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America

David, Schrock
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MARY McRA: Will

In the name of God, amen I Mary McKa relict of the late Duncan
McKa 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 McKa 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 McKa,
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 Edmund 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 McKa, 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
McKa 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 McKa 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

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Gold Tea China, and my set of white Breakfast China; Two-
large flowered ewers one pair of Castles Coffee pot one
Teapot, Soup bowl; water pitcher all of real plate; my plate cake
baskets a pair of branches, one pair of large and one pair of small candle
sticks, my snookery & sitting room table the property of her father, my best
carriage & best pair of horses Carriage wheels, all my kitchen & wash house
furniture, Also the following articles of furniture in the House on the West side
of the Water River viz the set of Dining Table & Tea Table one sideboard
brass drawers a set of Castles & salt cellar, and a set of Blue Table China.
Second to my said daughter Isabella Scotta McCla, for and during the
term of her natural life only, and from and immediately after her death to
her children living at the time of her death, I give and bequeath the following
mailed slaves and their increase present and future viz the yellow woman
Maria, Bob her husband & Robert his son Bennett and her children Betty
and Betty children Ellen & Mary Allen, Benjamin, John and Joseph;
Rose and her son Thomas; Fortmore Martha Lucretia and her child
Vicy, Isaac, Mary Argyle, Ann, & Fortmore, grand children of,
old Fortmore old Lucy, and old Venus, and their descendants, to wit
Celia Daniel & his wife Luda & their child Charity, young Amer-
Mary, Baccus, Claudor, Jim, Lily little Baccus Jane & Mary
Lily Anna Peggy little Jones Paddy and Sally being some of the
negroes received from the Estate of my sister Habet, and in case
my daughter Isabella Scotta should die leaving no child or grand
child living at the time of her death I hereby invest her with
full power and authority notwithstanding her coverture with
pair of the slaves and their increase in this clause mentioned either
by deed or by Will in such manner and to such persons as she may
think proper but in default of my said daughter living such child or
grand child as aforesaid and in default of my said daughter
of any appoint ment or disposition by her in manner as aforesaid
and in that case it is my will and direction that all the said
slaves and their increase shall be equally divided between
my daughters surviving the said Isabella Scotta each to take the
share for life only with remainder to her children living at
the time of her death provided that the children (or child as the case
may be) shall be entitled to & take the share to which their mother
was or would be entitled. Third I give and bequeath
to my daughter Margaret Rebecca Whittaker, for and during the
term of her natural life only and from and immediately after
her death to her children living at the time of her death
my yellow woman Lenny and her increase present &
future, also the following slaves purchased of Mr Johnson
viz. Caty & her children, but should my daughter Margaret
Rebecca, die leaving no child or grand child
living at the time of her death then the said slaves
and their increase in this clause mentioned shall be

Equally divided among my other Daughters then living each taking
her share for life with remainder to the issue of her body living
at the time of her death; provided that the children or child as the
case may be, of a deceased daughter shall take the share to which
their mother would if living be entitled. Fourth to my
Daughter Mary Lang to her and her heirs for ever I give and
bequeath ratify and confirm the gift heretofore made to her
of Nancy & Henry & her children with their in estate
present and future Fifth to my Daughter Harriet Brown to
her and her heirs for ever I give bequeath ratify and confirm
the gift heretofore made to her of the negro called Pit and
her her children with their in estate present and future —
Sixth I direct my ~~executors~~ executor to cause as soon as may be
after my death three discreet and impartial persons to divide all
the slaves not herein specifically bequeathed however acquired
by me over which I have the power of disposition by will into
five parcels of equal Value nearly as may be practicable
and to each of my five daughters Mary Lang Sarah Lang Har-
riet Brown, Margaret Rebecca Whitaker and Isabella
Scala nee A, to give and bequeath one of said parcels
of slaves to her sole and separate use for and during the term
of her natural life only, to be in no wise subject to the
debts Contracts liabilities or or disposition of her husband
and from and immediately after decease to her children
living at the time of her death, share and share alike to them
and their heirs for ever and in default of such children,
to such person or persons as she may with standing her
Coverture shall by deed or will with which power
of appointment she is in such case hereby invested but
in default of such children living at the time of her death and of
such appointment as aforesaid her share of said slaves shall
be equally divided among her sisters her surviving who
shall take each her her interest, on the terms subject to the
conditions and powers as herein provided in respect to her origi-
nal share devised under this clause provided that the Chil-
dren (or child) of any deceased daughter living at the time my
Estate in remainder may accrue shall take the share to
which their mother would if living be entitled, all the
Bank Stock of which I may die seized and possessed shall
be divided among my five daughters equally and subject to
all the limitations restrictions remain and ever and forever
provided in this clause of my Will respecting the slaves
Seventh To Saml Lang son of Thomas Lang
I give and bequeath my Mahogany Desk late
the property of his Grand father Chesnut,
Eighth To my Daughter, Margaret Rebecca

Whitaker I give & bequeath my set of blue China in the
Camden House with for each of my grand daughters
named Mary who may be living at the time of my death
I direct my executor to purchase such negro girl as may
be selected by her parent the payment for such purchase shall
be made with in one year from my death if there be funds in
money by the sale of a current crop or from in some sufficient
for that purpose, but if not the eldest grand daughter upon
said shall be first provided with her legacy, and so on
in succession of ages, the Bill of sale be first taken in the
name of the legatee and she shall hold the said negro girl and her
in crease to her sole separate use for and during ~~her natural~~
life the term of her natural life in no wise subject to the debts
Contract liabilities or disposition of her husband either power to
dis pose of the same notwithstanding Conventure by deed by
deed or will I give and bequeath the said negro girl and her
increase to the to the issue of the body of said grand daughter
who may be living at the time of her death and in default of
them to each of my grand daughters named Mary as may be liv-
ing at the time of her death. Twelfth To my daughter
Abigail I do give and her heirs for ever I give and devise
the House I am now engaged in building in the land hills
with the premises and appurtenances there unto attached and belong-
ing and if the same be not completed during my life I author-
ize her to take from my Estate such sum and dollars as may be
be necessary to the completion of the house
and out building on the site and upon the plan now
adopted. Thirteenth The rest and residue of my personal
not here in specifically bequeathed I devise my executor
to divide in to five parcels as nearly as may be of equal
value and to each of my five daughters before named I
give absolutely such parcel as may be assigned to her
by lot. Fourteenth No legacy or devise to either of my
daughters who may die in my life time having issue
of her body shall lapse by reason of such death but the
issue shall take the Estate limited to them or where
there is no such limitation shall take the estate given
to their mother so dying in my life time. Fifteenth
All the rest and residue of Estate of which description
whether now in possession or here after to be acquired
of which I die seized and possessed or be entitled unto
I give devise and bequeath unto my said five daughters
Sharon and Sharon alike to them and their heirs for ever
intending however that the Children of my deceased
daughters shall take the share of their mother should
I survive her.

Finally I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
beloved daughter Isabel Scott McKee Executrix of this
my last will and Testament hereby revoking every former
will by me made. In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand & seal this Twenty third day of June in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and Forty.

Mary McKee (laid)

Signed sealed, declared & published as and for the last will
& Testament of the Testatrix in the presence of us who at the request
of the testatrix in her presence & in presence of each other sub-
scribed our names as witnesses to the due execution thereof of
S. J. Withers C. Matheson & S. Moffat 3

Whereas I Mary McKee (Widow of the late Saml McKee)
in the Town of Camden in the State of South Carolina have
made and executed my last will and Testament bearing date the
Twenty third day of June eighteen hundred and forty. Now
I declare this present writing (writing) to be a Codicil to my said
Will, to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and do hereby
alter my Will in manner following to wit. First to my daughter
Harriet C. Brewster for and during the term of her natural life only
and from and immediately after her decease to the heirs of her Body
living at the time of her death to be equally divided between them share
and share alike I give and bequeath the negroes lately purchased
by me at the sale of the Estate of the late Doctor A. Barrow, to wit
Peggy Dany Sally Richard Mary & her child Nancy and the future
increase of the females thereof and the slaves hereby bequeathed to
her shall be estimated and taken to be part of the equal share of fifth
parcel directed to be apportioned to her as one of my five daughters
in the sixth Clause of my said will their value to be ascertained
at the time of my death - Second To my daughter Margaret
R. Whitaker for and during the term of her natural life only
(hereby intending) to create in her a life Estate merely I
give and devise the Plantation on the West side of the Wateree River
now occupied by her husband John Whitaker and from and imme-
diately after his decease I give and devise the plantation aforesaid
to such heirs of her body as may be living at the time of her
death as tenants in common hereby intending that any family
of Grand Children of my said daughter who may be living at
her death and surviving her parents shall take among them
the share to which such parent should have been entitled
if then alive. Third To my daughter Isabel Scott McKee
I give and bequeath in addition to the slaves bequeathed
to her in my said Will the following (To wit) Moses (my)
coachman to be received by her on the terms and subject
to the limitation provided in relation to the said slaves.
Also I give to my said daughter Isabel Scott

to her heirs & assigns for ever One Hun and of the Share I now own
in the Bank of Camden South Carolina Also four Silver Dollars
and Cents Fourth the remainder of the Shares I now own
in the Bank of Camden South Carolina I direct to be divided
in to four equal parts One part whereof I direct to be assigned
and I give and bequeath the same to my daughter Isobel Costa
-wether to her heirs and assigns for ever to each of my daughters
Mary Sarah Lang & Harriet C. Bernard I give and bequeath
an equal or fourth of the said remaining shares for and during
the term of her natural life only to her sole and separate use & profit
from the debts contracts and control of her husband and from and
immediately after her decease I give and bequeath each fourth
part to the heirs of her body living at the time of her death share and
share alike absolutely the children of any deceased child to take
among them the share to which part their parent would be entitled
-that is nine and as a further equivalent to my said four daughters
-ughters for the annuities made to Margaret R. Whitaker trust
to Isobel Costa Mary Sarah and Harriet C. Bernard that One
Thousand Dollars be paid to each as soon as may be after my
decease to be raised out of any of my property not specifically
bequeathed to be received & held by Isobel Costa absolutely then
by each of my other three daughters on the terms limited and
and remainder over specified in this clause in respect
to the Bank shares bequeathed to them All after Bank
shares that I may hereafter acquire I charge in the first place
with the payment of all my debts and if any shall remain
after such payment of my debts I direct the same to be equally
-ally divided among my four daughters Margaret R. Mary
Sarah Harriet C. and Isobel Costa to be received and
held by each for life only subject to the terms limited
-tions restrictions and remainder over in this clause as respects
the children of my deceased daughter taking by the last
representatives In case I should not hereafter acquire
estate sufficient to pay any or all debts payable by me
at my death then I hereby charge upon each Legacy be-
queathed to my daughters in my said Will and in this Codicil
an equal contribution for and to make their total
extinguishment — And I hereby confirm my said
-will in every particular thereof that is not herein alter-
-ed and revoked In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this fourth day of March Eighteen
Hundred and for by two Mary M. Ella (Sister)
Signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix
as and for a codicil to her last will and Testament in pres-
-ence of us who in her presence in the presence of each other subscribed
our names there to as witnesses James C. Burnett Sr & William
J. Williams

Wth State of South Carolina Whereas I Mary McKa Widow
Kershaw District of Sumner McKa of Sumner
in the District of State aforesaid have made and duly
executed my last will and Testament in Writing bearing date
the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand
and Eight Hundred and Forty and have also made and
duly executed a last Codicil to my said will bearing date
the fourth day of March Eighteen Hundred and forty two
and have in the said will given and bequeathed (among other
things) Two certain Slaves named Robert and Rob to my daughter
Isabel Scata McKa and whereas the said Slaves Robert and Rob
have and since the execution of said will have instead of
of the said Slaves so bequeathed hereby given and bequeathed to my
said daughter Isabel Scata McKa the following named Slaves
(in addition) to all other bequests in her behalf to wit
Daniel a Blacksmith and Loney his Brother and I declare
this present writing to be a second Codicil to my said last will
and Testament and to be annexed to and taken as a part thereof
and I hereby confirm my said will and said last Codicil
there to, in every particular thereof that is not hereby altered
In Witness Whereof I have written this Codicil set my hand and
seal the seventeenth day of December in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two

Mary McKa
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as
a second Codicil to her last will and Testament in the presence
of us who in her presence & in presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting
Witnesses there to Jas. Edmund W. L. Grant J. Matthews
South Carolina In the Court of Ordinary of the
Kershaw District; Baskin Judge of the Court of Ordinary
I hereby certify unto all persons whom it may concern
that the three sheets of paper here to annexed contains a
true copy of the last will and Testament also two Codicils
of Mary McKa deceased, now on file in my office
and Records in Record Book of Wills pages from 36 to
45 in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of my office
Ordinary's office January 25th 1843

Jas W. Baskin
O. R. D.
Recorded the 18th day of June 1843
Thos. H. Rimer Secy