

106 1760 In the Name of God Amen the 30th Day of Sept^r one thou-
sand seven hundred fifty nine, I Andrew McDonald of
Rowan County being sick in Body but of perfect Mind & Memory
thanks be given to God: therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my
Body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and
afterward the Judgment do make & ordain this my last Will & Tes-
tament first & principally of all I give & bequeath my soul into
the Hand of God who gave it and my Body I commend it to the
Earth to be buried in a Christian Manner at the Discretion of my
Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I
shall recover the same again by the mighty Power of God And as
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
me with in this Life I give & devise & dispose of in the following
Manner and Form viz. Imprimis It is my Will and Pleasure
that all my lawfull Debts and funeral Charges be paid before
any Division be made. Next I nominate constitute & appoint
my dearly beloved Wife Jane and my Brother John McDonald
Executors of this my last Will & Testament, as is here bequeathed.
I give & bequeath to Jane my dearly beloved Wife ^{afterwards} gray man
named Nagg & her Saddle before any Division be made, & after-
wards her equal share of my movable Estate with my Children
both male & female, and also, it my Will & Pleasure that my be-
loved Wife have the Use of ^{the} plantation to her Use & the Children
during her Widowhood, & that my Children may be well schooled,
at the Discretion of my Executors. I give & bequeath unto my beloved
sons John & Andrew, the place wherewith I now dwell to be equally divided
between them when Andrew comes to the age of twenty one years, to them
their Heirs & assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my wife beloved child
Dear Miss Mary, Jane, John, Andrew, Margaret & to her who whom my Wife is
now with child all being on an equal share of my personal Estate to them
their Heirs & assigns forever except what is above bequeathed to my wife
Andrew McDonald

107 1763 In the Name of God Amen The twenty fifth Day of April in
the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty eight I Andrew
McDonald of the Parish of Saint Luke in the County of Rowan and
Province of North Carolina blacksmith Being very weak weak in
Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given to God therefore
calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appoi-
nted for all men once to die I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament
that is to say principally & first of all I give & commend my soul into
the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I commend it to the Earth
to be buried in a Christian like Manner at the Discretion of my Heirs and
Executors Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall recover
the same again by the almighty Power of God and as touching such
worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this
Life with I give devise and dispose of the same in the following man-
ner & Form that is to say. First I do give will and bequeath
to my loving Wife one third part of my movable Estate when paid to
be paid her by my Heirs and Executors. Secondly I do give will & bequeath
to my four Daughters Margaret Jane Elizabeth and Ann six pounds
Pennsylvania Money when of the Age of eighteen and if any of them
should die before of that Age her or their Shares to be equally divided be-
tween the Survives. Thirdly I do give will & bequeath to my son
twenty pounds like Money but if he should die before he is of the
age of twenty his shall not be paid. Fourthly I do give will
my son John an equal part with my son James in all
two Year Old Horse Colt which is now John own Property
is under my lease by purchase of his own. Fifthly I do
bequeath to my son James an equal part with John
land which I have appointed make and ordain him my sole Heir
after my last Will and Testament & all & singular the
things which he has & Aliens for ever and

10 I am wiled & bequeath this ratifying and confirming this & no other
to be my last Will & Testament In witness whereat I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day and Year above written

Signed Sealed published pro-
nounced and declared by
the said Andrew Michison
to be his last Will and
Testament in the pre-
sence of us the
Subscribers

James Quick
John Macay

Andrew Michison



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Nov. 6th In the Name of God Amen. I Michael Myers of the of Rowan &
Province of North Carolina Yeoman. Being through the abun-
dant Mercy and goodness of God though weak in Body yet of a
sound & perfect Understanding and Memory do constitute this my
last Will & Testament and now it may be received by all as such.
First I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my Maker, bequeathing
his most acceptable of it, through the all sufficient Merits &
Mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ, who
gave himself to be an Atonement for my sins, and is able to save to
the uttermost, all that come to God by him, giving his own blood to make
Intercession for them, and who I trust will not reject me, when I
shall appear before him when I come to him for Mercy; in this hope and
confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly bequeathing the
same to the blessed glorious Trinity, our God, most holy, most true God &
to prepare me for the Time of my dissolution, and then to take
myself into that peaceful Rest, and incomparable Fellowship which
is reserved for all that love & fear his holy Name. When blessed
be my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken in
and the same of its Resurrection from thence at the last Day. As
for my worldly Estate I bequeath the same as follows

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manage it with all requisite Discretion. As to my worldly Estate I will
and positively order, that all my Debts be paid First I give & bequeath
unto my dear & loving Wife Mary Myers a plantation in Machinberg
County (which I had by purchase from ^{in law} King George the second) to her for
Life Time together with Furniture and other conveniences requisite for her
on & place. Likewise a plantation, called the Horse Shoe Creek for Life Time
together with all conveniences belonging thereto. Likewise half the planta-
tion I now live on in Rowan County with the half of the profit of the mill
that is thence together with all my movable Estate towards the bringing
up of my children and the movable Estate shall be at her own disposal to
do what she will therewith. Item I give & bequeath to Henry Dodson joint-
two hundred Acres of Land lying & being in Machinberg County to her
his heirs & assigns forever, but so as the said Henry Dodson shall not
or dispose of the Land without the Consent of his Wife Elizabeth Dodson
formerly Eliz. Myers. Item I give & bequeath my Daughter Barbara Myers
two hundred & twenty five Acres of Land it being the East End of a
125 Acre Tract of Land lying and being on the South Side of C. D. in Ma-
chinberg County to her & her heirs & assigns forever after her Mother's death.
Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Myers two hundred
Acres the West End of the 125 Acre Tract of Land in Machinberg County
to her & her heirs & assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath my Son Michael
Myers two hundred & twenty five Acres of Land part of the plantation
where I now live together with all the Appurtenances thereto belong-
ing after the Death of his Mother, and till his Death to have but half the
profit of said plantation to him his heirs & assigns forever.
Item I give & bequeath unto Hannah Myers one hundred Acres of
the remaining part of the plantation where I now live on the North
Corner on a branch called Millers Branch to her & her heirs & assigns
forever. Item I give & bequeath unto John Blankenship and Susan
Myers a Tract of Land called the Horse Shoe Creek after the Death of
Mother to be equally to be divided between to them their heirs and
assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath unto my loving Wife