof I have this the first day of
October A. D. 1853 set my hand and have affixed
my seal

Witnessed Signed and sealed by { Peter Sinclair
his mark

Continued

published and declared in

presence of

My friends

Peter Sinclair Junr

North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter
Moore County } Session January Term 1854
The due execution of the foregoing paper writing
as the last will and testament of Peter Sinclair was
proven in open Court by the oath of Peter Sinclair as
Subscribing witness thereto and the same is ordered
by the Court to be admitted to probate in Common
form and recorded.

Margaret Trices Will

In the name of God amen I Margaret Trice
of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina
do make and ordain this my last will and testament
as follows to wit I give my soul to god the first
give it and resign myself to the dust from
whence it came I give and bequeath to my
niece Catharine McBrayne and husband a cove of
land in Cumberland County on old Lottins cove
adjoining the lands of Archibald Patterson one cove
the other and a third I give and bequeath Archibald
McBrayne and Margaret Jane McBrayne all the
residue of my estate to the aforesaid Archibald
McBrayne and Margaret Jane McBrayne two of
the daughters of my niece Catharine McBrayne to be
equally divided between the two said girls and
Margaret Trice aforesaid do nominate and
appoint Archibald McBrayne sole executor to this
my last will and testament as witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affix my
seal this June the 30th A. D. 1850 Margaret Trice
Witness James Hunt
James McBrayne

North Carolina, { Court of Pleas and Quarter
 Moore County, { Session January Term 1855
 There was the foregoing paper reading offered
 for probate in Common form by Messrs. McBratley
 named as executor therein is the last will
 and Testament of Margaret Bruce and
 Dempsey Hunt and James Hill McBratley, wit-
 nesses thereto being sworn depose that said
 Margaret Bruce in their presence executed the same
 as her last will and Testament and at the time
 was of sound and disposing mind and that
 they witnessed the same by her request in her
 presence whereupon the court admitted the
 same to probate in Common form and John
 McBratley qualified as executor thereto in open
 court. Let the will be recorded.

I Murdoch Ferguson, of the County of Moore
 and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind
 and memory, but considering the uncertainty of
 my earthly existence, as I am at this time in
 feeble health, do make public and declare
 this my last will and Testament in manner and
 form, following that is to say, first that my
 executor hereon after 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 just
 debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out
 of the first Monies that may come into his
 hands as a part in payment of my estate.

Item, I give with devise to my beloved brother
 John Ferguson all the lands whereof I may
 be seized and seised at the time of my death
 including the place whereon I formerly
 lived, to him and his heirs in fee simple for
 ever. Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved
 brother John Ferguson my Station, a bay

horse to have and and to hold to him absolute-
 ly forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my
 beloved sister Sarah Blue, widow of Duncan
 Blue my Negro boy, Edmond, a slave to her
 and her heirs absolutely forever.

Item, I direct, and it is my will and desire
 that all my stock consisting of cattle and hogs
 be sold and the proceeds be applied to pay my
 debts. Item, I desire also, that my executor sell
 all my household and kitchen furniture, and
 also my Cart together with my farming utensils
 of every description and the proceeds to be applied
 as in the above I have said. Item I give and bequeath
 to my beloved sister mentioned in former
 Item my bay mare to her and her heirs forever.
 Item, my will and desire is, that if there be any
 Monies remaining in the hands of my executor after
 paying all my just debts shall be divided equa-
 lly between my brother John Ferguson and my sis-
 ter Sarah Blue, both mentioned in former Items
 I have and have a like. And lastly I do hereby
 constitute Daniel McLeod my lawful executor
 to all intents and purposes to execute this my
 last will and Testament, and every part and
 clause thereof according to the true intent and
 meaning of the same, hereby revoking and de-
 claring utterly void all other wills and Testa-
 ments by me heretofore made. In testimony
 whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal
 this the 12th of March A.D. 1855 signed sealed
 published and declared by Murdoch Ferguson
 to be his last will and Testament in the presence
 of us, who at his request and in his presence
 do here by subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 to

John Matthews Murdoch Ferguson
 Peter Patterson Mark

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