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& shooting of my three daughters at the discretion of my next,
hereafter mentioned. An I do hereby constitute & ordain my
good friends William Miller, & Richard Fenn executor of
this my last will & test: Trustees for my wife & children
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
21th day of May & second year of independence. 1778.

Witness John ^{Chapman} ~~Donnan~~

Ezekiel Baird
Will^r Miller

X Moses Miller 

In the name of God Amen! I James Macay of the County
of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being weak in body yet
of sound mind & memory thanks be to God for it & calling
to mind that it is appointed for all men to die & considering
the mortality of my body, do make constitute & ordain this to
be my last will & testament that is to say principally & first
of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of that God
who gave it & for my body I recommend it to be buried in a Chris-
tian like manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter to
be named, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I
shall receive it again by the power of almighty God & as
touching such worldly property as it has pleased God to
bless me with in this life I give with & dispose of it, in the
following manner that is to say.

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Esther Macay my
bed & furniture together with her right of dower in my lands
as reserved in a Deed of conveyance which I made to my son
Wilson Macay, as will appear of record.

89.
1/ I give & bequeath to my son Lorance Macay five shillings
sterling if legally demanded & my Clock, he paying to my son
James forty dollars twelve months after my decease

3/ I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth wife of Radford
Ellis one negroe wench named Jane one feather bed & furniture
two cows & one womens saddle now in the possession of her
husband Radford Ellis.

4/ I give & bequeath to my son John one Negroe slave named
Peter & a mare & saddle which he has sold. —

5/ I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah wife of Robert
McKie one Negroe named Sylvia one feather bed & furniture
one cow & calf & five pounds of money

6/ I give & bequeath to my daughter Anne wife of Henry Lottan
one Negroe girl named Amy & one feather bed & furniture &
one sorrel horse now in the possession of her husband & five
pounds in money.

7/ I give & bequeath to my son Wilson two Negroes, one
named Henry & the other Lucy & one feather bed & furniture
all which are in his possession he performing the covenant
for which I have his obligations respecting his brother David
& sister Hannah & James his brother.

8/ I give & bequeath to son James one negroe girl named
Biddy & one bed & furniture after my decease & all the
residue of my moveable property after my just debts &
legacies before mentioned, are paid, except one negroe man
named Tom which I give & bequeath to my son Wilson.

9/ I give & bequeath to my son Daniel one negroe girl
named Patty which said girl is to remain in the possession
of my daughter Anne from the time of my decease till my
son Daniel is of age.

90. Lastly I ordain 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 *realy*
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 evils 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 ex-
penses 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 1 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 household cloth & 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 Eleonor & her
heirs for ever two milk cows to be assigned to her by my
executors hereinafter named together with her bed & furniture
& other things heretofore called hers.

Item 4th I give & devise to my three sons Peter, James & Samuel
Mc 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 &c provided
he pay unto my daughter Jane twenty dollars.