

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover, County }

In the name of God Amen.
I, John Mc Vaneleaf of the town of Wilmington and the County
of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina aforesaid,
being of sound mind, and enjoying at present perfect bodily
health, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament,
in manner and form following, viz,
First. I devise and bequeath unto Mary Caroline my wife,
William Avery my son, and such other child or children
that I may hereafter have by my said wife, all my real and
personal estate, rights and credits, goods and chattels, to
them, their heirs and assigns forever, and to the survivor of them
to be divided equally, share and share alike between them or
the survivor or survivors of them, except the bequest hereinafter
named.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my friend Montezum
Mc Campbell, my pair of pistols, late the property of Gen Benjamin
Smith, to his heirs, executors and administrators forever.

Thirdly. It is my wish and desire, that my Executor hereinafter
named, shall pay all my just debts, and that they
will in the first instance sell the negroes Lucy and Kinowa
who are at present run away, if they should be taken, for that
purpose first.

Fourthly. I do hereby appoint my friend Platt R Dickinson Guardian
of my said son William Avery, having implicit con-
fidence that he will act as a father towards him.

Lastly. I do hereby appoint Murdoch Mc Kay and Talcott
Burn my Executors to this my last Will and Testament,
hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of September
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
twenty five.

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared
in our presence, by the said John Mc Vaneleaf
as his last Will and Testament, and by us
signed at his request and in his presence
as witnesses thereto, on the day and year of
the date thereof.

John Mc Vaneleaf Test.

Mc Campbell. Charles B Morris.

State of North Carolina } County Court. March Term 1827
New Hanover, County } The execution of the within Will of John
Mc Vaneleaf, was duly proved by the oaths of Mc Campbell and
Charles B Morris subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded
Witness
Thos H Davis. Clk.