

on the day and year there in mentioned. Sworn to and subscribed in open
Court before me this 3rd day of May 1847

Sub

Thos. H. Rainer CLK

James L. Pope

Recorded the 3rd day of May 1847

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Duncan McRae Will

South Carolina In the name of God amen I Duncan
McRae of the Town of Camden in the State of South Carolina do make and create this to be my last will and Testament that is to say
1 I devise to my son Samuel McRae and his heirs forever my plantation
or tract of land situate on Black River in the District of George Town
containing Twelve hundred and fifty five acres more or less formerly the
of Patrick Sollars 2^d I give and bequeath to my son Samuel McRae
his Executors Administrators and assigns forever the twenty negro slaves
following with their increase from the twenty second day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen that is
to say Peter his wife Sarah and her children Henry John and Elizabeth
Isaac Randolph his wife Rose and child - Isaac Thomas his wife Mary
and children Willis Robt and Mary Victor his wife Rebecca and her children
Sara Jane his wife Charlotte and child Sador and Adam also
my Gold Watch marked W. C. S. 3 I devise to my son Samuel McRae
having his natural life only subject to the limitations over hereinafter
expressed One thousand acres of land more or less which is now in
possession of the said Samuel McRae situate on the West side of the
-e River in Newham District being the Southern part of an original
tract granted to James Millic in the 23rd day of February in the year
1748. the upper line of said tract hereby devised to the said Samuel McRae
On the Wateree River three hundred feet above the poorest house
and runs Westwardly with the fences of Samuel and John McRae to
the north thence Southwardly with the estate till it strikes the
fence now standing on the line running Westwardly and parallel
to the lower line of the said tract thence Westwardly with
that line till it strikes the McRae's ferry Road which said
Road is the Western Boundary of the land hereby devised
to have and to hold the premises devised in this clause of my
will to the said Samuel McRae during the term of his natural
life only hereby intending to create in him a life estate merely
and from and immediately after his death to the heirs of his
body who may be then living and their heirs forever but in
case there should be no heirs of his body nor issue of such
heirs living at the time of his death who shall arrive at the
age of twenty one years or be married then and in that case
the same devised in this clause of my will shall be equally di-
vided among my other children who are to take the same
interest in their respective parts as is hereby devised to the

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Sara Parrell with the same limitations over to the heirs of their
respective bodies and the issue of such heirs. This devise is made
subject to the following charge that is to say, that the ditch which
runs through said lands shall be for the common use of all the
proprietors of the lands I now own above, and that he the
Sara Parrell and all others who shall make title
to the said lands under this clause of my will shall keep the
said ditch open in such manner as spectually to divide the
lands above which are devised to my son John and my wife
and oughtest, and in case the said Parrell or other person so
making title to or being in possession of the said lands shall
refuse to keep the said ditch so open then the proprietors
of the lands above shall be at liberty to open the said ditch at
the expense of the person so being in possession of the said lands here-
4. I devise to my son parrell and the heirs of his body and the issue
of such heirs subject to the same limitations and conditions as are expressed
of and concerning the above tract of one thousand acres of my
lands situated on the West side of the McCord ferry Road
and South of the lands now owned by Col John Taylor formerly
belonging to Isaac Rapp 5. To my son John Chesnut I devise
his Executors Administrators and assigns for ever I give and bequeath
the twenty negro slaves following with their increase from the twenty
second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred thirteen that is to say Tom (a cooper) his wife Dorcas and
her children Abram Mary Plettence and Stephens, Judy his wife Betty
and children, John Richard Cato Clemelia Nancy and George, Je-
-quith his wife Priscilla and children Serena Sampson his wife
Comba and Ishmael. 6. To my son John Chesnut I devise
during his natural life only subject to the limitations over herein
after expressed I devise one thousand acres of land more or less
now in his possession situated on the West side of the Waterce River
in Kershaw District being part of the said original tract granted
to James Muckie the lower line of the tract hereby devised be-
-gins on the waterce river at the upper line of the tract above
described to my son Parrell where their fences now stand and
runs Westwardly by that line to the McCord ferry Road
thence northwardly by that Road to the line of the new cut
Road through Green Swamp thence at the fence of the said
John now runs to the Waterce River To have and to hold
the premises hereby devised to the said John McCord during
his natural life only intending hereby to create in him life
estate merely, and from and immediately after his death
to the heirs of his body who may then be living or who may
have issue living at the time of his death and their heirs for-
ever, but in case there should be no heirs of the body of the
said John or issue of such heirs living at the time

of his death who shall arrive at the age of twenty years or be married then
and in that case the lands devised in this clause of my will shall be
equally divided among my other children who are to take the same in
real and estate in their respective hands as it is hereby devised to
the said John & McKa with the same remainder over to the heirs
of their respective houses and the issue of such heirs this devise is made
subject to the following charge that is to say that the big ditch which
runs through the said lands shall be for the common use of all the
proprietors of the lands I now own above and that be the said John
McKa and all other persons making title to the said lands under
this devise in my will shall keep the said ditch open in such
manner as effectually to drain the lands above which are devised
to my wife and daughter and in case the said John or other
persons so making title to and being in possession of the said lands
shall refuse to keep the said ditch so open then the proprietors of
the lands above shall be at liberty to open the said ditch at the
expense of the person so being in possession of the said land and also
subject to a road as it now runs for the side of the plantation devised
to my son Pamel; and also to a road through Green Swamp for the com-
mon use of all the devisees of my Swamp plantation, &c. It is my
will and direction that forty feet of the land for the whole line between
my sons John and Samuels plantation shall be common to both plan-
tations for a way out from the river to the main road, &c. To my
dearly beloved wife Mary McKa during the term of her natural life
I devise and bequeath the dwelling house in Camden where in I now
reside and all the lands adjoining thereto all my Carriages and
Carriage-horses plate kitchen and house hold furniture and the
following Slaves that is to say Kent, Henry, Othman Jacob, old John,
Marion, Jenny, Fatima Nancy, and old Minah and their increase
with full power and authority to her the said Mary to devise and be-
queath the same to such of the heirs of her body as she may
think proper and in case she should not make such disposition
then at her death the said estate real and personal shall
be equally divided between the heirs of her body and the children
of heirs of her body as may die in her life time such children
taking only so much as their parent would be entitled
to if alive. 9 To my said wife during her natural life
I devise the use of all my Mills and Lands on or near Pinckney
Creek and at her death I devise the use thereof to my daughter
Sesta McKa during her life and at her death I devise the
same in fee simple to all my children share and share
alike vesting in them hereby a present transmissible inter-
ests But this devise to my wife and daughter Sesta is
subject to the following charge that is to say that all
my children residing or having plantations near enough thereto
to enable them to do so are permitted to take from the said

Land free of charge their fire wood building and rail timber.

10 I do each of my daughters Harriet Margaret and Seta. I give and bequeath thirty Slaves to be given and delivered to either of them as either of them. Which thirty Slaves to be given to each of them in families shall be of equalities with the thirty Slaves received by my daughter Sarah (Ling) at her marriage regard being had to their quantities at the time she received them. But while my said three daughters remain single the said Slaves are to constitute a part of the Slaves herein after bequeathed to my wife for life and the said Harriet Margaret and Seta when either of them shall receive her thirty Slaves aforesaid shall hold the same and their increase under the following Condition and Subject to the following limitations over that is to say I do have and to hold the said thirty Slaves and their increase to each of them the said Harriet Margaret and Seta during the term of her natural life to her sole and separate use with out being in any manner Subject to the debts contracts or Contract of her husband and from and immediately after her death to the heirs of her body who may then living or to the issue of such heirs then living but in case she should die leaving no such heirs of her body or issue of such heirs living at the time of her death then the said Slaves and their increase shall be divided among all my surviving children and the issue of such of them as may be then dead the issue taking among them the same share which their parents would be entitled to if alive. If all the remaining part of my plantation or lands on the river not otherwise disposed of by this will as also all my remaining Slaves plantation tools and stock of every description I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife during the term of her natural life out of the profits whereof she is to furnish all my single daughters so long as they remain single a full ample and decent support and at the death of my wife I give devise and bequeath the said lands and Slaves and their increase and other articles in in the following manner that is to say each of my three daughters Harriet Margaret and Seta as long as they remain single shall receive the thirty Slaves above bequeathed to each of them and their the remainder of the said Slaves and their increase and other articles shall be equally divided among all my children and their issue when any of them shall have died leaving issue the said issue taking among them the share their parent would have taken if living and the said lands shall also be equally divided among all my children and their issue when any of them shall have died leaving issue the said issue taking among them the share their parent would have taken if living all my children who take any estate under or by virtue of this remainder over to them shall hold the same for life only Subject to the same limitations and Conditions as are declared of and according to the thirty Slaves bequeathed to each of my single daughters. Should a division of the lands hereby divided to my children after the death of my wife be found in convenient and in justice to the interest of the interested in the same and also the of

should be considered more advantage than and in such case I hereby authorize and
empower my executor and his entire who may be of age to bargain and sell
the said lands and when the purchase money of the same is paid or properly secured
to be paid to make and execute letters therefor provided that the proceeds of the said sales be-
come and pertain to the same and subject to the same limitations over and
restrictions as are above declared of and concerning the said lands in
case the said lands shall be divided among my children there taking parts
below shall keep open the Big ditch where it runs through their as-
signed parts for the benefit of those who take parts above on the same terms as
are imposed on the deeds to my son Samuel and John in that respect.
12th As I have for my own satisfaction kept accounts against such of
my children as have been acting for them below I hereby declare that
all such accounts may stand open on my Books against any of
my children at the time of my death are discharged. 13th All my lands
West of the McCosas Ferry Road divided to my son Samuel are made
subject to this charge, that whenever it may become necessary for the
division of any part of my Swamp lands to construct reservoirs for the
purpose of over flowing the Swamp lands so divided to them they shall
be permitted to construct such reservoirs on the said lands so divided to
the said Samuel provided that in so doing the mill seat of the said
Samuel on Jumping Gully Creek shall not be injured thereby. 14th And as I have since writing the bequest of the lands lying
on the West side of the McCosas Road from Road to my son Samuel
common or establishing and erecting a Summer resort for my fam-
ily on part of said lands I will bequeath and devise unto my wife
Mary one hundred acres of the said land including the settlement
and buildings for and during the term of her natural life and no longer
and from and immediately after her death I will bequeath and devise
the said one hundred acres of land and buildings unto my son John
Chesnut McKee and to the heirs of his body subject to the same lim-
itations and restrictions as are declared and expressed of
and concerning the other lands devised to him under this will. This
one hundred acres of land is to be laid off as nearly in a square form
as the Western line may well admit of the northern line is to be
laid off half way between my house now building and my son
Samuel's house. 15th I will bequeath and devise all the rest and
Residue of my estate real and personal after the payment of my
debts unto all my children share and share alike. Lastly I nomi-
nate constitute and appoint my wife Mary McKee and my children
Samuel McKee John Chesnut McKee Mary Lang Sarah Lang
Harriet McKee Margaret McKee and Scata McKee Executors and
Executrices of this my last will and Testament Witness my hand
and seal this nineteenth day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one and forty sixth
year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States
of America Signed & sealed by me Saml McKee

in presence of us who have at his request subscribed the same as
witnesses

Samuel Wells (Seal)

attest:

John Carter
Wm. P. Evans
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This Certificate is to be amended to and to constitute a part of my last will and
Testament made and duly executed on the nineteenth day of September
One thousand eight hundred and twenty one, I give devise and bequeath
to my affectionate wife Mary for and during the term her natural life
my present summer residence near the McCloras ferry road to gether with
the lands there to attach her boundaries on the north by a line to be run begin-
ing on the McCloras ferry Road at a point half way between
my said Residence said that of my son Powell running thence
Westwardly on a line parallel to the division line between
my son Powell and John of their River land till it intersects
with my back line bounded westerwardly on said back line
Southwardly on land of the Estate of Genl. S. Courtney deceased
and Eastwardly on said McCloras ferry Road and from and
after the decease of said wife I devise and bequeath the same to my
son John Chesnut McKim, and the heirs of his body forever Subject
to the same Limitation and Condition as are expressed in the bequest
to him in my said will of the lands bounded on the Western River.
2^d It is my will and desire and I hereby give and devise all the
Stock of Horses mules, Cattle Sheep hogs and Poultry that may at
the time of my death be attached to the lands given to my wife in
my said will to be used and disposed of or otherwise as parted off as
she may see proper and such as may be remaining at her decease
he divided equally among all my Children there and there a like to them
and their heirs forever. 3^d It is my will and desire and I hereby
make revoke and amend so much of the Seventh Clause of my
said Will directs that the lands on the Western River there in given
to my wife at her decease to be equally divided among all my Children
there and there a like the issue of such as may have and Reproducing the same
which the parent would of have been entitled to (plainly) Subject to the
Limitations Limitations and Conditions as are contained in the
said Clause. 4th It is my will and desire and I hereby revoke
and amend the Seventh Clause of my said will appropriating
appropriating Forty feet of the land on the line between
my son Powell and John for an outlet and I hereby will and
direct that forty feet of the land is the new Road now runs
near my son John's upper line and also the present Road from
my son Powell's little mill to the same be appropriated and

set apart for a road for the common use of all such as may hereafter may be proprietors of my said Water Lanes as an outlet to the McCray Ferry Road the same to be completely and kept in repair by the joint labor of the proprietors of the said Lanes for the time being with privilege at all times to take such convenient wood cuttings or other materials as may be necessary for constructing or keeping the same in proper repair. 5th I will and devise all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal not disposed of in my said said will or this Codicil after the payment of my just debts to my said wife Mary who is to enjoy the use profit and interest thereof for and during the term of her natural life and at her decease the whole to be equally divided among all my children share and share alike the issue of such as may be dead representing the share their parents would have taken if living to them and their heirs for ever 6th I hereby revoke and annul all such claims or parts of claims as are repugnant to the true intent and meaning of the claims contained in this Codicil, 7th It is my will and desire and I do direct that each and every of the devisees under my said Will and this Codicil or or their representatives be authorized and empowered to purchase and hold at public or private sale any part of the lands negroes or other property devised in my said Will or this Codicil any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sixth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty four and in the forty ninth year of American Independence Signed and sealed by Duncan McKa Esq^r in the presence of us who have at his request subscribed the same at Witnessed the marriage Duncan McKa Esq^r and also the present road from my son Pamela's settlement to the same being first inserted between the second line from the top of this page.

James C. Esq^r John Taylor Abraham DeLeon

The State of South Carolina

I David Schrock Judge of the Court of Ordinary of and for the District of Kershaw in the State of South Carolina do hereby certify publish and declare unto all whom it may concern that the foregoing is a true copy of the Last Will and Testament of Duncan McKa Esq^r deceased as proved and filed in the Office of the said Court of Ordinary on the twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty four. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court of Ordinary at Camden this first day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty four and in the forty ninth year

of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of
America

David, Schrock
Recorded the 1st day of June 1847
Thos. H. Hamer Clerk

MARY McRA: Will

In the name of God, amen I Mary McKa relict of the late Duncan
McKra in the Town of Camden in the State of South Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but sensible of the uncertainty of
human life, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner following that is to say Whereas by the Eighth Clause
of the will of the late Duncan McKra I am invested with a life
Estate in the Dwelling House in Camden and all the lands adjac-
ing thereto all the Plate Kitchen and House hold Furniture,
Carriages and Carriage Horses left by the said Duncan McKra,
at his death decedent, to gether with sundrey Slaves in the said
Clause mentioned with their increase, with full power to devise
and bequeath the same to such of the heirs of my body as I may think
proper and whereas I have a similar power over certain Slaves
and their increase mentioned in a deed of Trust by my late Father
John McKra dated May 6th 1790 and whereas also I have ac-
quired a number of Slaves and other personally in absolute
right since the death of my late husband as well as some real Estate
Now in possession of pursuance of power vested in me by
the Will and deed afore said and by virtue of my absolute right
of disposition of all the Estate acquired by me during my widow-
hood I give devise and bequeath the same as follows to wit
I give to my Daughter Isabel Beata McKra, to her and her heirs
for ever, I give devise and bequeath the real & Personal property
following viz The Dwelling House aforesaid in the Town of
Camden with all the lands thereto attached at the death of Duncan
McKra to gether with such as I have since purchased Estate
on the same square, the furniture left at my decease in
the drawing Room in the Dining Room in the middle Room
in the small drawing Room (South East side) and in my own
Chamber in the said Camden House Eighteen Silver Spoons
left by Duncan McKra the knives & forks with their cases
in the Dining Room and all the silver spoons which I have
purchased since the death of my late husband, a piano the
my large mahogany bed stood with the bed mattress bedding
& new curtains thereto attached, One large Marselles Quilt
one Quilted Quilt three pair of Linen Sheets three dam-
ask Table Cloths one of them of the largest size, my
set of white Table Chemise, my set of white & green