

Norman McKinnon's Will

I Norman McKinnon of the County of Stone 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 executor (hereafter 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 monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew John A. McKinnon (Angus McKinnon dec'd son) One Negro boy named Peter fifteen years old last April and a Negro woman named Sally forty eight years old last December and her daughter Lucy, also my blacksmith shop and tools and a still with fixtures and all tools of every description that now belong to me to be at his disposal forever after my decease

Item I give and bequeath to my niece Jennet McKinnon single woman (daughter of Angus McKinnon dec'd) One Negro woman named Nancy thirty years of age and her child a boy named Noah and one chest

Item I give and bequeath to my niece Catharine McKinnon single woman daughter of Angus McKinnon dec'd One Negro woman named Betsy thirty two years of age and my bed and bedstead and all the clothing belonging to any bed whatever and one chest

I give and bequeath to my brother Alex^r McKinnon now living in Montgomery County and his children a part

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a part of a Negro woman named Winney now living with them. Which I give and bequeath as follows. I give her to him during his natural life if he will see proper to keep her if not let her be sold to make the following divisions which is as follows and will ensure after his death. I give one fifth of her unto her increase to Brother Daniel McKinnon (dec'd) children now living in Tennessee to be equally divided among them, and one fifth of her and her increase to Christian McKinnon, Daniel McKinnon's wife daughter of Brother Angus McKinnon dec'd, and also one fifth of her and her increase Anna Kennedy wife of Alex^r Kennedy daughter of Angus McKinnon dec'd. Also I give to Mary Kennedy wife of Duncanson Kennedy daughter of Angus McKinnon dec'd one fifth and her increase. And to the children of brother Alex^r McKinnon above mentioned one fifth part his part of her and her increase to be equally divided among his children after his death except his son Alex^r McKinnon who will receive a share twenty dollars less than the others of said Alex^r McKinnon's children the above named Winney and her increase I give and bequeath to the above named heirs at or before the death of the said McKinnon as he sees proper to do with the children she has now with him or will have hereafter

Item I also give and bequeath all the rest of my money and other property whatsoever to be equally divided between the said John A. McKinnon and Jennet McKinnon and Catharine McKinnon

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= inmon. now living with me. which it is my will and desire, that after paying out the debts and legacies above mentioned, after paying of debts legacies and expenses, that such surplus shall be equally divided between the said John A. McKinnon and Janet McKinnon and Catherine McKinnon in equal proportions share and share and share alike to them and their administrators executors and their assigns for ever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friends John A. McKinnon and Duncan McKinnedy my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in writing whereof I the said Norman McKinnon do hereunto set my hands and seal this the 8th September 1857

Signed sealed published and declared Norman McKinnon (Seal)
by the said Norman McKinnon to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
Geo G. Buchanan
Isaac Deaton

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Morrecount } April Term 1858

The following paper writing was brought into Court by John A. McKinnon thereby appointed Executor & offered for probate in Common form as the last will and Testament of Norman McKinnon and thereupon the Court ordered J. G. Buchanan & Isaac Deaton subscribing all things thereto to be duly sworn, who proved the

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due execution of said paper writing & every part thereof to be and contain the last will and Testament of said Norman McKinnon, and it was admitted to probate in Common form, by the Court and ordered to be recorded & filed among the records of the Court, thereupon J. McKinnedy, one of the executors appointed by said will, in open Court disclaimed his right to qualify as executor thereof and John A. McKinnon the other executor thereby appointed was duly qualified as executor of said will in open Court.

A. H. McNeill Clerk