

86 In the name of God Amos the third day of April in the
Year of our Lord 1785 I Thomas M^cCartney of the State of
North Carolina and County of Howard being weak
in Body but of sound mind and perfect memory thanks
be to almighty God therefore and calling to mind the Mor-
tality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men to die. I do make, ordain & constitute this
my last Will and Testament that is to say principally
and first of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recom-
mend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like
manner at the discretion of my Executors by me
hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the general
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
Almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly
Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me
with, I give devise and dispose of in the following
manner and form that is to say, first I give will
and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret M^cCartney
the mansion House I now live in during her natu-
ral life and not to be molested by any person
or means and to be maintained sufficiently out
out of the Mill and favorable Estate so that she
be not left to suffer for any thing that may be

for the comfort and support of her life Secondly⁸⁷
I give will and bequeath to my son Lewis M^cCart-
ney the Mill and Cask and worm and what he is
Indebted to me I remit the payment thereof he
having had his part of Land already, Thirdly I
give will and bequeath to my son Thomas M^c-
Cartney my home plantation and all the Land
I hold on the west side Swearing Creek and on the
East side beginning at a white Oak at the mouth of
a Gut above the Mill running a direct course to a
marked Hickory on the Bank of swearing Creek so as
to include the Mill dam into my son Thomas part
of the old Tract of Land that I bought of Jonathan Hunt
and all my Smith Tools and Carpenter Tools and
fourteen pounds in money to enable him to repair
the Mill, fourthly I give will and bequeath to my
Grandson Andrew M^cCartney, all that part of the
old survey on the East side of swearing Creek eastward
from the line last mentioned including the late new
Survey and in case he shall die without an heir law-
fully begotten then it shall return to the heirs of my
two Executors being Male to between them equally
divided and the said Andrew to receive it at the
Years age of Twenty One Years and the profits

arising therefrom shall by his guardian be applied
to the schooling of him and clothing to the age sixteen
and to be bound to a Trade and to have the of choosing
Master and Trade with the consent of his guardian
fifthly I give will and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
Tabitha McCarty one Bay Horse saddle and Bridle
one Loom and all the Blackling Furniture belonging
One feather Bed and furniture, and one half of my
reasonable Estate except such Articles as my Wife
may chuse to keep herself for her own use, during
her life then to go to my Daughter Elizabeth and
fifteen pounds hard money to be paid her by my
Executors immediately after my Decease, sixthly
I give will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah
McCarty one Bay mare saddle and Bridle and
the feather Bed and furniture and half of my reason-
able Estate and Ten pounds hard money to be paid
her by my Executors immediately after my Decease
and my two Daughters shall take their choice of each
article and where they cannot agree then the Execu-
tors shall judge between them and they shall take
it at their judgement, and for the more effectual
Carrying this my last Will and Testament into

Execution I do hereby ordain constitute and ⁸⁹
appoint my two sons Lewis and Thomas Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, and I do
order them to find provision sufficient to keep three
Cows and Calves out of my home plantation that
I live on now for the better maintaining my Wife
Yearly and every year during her natural life signed
sealed pronounced declared and delivered by the
said Thomas McCarty as his last Will and
Testament of him the said Thomas McCarty
in the presence of us who were present at the signing
and sealing thereof

his
Benjamin Todd
mark
Peter his Todd
mark
James his
mark
Jas McCarty

Thomas McCarty Exec^{or}

In the name of God Amen This Twentieth day
of September in the year of our Lord One thousand one
hundred Eighty and five, that Abraham J. Stone
of the State of North Carolina and County of Rowan
being sick and weak in body but of perfect
mind and memory thanks be to God for his