

John Mekey

In the name of God amen the eight day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three I John Mekey of the county of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but sound mind and memory knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make constitute and appoint this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all making void all and every other will and testament by me heretofore made and this only is to be taken for my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz my body to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner my soul I commend to Almighty God from whom I received it and now for the settling of my temporal affairs first I will that all my debts be honestly paid and the balance of my estate carried in the following manner.

First to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Mekey I give and bequeath the tract of Land whereon I now live (except so much as I hereafter bequeath to James Mekey) to have and to hold the same during her natural life and if she should have occasion to sell all or any part thereof for her maintenance I swear and will that she sell and make a good and lawful right. Likewise will and bequeath to my wife all my stock of every description all my farming utensils and working tools together with all the house hold and kitchen furniture to have the same during her life. To my Daughter Margaret Pirkle I give and bequeath one dollar and fifty cents. To my son David Mekey I give and bequeath one dollar and fifty cents. To my son William Mekey I give and bequeath one dollar and fifty cents. To my Daughter Betty Wilson I give and bequeath one dollar and fifty cents.

To my daughter Rachel Mekey I give and bequeath 25¢ one dollar and fifty cents. To my son James Mekey I give and bequeath the tract of Land whereon he now lives Beginning in the big branch in Cape Pirkles line thence down the branch to Benjamin Frangers Branch and thence to Duncan Beatts line to the same more or less with all the appurtenances thereto belonging to him and his heirs forever.

To my son John Mekey I give and bequeath at the death of my wife all and every part of the tract of Land given to my said wife during her life or every part that she holds at her death together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging (except what shall be hereafter mentioned) to him and his heirs forever.

To my Daughter Nancy Mekey I give and bequeath the house wherein I now live with all the stock of every description farming utensils working tools house hold and kitchen furniture to hold them the same as my wife leaves them at her death.

I do likewise constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Mekey and Pele Huckle my whole and sole executrix and executor of this my last will and testament in trust revoking and annulling all other will or testaments heretofore by me made ratifying and confirming the same in witness whereof I do sign unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Signed sealed published pronounced in the presence of James Bringer & Nancy Mekey & John Mekey

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Rockingham County } The within last will and testament was duly proved in said court by the oath of James Bringer and Nancy Mekey subscribing witnesses thereto and in motion ordered to be recorded Elizabeth Mekey being named therein as executrix qualified as such and took out letters testamentary in the same.

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