

In the name of God Amen. the seventeenth day
of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and seventy one, I Nathaniel McGufford of the Parish of ~~St. Andrew~~
and County of New Hanover, being informed of body, but of perfect
mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling
to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed
for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last
will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all,
I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and
as for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a
christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my exe-
cutors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection to receive
the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching
my worldly estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me
with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the
following manner, and force -
Item. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel McGufford
the dwelling house and plantation whereon I now live, together
with two hundred acres of land belonging thereto; also his
equal part of all my negroes, cattle, horses, hogs, housefurniture
viz stock and black -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William McGufford now
about seven years old, one tract of land containing two hundred
acres, at or near Paris, lands, together, with his equal part
of all my negroes, viz, stock, and black -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Samuel
McGufford, one tract of land containing two hundred acres at or
near Riley's land, together with his equal part of all my negroes,
cattle, viz, stock, and black -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter
Ann McGufford her equal part of all my negroes, cattle, viz
stock, and black -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter
Jane McGufford her equal part of all my negroes, cattle, viz,
stock, and black -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter, Margaret
McGufford her equal part of all my negroes, cattle, viz stock, and black,
she being my youngest daughter -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary McGufford
the sum of five pounds proclamation money, also a suit of mourning -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Agnes Taler McGufford
five shillings sterling money -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Taler McGufford
five shillings sterling money -
Item. I give and bequeath unto my three sons, viz Nathaniel, William

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about seven years of age and Samuel, these three only, for to share and share alike, in all my outstanding debts, and all the money I have by me, each having one third part, after discharging my funeral expences -

I do appoint, constitute and ordain my friends Frederick Duchy, Jones and James McGufford my executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Will and Testament, bequeath and executor by me in any way before this time mentioned, willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed, sealed, pronounced
and delivered in presence of

Nathaniel McGufford *Secd*

Joel Parish

Richard Miller

Mary ^{her} McGufford _{matr}

North Carolina }
New Hanover }

Richard Miller of the State and County aforesaid being of full age and sound mind and of full use of his senses, do hereby depose and testify, that on or about the 17th day of April 1795, he was called upon by Nathaniel McGufford with Joel Parish, to write the Will of the aforesaid Nathaniel, he then being in perfect and sound mind and memory; accordingly he the said Richard saw the said Nathaniel sign, seal, publish and declare the Will hereto annexed to be his last Will and Testament; he himself witnessed the same, and saw Joel Parish witness the same - In Witness whereof this 17th day of March 1795 I have hereunto set my hand and seal -

Sworn to before us

Richard Miller, *Secd*

Geo. Swaine. J.P.

James Larkins. J.P.

William Jones. J.P.

The last Will and Testament of Nathaniel McGufford deceased exhibited into Court at June Term 1795, and as Richard Miller, the only surviving witness to the within Will was unable to attend Court, a Commission was issued to take his deposition, which is herewith returned executed -

Geo. Gibbs. D. Clk.