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In the name of God, Amen.

I Archibald Mac Neill of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, now considering myself frail in body, tho' of perfect mind & memory, & well knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will & Testament. I resign my soul to its Creator in all humble hope of its future happiness, as in the disposal of a Being infinitely good. As to my body, my will is, that it be decently buried beside my spouse in our old burying place. Thereby make & appoint my son in law John McNeill & my son Neil Mac Neill Executors, or which ever of the two survives the other sole Executor, of this my last Will & Testament. As to my worldly Estate I dispose thereof as follows.

I give & bequeath to my son John & his wife, during their life time, the plantation now occupied by them; & after their decease, if no lawful heirs of John's own body survive him or his wife, I order said plantation to be the property of my son Donald & his heirs. I also bequeath to said John & his wife, during their life time, two negroes named Tella & Nell, & after their death, if said negroes survive them, I order & devise said negroes with their issue to be given up to my daughter Margaret Mac Neill & her heirs.

Item. I give & devise to my son Donald three hundred & twenty three acres of land, more or less, lying in Chatham County, near the mouth of the Neuse; also a tract or parcel of land lying on McNeills Creek in this County. But in case my son Donald nor any of his heirs in Nova Scotia should never come to claim the said plantations, I order the said plantations to be equally divided betwixt my son Hector's son (Donald), & my

Grandson

grandson John Mac Neill's son, also named Donald.
Item. I give & bequeath to my son Hector one hundred
acres joining his land on Trantrum's creek; & one hundred
& fifty acres on said creek, known by the name of "The
Black Smith's old field". I also bequeath to him two
negroe fellows, named Will & Bacchus junior.

Item. I give & devise to my daughter Margaret M.
Neill a negroe wench named Janar together with her
children; & another negroe wench named Bett. & also
two negroe fellows named Virgil & Angus; - I likewise
give & devise to her, during her life time, two hundred
acres of land on the north east side of Cape Fear river
below the ferry commonly known by the name of "Shaw's
ferry"; & after her decease I order said two hundred acres
of land to be the property of my son Neil & his lawful heirs.

Item. I give & devise to her son Donald the plantation
on Jones's creek & the lands adjoining it now my property.

Item. I bequeath to her son Andrew a plantation in Moore
County, known by the name of "Hurd's old fields"; & in
Cumberland County, one hundred acres survey known
by the name of "Cofton's island", also a parcel of land in
the fork of Anderson's creek, known by the name of "Hodge's survey".

Item. I give & devise to my son Neil the ferry lands
containing four hundred & forty acres; - the lands bought
from James Patterson, & all the lands belonging to me
on the waters of lower little river; - also two negroe fel-
lows named Charles & Cepid; - & the four negroe wenches
named Judith, Nan, Fanny & Flora. Item I give & devise
to his daughter Janet the little negroe wench named Abeth.

Item. I give & devise to my grand daughter Janet Shaw
the negroe girl, named Judith; - after said Janet's death,
I order the negroe girl Judith & her issue to be equally
divided among the lawful heirs of S. Janet's own body.

Item, I give & bequeath to my grand son John Mac Neill,
John Sheribly's son, one hundred acres of land, more or less,
lying on the Bear branch, commonly known by the name of
"Peggy Black's old field" & likewise another piece of land close

to it, known by the name of Things school house.

Item, I give & devise to my two grand children, Donald Hector's son, & to Lachlan, Neil's son, to be equally divided between them a lot in the town of Fayette ville.

Item, I bequeath to my son, Hector, two hundred & fifty acres on the flat lands from the meadow to the old place; also two hundred & fifty acres joining the old survey that was the property of the late Mac Neill, also one hundred & fifty acres on the blue branch & Troutum's Creek; likewise fifty acres lying between the old lands of ^{Neil} Hay & Mac Neill.

Item, I give & devise to my grandson John Mac Neill two hundred acres on Stewart's Creek.

Item, I give & devise to my ~~grand~~ son, John, ~~Mac Neill~~, two hundred acres on Anderson's Creek joining the old place; ~~also~~ fifty acres on the rocky ford, Harver's Creek. I bequeath to my son John

Item, I give & devise to my son, Neil the plantation I bought from Robert Mac Kay & my lands adjoining.

Item, I give & devise to my grand daughters, Malcolm's children, Janet, Flora, & Isabel five shillings sterling each.

Item, I bequeath for my son Donald twenty milch cows out of my stock to be sold, & the money to be put to interest for the benefit of Donald & his heirs.

Item, I bequeath to my son Neil's daughter, Janet, my flock of sheep.

Item, I give & devise to my son, Neil, the remainder of my stock of cattle & wild horses, on condition he will not interfere with my son Hector's stock; & also my stock of hogs; also a still to be equally between Neil & my grand son Arch. John Sheribly's son. The rest of my house hold furniture & worldly property I give & devise to my son Neil, in hopes he will make good use of it.

If my daughter Margaret should, in a short time
after this, ~~be~~ taken away by death, I order that
her children, while they keep together, be allowed
by my son Neil to live at Sprawl's Camp
on Thornton's Creek. I also order that she, during
her life time, remain on the place where she & her
family now live.

This my last Will & Testament written this
17th of April, A.D. 1801 & signed in presence of
the Rev. Angus Macdiarmid & Hector MacNeil
both living on Little River.

Neil MacNeil

Angus Macdiarmid witness.

Hector MacNeil witness.

March Term 1822.

Hub. St. Hill

filed in under month

filed at March Term
1822. V. Adams to be
Rec'd in a
bills minutes

Rec'd in Book B.

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Geo. Conway

1801

The last Will &
Testament
of
Richard Mac Vic

Whereas, the will of Archibald McNeill was offered
for probate in this court, many years since, &
which was contested & an issue of "deviseavit
vel non" made up agreeably to law, &
whereas, there was an appeal taken from
the decision, here, to the Superior Court;
& whereas, on the trial of the issue in
the ~~said~~ said Sup. Court, ~~the same~~ it was
legally established as the last will &
testament of the said Archibald McNeill
& ordered to be, there, recorded, & then
to be transmitted to this court for
record; It is, therefore, ordered, ~~upon~~
that said will, being now produced,
be recorded in this court, & filed among
the records of the same, agreeably
to law. —

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