

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Alexander McKee 1798

In the name of God Amen.

I **ALEXANDER MCKEE** of the county of Mecklenburg in state of North Carolina and Providence settlement being weak in and sick in body but of sound memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and thinking it being probable that it may please God to remove me from this present world by this "indisposition" thinks proper to give and dispose of the property of which it has pleased God to possess me with at this time in the manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be all lawfully discharged.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my four Sons viz **JOHN, ALEXANDER, WILLIAM, and THOMAS** that tract of land I purchased of William Barr to be divided equally amongst them when of age.

ITEM it is my desire that venue be made by my executor as soon as convenient after my decease and my wagon and the two horses I had of **JOHN PATTERSON** sold the remainder of my movable property and stock to be Christ and if not taken by my ears at the appraisement to be vended and the monies arising from it to be divided in the manner which shall be Hereafter mentioned.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my grandson **ALEXANDER HODGE** son to **JOHN HODGE** the sum of twenty dollars to be paid as soon as convenient by my executor and to be put to interest for his use.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH** wife of **WILLIAM HALL** the sum of five shillings North Carolina currency to be paid as soon as convenient after my decease & c.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **KATTEY [CATHERINE MCKEE]** wife to **JOHN HODGE** the sum of five shillings North Carolina currency to be paid as soon as convenient by my executor.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **MARY** wife of **JOHN GREER** the sum of 5 shillings North Carolina currency to be paid as soon as convenient.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **JEAN** wife to **WILLIAM GRAHAM** five shillings [illegible]

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **KISSEY** one young bay mare three years old my own raising and her saddle.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH** one horse greater to be paid to the estate by **JOHN PATTERSON** against September first.

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ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter **RUTH** one horse greater to be paid to the estate by **JOHN PATTERSON** against September and to be sold and the money put to interest until she is of age.

The remainder of the money arising from the estate after the above debt is discharged is to be divided equally amongst my seven children now living with me, viz: **JOHN, KISSEY, ELIZABETH, ALEXANDER, RUTH, WILLIAM, and THOMAS**, excepting the debt which is paid and all that the estate will be charged with to **ROBERT OSBURN** which shall be taken off **JOHN's** part of the money.

LASTLY I do hereby constitute and appoint **JOHN HODGE** and **JOHN PATTERSON** my lawful executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and this annoying all other wills and Testaments heretofore made by me formerly and confirm this and no other.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of March 1798.

ALEXANDER MCKEE {seal, his A mark}

Signed, sealed, pronounced, and declared in presence of:

JAMES CURREY {his 2 mark}

ADAM ORMAND

ALESE HODGE

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Last will of

ALEXANDER MCKEE

deceased

Registered in book B page 77

April term 1798