

MS A. 7. 7. In the Name of God Amen. The 20 Day of October in  
Apl. 6<sup>th</sup>. the Year of our Lord 1756 I Mary Murray Widow of  
the Province of North Carolina in the County of Rowan  
Former being very sick & weak in Body but of perfect Mind and  
Memory Thanks be given unto God thereby calling unto Mind the Mortal-  
ity of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once  
to dye I make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to  
say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul  
into the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I recommend  
it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner  
at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the gen-  
eral Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty  
Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate whomever  
I have possessed God do bless me in this Life I give di-  
vide & dispose of the sum in the following Manner and Form.  
Impaired It is my will and I so Order that in the first place  
a just Debt and funeral Charges be paid & satisfied. Then I give  
and bequeth unto my Son-in-Law John Digges the sum of five Hun-  
dred £ I give and bequeth unto my Son Robert Murray the  
sum of five Shillings I give & bequeth unto my Son-in-law William  
Birmingham the sum of five Shillings I give & bequeth unto  
my Son James Murray the sum of four Shillings I give and be-  
quith unto my Son John Murray the sum of forty pence towards one  
Shilling & three Pence If you his peacein man and a father like I  
give & bequith unto my Grandson Murray Reed one hundred Mar.  
I give & bequith unto my Daughter Isabella Reed my Cloath &  
what remains of my Estate I likewise make & Ordain my well  
beloved Son in Law Samuel Reed and my own well beloved Son John  
Murray my only & sole Executors of this my last Will  
and I so hereby utterly disavow revoke Repeal  
all other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Executors by

in any ways before this time namely without being asked ratifying and confirming this as shall be my last Will & Testament in writing signed and I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day of year above written.  
In the presence of others.

John Mason

Sam. Reed

Mar. 1892

Mary <sup>for</sup> Murray 

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Jan<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> } November 4<sup>th</sup> One Domingo in the Year of our Lord 1760.  
This is to certify that the said Domingo has been found guilty of the crime of Murder and has been sentenced to death by the Court of the said City of New York. The said Domingo has been found guilty of the crime of Murder and has been sentenced to death by the Court of the said City of New York. The said Domingo has been found guilty of the crime of Murder and has been sentenced to death by the Court of the said City of New York.

1757? In the Name of God Amen the second Day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven. I Joseph. Melikin of North Carolina in the County of Rowan Macon being sick in Body but of good and perfect Memory Thanks be to almighty God and asking unto Him the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament, That is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that give it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a christian Like & decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by that mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following Manner & Form. I prescribe it is my will & I do order that in the

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I give and bequeath unto Rachel Nien's my beloved <sup>daughter</sup> ~~daughter~~  
one young horse & the young black mare and colt and her  
saddle and one half of the Negro and all the household goods and  
all the working tools and the crop that is now on the place  
and the use of the place as long as she keeps married and the  
use of one working horse as long as she keeps the place and  
four cows & calves and one steer and my servant boy Joseph Mott  
and I give & bequeath to my beloved brother William Melahin all my  
Land on Frickin Creek and one young red horse, and I give and  
bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Melahin and her husband Mi-  
lakin all my Land on the South Fork of the Catapa River and all the  
most of my stock equally to be divided between them and I hereby  
make and appoint my loving brother William Melahin and my  
Friend William Mills full and sole Executors of this, that Will &  
Testament heretofore writing, signing and making void  
all former Wills & Bequests by me made: and declaring this only  
to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal the Day & Year first above  
written signed sealed published & pronounced and declared by  
the said Joseph Melahin as his last Will and Testament in  
the presence of us the Subscribers.

William Melahin  
Thomas Potts  
William Walsh

Joseph Melahin  
Clark

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to be paid when he is come of age by my son James Melahin. I also  
allow my son James Melahin to pay unto my three daughters Sarah  
Dorcas & Mary each of them twenty pounds to be paid in four years after  
their Mothers Deaths my Wife Ann Melahin, also I also my wife An-  
na Melahin and my son Will Melahin and my son James Melahin  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were  
present at the signing and sealing thereof the Day & Year above written  
Signed sealed & subscribed by the said  
Melahin as & for his last Will  
(and Testament in the presence  
of us who were present at  
the signing & sealing thereof)  
Thomas Black  
John Melahin  
Robert Melahin

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9. In the Name of God Amen. I John McGuire of the County of  
in the Province of North Carolina and in the Parish of  
being in perfect Mind and Memory make this my last Will and  
Testament: first I commit my soul to God who gave it and my  
body to the dust to be buried in a Christian Burial Tomb and  
all my funeral charges to be paid at my lawful Debt to be  
charged and appointed by my Executors and I give and bequeath  
and James Smith as my Executors and I give and bequeath  
bequeath to my sons Power McGuire and John McGuire  
and sole of my lands to be equally divided between them  
and I give my wife Anna McGuire to have a comfort  
as long she remains my Widow and I give and bequeath  
Daughter Sarah twenty pounds and my riding horse; and  
the use of my Estate my Goods & Bonds with all other property  
to be equally divided amongst my  
and I appoint and appoint my Executors and James  
the said Power McGuire of this my last Will and Testament  
and I give and bequeath the residue and remainder of