

Neill McLeod's Will

I Neill McLeod of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make pub-
lish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following To wit,

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried according to the wishes of my family and friends and that my funeral expenses and my just debts if any outstanding be paid by my executor and executor hereafter named out of the first money that comes to their hands of my estate

Item 2^d I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary McDonald wife of Alexander McDonald two hundred and fifty acres of land known as my Shaw lands, and one Negro Girl named Belia now in her possession to her and the heirs of her body if any to her and their sole and separate use, the said lands and Negro with her increase if any not to be subject to the debts or contracts of her said husband Alexander McDonald in any way whenever or however contracted and not subject to be sold or conveyed by him and if my said daughter Mary die without leaving any heirs of her body living or an issue of such heirs, then I will and direct that said land and Negro with her increase if any shall return to and belong to the brothers and sisters of the said Mary and the heirs of each of them as may be due, each heir taking the share due to the ancestor

Item 3^d I devise and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Cole the north side of my said Shaw tract of land one hundred and better (over) more or less, and my Negro girl ~~to her~~ Patsy, and one hundred dollars of money to her and the heirs of her body

Item 4th I bequeath to my daughter Catharine Cole wife of Thomas Cole my Negro Girl Patsy with her possession with her increase to

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have and to hold to her and her heirs forever

Item 5th I devise and bequeath unto my three grand children Daniel, Charles and Nancy Underwood Children of my daughter Margaret Underwood dec^d the tract of lands on which they and their father John Underwood now live, three hundred and ninety five acres more or less known as my Sholes or lands, and my Negro Girl named Wiley now in their and their father's possession to have and to hold to them and their heirs forever and it is my will and desire that John Underwood my said son in law so long as he supports maintain and provide for his said three children may have the custody, management and control and take the profit of the lands hereby devised to his said children

Item 6th I bequeath to my son William McLeod in addition to what I have already given him my Negro boy Henry and Harry to him and his heirs.

Item 7th I devise and bequeath to my son Duncan McLeod my old plantation on Crawley Creek containing five hundred and twenty six acres more or less and my Negro boy Lexter to him and his heirs forever

Item 8th I devise and bequeath all my lands and all my Negroes not herein before disposed of and accepting my Negro Woman Mary and all my perishable and personal property not herein before disposed of and accepting my bonds and evidences of debt due, to my beloved wife Catharine and her and my five unmarried daughters to wit Jane, Rebecca, Fanny, Sarah and Lydia to them and their heirs forever, but the said estate and property or so much thereof as she may desire I direct to be left in the possession and under the direction of my said wife during her lifetime and

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and the same with its profits and increase at her death to be equally divided between my said named five daughters the issue of any of any of them that may die taking the share of the ancestor

Item I direct that all the money on hand or that may be due my estate at my death if any after paying my debt, shall be equally divided between my wife and all my children share and share alike and if any of my children be dead leaving issue such issue such issue to have the share of the ancestor

Item 10th I will and direct that after my death my Negro Woman Mary who has been faithful and profitable shall serve no one as a servant but may live with any of my family with whom she may wish to live and where I appoint my son William McLeod as trustee for her in charge manage her business and keep her out of diff. City.

Lastly I hereby appoint my beloved wife Catherine and my trusty son William McLeod Executors and Executor of this my Will to execute the same and carry out its provision Witness my hand and seal this 26 day of April 1836.

Test Alex^r Hill
A. H. McNeill Will McLeod (Seal)

Moore County Court October Term 1860

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Will McLeod dec^d is exhibited for probate in open Court by William McLeod the Executor therein named. Says the dec^d execution thereof is proven by the Oaths of Alexander Hill and A. H. McNeill the Subscribing Witnesses thereto let the same be Reg^d It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing was

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(very part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Will McLeod and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said W^m McLeod executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the Oath required by law

A. H. McNeill Clerk