

The will of John McCoy

In the name of God Amen. I John McCoy of the State of South Carolina and district of Laurens being in health and of sound mind and memory Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. have thought proper to make and ordain this my last will and testament. First I Recommend my soul to God who has it and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian like manner - And as to my worldly goods I mean to dispose of as follows. I give and bequeath to my son Doughton McCoy three hundred dollars supposing him to be living but in that case should be dead It is my wish that his daughter Elizabeth should receive three hundred dollars out of my estate. I give and bequeath to my son Barneto McCoy my two negroes Lewis & James and two hundred dollars in cash. I give and bequeath to my son Richard McCoy five hundred and twenty - It is my wish that my son John McCoy should have my three negroes Jerry Saul & Thomas and two hundred dollars in cash. I again wish that Mr John Ferguson my son in law should have fifty dollars out of my estate. Further I wish his daughter Eliza Alburton three hundred dollars. I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Godfrey my four negroes during her life after her death it is my wish that the said negroes and their increase if any should belong to the lawful heirs of her body. James & her daughter Harriett Henry and Vinson. I will and bequeath to my daughter Charity my five negroes during her life after her death it is my wish that the said negroes and their increase if any should belong to the lawful heirs of her body her name be Lucy & her daughter Lucy Nancy Billiam Morris. As to my son David McCoy I will him my negro man named Jesse and my negro woman named Meriah and a seven hundred dollars cash it is my will that my Executors should let David money out on interest for the term and time of ten years his negroes hired out for the same at the highest Bidder It is my will that all my lands and stock and property of every kind not herein before willed be sold all my debts paid and after all final settlements

that my children those that may be living draw share and share alike - And lastly I do constitute and appoint my son John McCoy & daughter McCoy & John Ferguson Executors of this my last will and testament by me here to for made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3^d day of November 1838. Signed sealed published & declared to and for the last will and testament of the above named John McCoy. In the presence of us
 Geo Hitch John McCoy J. J.

W W Hitch
 Nancy Hitch

Memorandum

That the last will of John McCoy as above was Proven before me in the Court of ordinary by the Oaths of W W Hitch on the fourth day of February One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

W D Stratts C. C. O. L. D.