

Will, SC, Greenville, Vardry McBee 1859

State of South Carolina
Greenville District
Village of Greenville

I **VARDRY MCBEE** of the state district in village of four said make this my will and testament.

Item first I will that all my just debts be paid that if my most affectionate wife **JANE** survived me that she remain and reside and our possession of the house and residence that we know occupy and to be supported out of my estate and to have such servant or servants to wait on her as may be necessary and that she have an of my estate in eighteen months after my death two thousand dollars at her own disposal.

My oldest child now living **MELINDA** I do not think will ever marry and am certain cannot have issue and I think and xxx that she has quite a competency of her own estate for a decent maintenance during her life, but I will that my executors within eighteen months after my death pay over to her \$500.

I have paid and advanced larger amounts to my son **LUTHER**, who is deceased, before, and since his death I hereby relinquish those notes and charges I made to him, a title to the land & lot he lived on, and where his widow [**SUSAN BRANFORD MCCALL**] and children reside, and will him the land, or his children the land, called the Tiger land according to a division line between him and my son **PINKNEY**'s land, and that my executor make titles to his heirs.

My daughter [**MARTHA ADALINE MCBEE**], who is the wife of **TENCH CARSON**. I will \$500 and nothing more, having made larger advances to **TENCH CARSON** and have notes and charges to a large amount which I hereby relinquish.

I will to my son **PINKNEY** the Tiger land that he has been occupying several years according to dividing line made and now I think by himself, between him and **LUTHER**, his being the lower end of the Tiger land.

I will all the entire balance of my estate I will and bequeath to my three living sons **VARDRY MCBEE** of North Carolina, **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE**, and **ALEXANDER MCBEE** to be equally divided amongst the three taking into consideration and valuation the amounts that I made to **VARDRY** and **PINKNEY** and making reasonable and the same time xxx allowances to **ALEXANDER** for his services & help two me, and nothing was particular given off to him.

My opinion of all of them is that they have that kind of equitable and liral principles that they can make a friend & satisfactory division amongst themselves, but if there should be any differences of opinion not to advise or go to a lawyer but merely, mutually call on some good sensible man to advise & settle the difference.

That at my death it is my desire to be buried in a plain, decent, humble, and Christian like manner according avoiding pride or arrogance.

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And lastly I do hereby nominate my much esteemed and I hope prudent sons
VARDRY A. MCBEE, WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE, and **ALEXANDER MCBEE** my whole and sole
executors to this my last will and testament this 6th day of September 1859.

In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and seal and signed by myself
of my own accord.

VARDRY MCBEE {seal}

Acknowledged in presence of

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH

T. B. ROBERTS

A. R. MCDAVID

E. G. ROBERTS

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Codicil to the above will

Since writing the above will I have I have decided and hereby reserve the minimal interest if all the tiger land that was xxx intended for **LUTHER** and **PINKNEY** to belong to my estate as I am here in my consideration have in my consideration with **LUTHER** and **PINKNEY** xxx I should do so.

In witness my hand and seal this 15th day of April 1860.

VARDRY MCBEE {seal}

Acknowledged before

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH

T. B. ROBERTS

A. R. MCDAVID

E. G. ROBERTS

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Codicil to the last will and testament of **VARDRY MCBEE**

This is to testify that I have as here by change the clause of my will according to the heirs of **LUTHER MCBEE** the tract of land known as the upper part of the Tiger land and in its stead do here by Will the sum of four thousand dollars to the said Heirs of **LUTHER MCBEE**. It is my will desire the said four thousand dollars be paid within the month of January, 1863.

In consideration of the foregoing change I have affixed my hand and seal in the presence of the following Witnesses in the 5th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1861.

VARDRY MCBEE

Witness

J. P. POOL

W. T. TAFF

WILLIAM SAXON

SAMUEL STRADLEY JUNIOR

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Third Codicil of the last will and testament of **VARDRY MCBEE**

I **VARDRY MCBEE** do hereby make published and declare this third Codicil to my last will and testament.

In my said last will and testament I bequeathed and devised the balance or residue of my estate to be equally divided between three sons **VARDRY A. MCBEE**, **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE** and **ALEXANDER MCBEE** upon certain conditions therein stated and since that Will was executed one of my said sons, namely **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE** has died leaving a widow and children, and, I do therefore hereby give, bequeath, and device to the said Widow and Children of the said **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE** deceased and his heirs at law are the share and interest in the said residue and balance of my estate which was as bequeathed and devised to the said **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE** in his lifetime, the same to be devised amongst the said Widow and children of said **WILLIAM PINKNEY MCBEE**, deceased, according to the statute of divisions of the state and is one third part thereof to the said Widow and the remaining equally amongst the said children.

And I hereby instruct my executors **VARDRY A. MCBEE** and **ALEXANDER MCBEE** that in making the division of the said residue and balance of my estate they shall conform to the same conditions and principles as are provided for the same in and by the last will and testament.

In witness whereof I hereby set my hand and seal this 5th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

VARDRY MCBEE {seal}

Executed in presence

THOMAS B. ROBERTS
A. R. MCDAVID
C. J. ELFORD