

Andrew McBain Last Will & Testament

I Andrew McBain of Union County North Carolina being of sound
mind but considering my Mortality and knowing that it is appointed
for all men to die considering it my duty to settle my estate touching
worldly things do make and publish my last will and testament in the
following manner and form and first I resign my body to the earth
and my spirit to God who gave it I allow all my just debts and personal
expenses paid out of my Estate I give and bequeath to my wife Mary
during her life my house and plantation provided she choose to live on it
also my boy Plato and one of my girls her choice also my Negro John three
Head horses I or not my sorrel filly and any other she chooses with her
my Blacksmiths tools farming tools sufficiently for her use six head
of cattle hogs and sheep as many as necessary also my house hold
and kitchen furniture as much as she may wish and also my looms
my books to remain with her during her life and then be equally
divided amongst my children I allow my wife to have the disposal
of her bed and furniture as she pleases The balance of the property
at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children by sale
or otherwise as my Ex^{rs} may think best. My will is that Saml Steele
& Martha Caraway have first out of my Estate for ⁵⁰ dollars each
in lieu of a horse and John McBain and Eleanor Garbey account
for the Negroes they have received and then take an equal division
of the rest of the property.

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with the rest E. Sturkey Three hundred and fifty dollars & J. M. McCain
agreeable to his note My will is that my Girl Nicky go to Jane
Steele or any of my children she may choose without any division
or expense to the rest The balance of my Estate real and personal
I allow to be sold and equally divided amongst all my children
but if the rest of my major Girls wish not to remain amongst
my children They have the privilege to choose a master &
appoint John Stewart & J. M. McCain Executors of my This my last will &
testament and revoke all former wills by me made

signed sealed published and
acknowledged by me this 5 day
of October one thousand eight
hundred and forty four in presence
of us witnesses

George McCain

John Stewart

William McCain

Andrew McCain

State of North Carolina Union County

Court of Pleas and Sessions of Union County

The last will and testament of Andrew McCain (decd), was exhibited in open
Court and was proven in and before of laws by George McCain & John Stewart
two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
Hugh Stewart Clerk