

90. Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my son James Macay the sole executor of this my last will & test, hereby directing him, to make sale of the whole of my moveable property which is not bequeathed above, to enable him to discharge my just debts & likewise to plead the Statute of limitation against all accounts which may be brought against my estate where the Statute will be. I do hereby appoint my son George guardian for son Daniel & daughter Hannah.

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced
to be the last will & test: of the testator James Macay Truly?
the 30th day of Novbr. 1796.
in presence of us. W Moore
John Smith.

In the name of God Amen! I Dennis Mahan of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina being aged, sick in body but of sound mind & disposing memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of life & the many embarrassing wits that often attend the families. Do make & declare this my last will & test:
Item first & above all it is my will & ~~testament~~ earnest desire that all my just debts be paid & my funeral expenses discharged.

Item. 2^d I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy the one third part of all my real estate, including the dwelling house, we now live in, and as much of the other improvements as may be deemed necessary for her support. And the regard being had to her circumstances & the family that may live with her during her natural life.

I also will & bequeath unto my wife aforesaid a horse.

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creature, which I wish to be about the third in value of all I dispose of, two cows with their last calves, her choice of two sheep, two breeding sows, her bed & furniture, the largest of our pots & a Dutch oven, two pewter dishes a set knives & forks six spoons, a walnut Table, three chairs a flax wheel & reel, all our earthen ware, including tea ware, six tin cups & coffee pot & a third part of what humspoun cloath & yarn may happen to be on hand at the time of my decease - these things I will & bequeath to her & her heirs forever.

Item 3^d I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elenor & her heirs for ever two milk cows to be assigned to her by my executors hereinafter named together with her bed & furniture & other things hertofore called hers.

Item 4th I give & devise to my three sons Peter James & Samuel M. Mahan & their heirs for ever all the tract or parcel of land I now live on containing by estimation 450 acres to be divided between them as near as may be both in quantity & quality so that Peter shall have his part on the east side James the middle part including the dwelling house & other buildings & Samuel his part on the west side of the tract, I also give & bequeath unto my son Peter one cow, two pair of horse gears a plough & a mattock provided that he pay unto my daughter Agnes twenty dollars in three yearly payments after she arrives to the age of twenty one year.

I also give & bequeath unto my s^r son James my waggon two pair of horse gears one horse the first in value, I dispose of, two cows a plough, mattock & ax provided he pay unto my daughter Jane twenty dollars in three years.

payments after she arrives at the age of twenty one years I also give & bequeath unto my son Samuel a bay filly rising two years old, one cow.

Item 5th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Agnes & her heirs for ever one feather bed & furniture to be worth about ten pounds, one horse creature to be about the fourth in value that I disposed of one cow & the twenty Dollars payable from my son Peter as above & my loom I give & bequeath to her & her sister Jane in equal shares.

Item 6. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Jane one feather bed, about worth ten pounds one horse about the 1/5th in value I disposed of one cow & the twenty Dollars payable by my son James as aforesaid.

Item 7. I give & bequeath unto my grandson John son of my daughter Eleanor five pounds to be paid by my executors hereinafter named when he attains to the age of twenty one.

Item 8. I give & bequeath the whole residue of my estate of what denomination soever, to be equally divided between my wife & my children, Peter, James, Timothy, Samuel, Eleanor, Agnes, & Jane share & share alike.

It is also my will that my son Peter after he marries shall permit his brother James to crop & use the one half of the field near Jacob Moore four years & give & pay unto my sd wife Nancy five bushels of wheat yearly during her widowhood — Further it is my will that if my decease should happen before my son Samuel arrives to the age of eighteen years, & he should choose to learn & trade in preference of the land above devised to him, then in that

case I give & devise the whole of my land unto Peter & James & their heirs for ever Peter part on the east & James part on the west side of the tract provided.

And my will is then that my two sons Peter & James shall pay unto my sons Timothy & Samuel fifty Dollars each when they arrive at the age of twenty one likewise seven pounds to each of my daughters Eleanor, Agnes & Jane & five pounds to my grand daughter Sophia Morris & five pounds to John Makens eldest daughter to be paid to them as they severally arrive to the age of twenty one.

Lastly I nominate, constitute & appoint my trusty friend Moses Bellah executor & my beloved wife Nancy executrix of this my last will & test, revoking & utterly annulling all former wills or parts of wills heretofore made or attempted to be made.

Signed sealed & pronounced in presence of
 Betsey Toedman.
 James Lam.
 Moses Bellah.

This following clause being omitted in the foregoing will the aforesaid Dennis Mahan do now add to be considered as part thereof that is to say it is my will that my son James pay unto my son Timothy twenty pounds on his arriving to the age of twenty one years which sum I hereby give & bequeath to my sd son Timothy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal Sept^r 30th 1804

Signed, sealed, in the presence of
 Moses Bellah
 Betsey Toedman
 Henry Smith

Dennis Mahan Seal