

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

ABSTRACTS OF EARLY WILLS

1763-1790 (1749-1790)

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William McCord, £ 20; to John McCord, son of the above Robert McCord, £ 30; to John McCord, son of John McCord, Junr., £ 5; to John Moore son of Garon (?) Moore, £ 10; to Mary Ritchey, daughter of John Ritchey, £ 10; to Agness Kennedy daughter of David Kennedy, £ 3; to Isabella Diller(?) my wifes sisters daughter, £ 10 she living in Kentuck; friends Robert Allison, & John McRee, exrs... 11 Sept 1786 John McCord (Seal)

Wit: William Huston, Jurat

Mary Huston

N. B. my negro man Dublin shall not be sold, but shall remain in my wifes possession....

Will Book B, pp. 127-128 C. R. 065.801.20

Will of ANDREW McCORKLE of Mecklenburg County, being very sick & weak...to wife Eleanor one Brown mare branded SH, one bed & bed clothes, spinning wheel, one cow & calf, the half of the household furniture, ; to my daughter Jane, one bed & bedding, the other half of the household furniture, one cow & calf; to my two sons Robert & James, my plantation that I now live on to be equally divided between them, reserving to wife her living her widowhood off the same plantation...John Wilson, James McCorkle, & wife Eleanor, exrs...6 Nov 1781 Andrew McCorkle (Seal)

Wit: John Nutt

William McMorry

Will Book B, pp. 121-122 C. R. 065.801.20

Will of DENNIS McCORMICK, in the County of Mecklenburg, being very sick & weak, 25 Feb 1782...to my well beloved wife a bay mare, two cows, a bed & furniture; my books shall be equally divided amongst my legatees & my wife shall have her maintenance off the land whilst she remains my widow; to my son Robert the one half of the land I now live on; to my daughter Agness my bald faced forse & a saddle, three cows, a bed; to daughter Mary a bald faced mare & saddle, two cows, a bed; to my daughter Jannet a black mare & three cows; to daughter Rebecca a young black colt & four cows; to son John the half of the land I now live on; friends Francis Moore & Hugh Herron, exrs...

Wit: Joseph Swann

Dennis McCormick (Seal)

John Porter

Joseph Ferres

Will Book B, pp. 62-63 C. R. 065.801.20

Will of JOHN McCUTCHEN of Mecklenburg County, being weak in body, 26 Sept 1785...my executors do pay to my deceased brother Hugh McCutchins daughter Catty in Pensylvania a young negro, or £ 100 current money of NC, the choice to be optional with the legatee; to wife Jane McCutchin to have as compratble(?) genteel living off the plantation whereon I now live as it will admit, a negro Elick and negro woman Matilda, two feather beds, etc.; after my wifes decease to my brother James McCutchin (who I expect is living in the Kingdom of Ireland), the tract of land whereon I now live containing 300 acres, also a negro boy Mash; if he comes to American then to be divided among my surviving children; to wife 100 acres adj. Mr. Hanford & Mr. Millican; my wife now being in the situation or pregnancy if it please God to have a safe deliverance & the child lives to the age of maturity & it is a male child, I allow him the two thirds of my clear estate & the remaining one third to my daughter Hannah McCutchin; Majr. Thomas Harris & James Harris both of Mecklenburg Co., NC, with David Gordon of York County, South Carolina, exrs...

Wit: Nat Mentieth

John McCutchin (Seal)

Richard Powell

Francis Gordon

Will Book B, pp. 70-72 C. R. 065.801.20
Codicil: four new negroes to be sent to George Selby in Charleston; one negro to be sent to Robert Harper of Charleston.
Wit: Margaret Harris
Francis Gordon
Richard Powel March 1786

Will of WILLIAM McDOWELL of Mecklenburg County, 24th Nov 1780... to wife Hester McDowell, the privilege of having her maintenance or living off my plantation whereon I now live, furniture, etc; the said plantation wholly and solely to my daughter Dorothy McDowell, at the age of 18 years; to my eldest daughter Margaret McDowell, £ 60 in Gold or Silver at former rates viz Pistoles at s 30 and dollars at s 8; to my daughter Jane Herron, £ 10 currency; to my daughter Sarah Hilliss, £ 10 currency; to my son in law Robert Hilliss husband of my daughter Sarah Hilliss, my best suit of wearing apparel; to my daughter Hester McDowell, a horse, saddle & bridle & also a bed & furniture, & also clothing; wife Hester McDowell, exrs. & friend John McDale (formerly brother in law to the late David Reed decd), Exrs.
Wit: Will Reed William McDowell (Seal)
Phineas Alexander
Robert McDowell, Jurat Proved January 1782
Will Book B, pp. 61-62

Will of ROBERT McDOWELL of Mecklenburg County, being very sick & weak in body; to wife Margret the third of the moveable estate & third part of the estate her lifetime; my exrs Joseph Rogers & Archibald Houston & Andrew Shields to settle all my affairs; to my son David, £ 50; to my son Thomas s 20; to my daughter Margaret Thompson, s 20; remainder to be equally divided among my children & grand children now to be named William McDowell, my son; my son James McDowall & my daughter Jane Robinson & my granddaughter Margaret Thompson, 10 Oct 1770
Wit: William McDowell (D) Robert McDowell (Seal)
Esther McDowell (C)
John Patterson Jany Sessn 1771
Will Book B, p. 47 C. R. 065.801.20

Will of ROBERT MCGOUGH of Mecklenburg County, weak in body...to my wife for the term of her widowhood the house wherein I now dwell & fifty acres of land including the improvements, and after her death or marriage to my sons John & Robert with my other lands adj. said improvements; the rest of my estate divided amongst the rest of my children that is not provided for, to wit, John, Isabella, William & Sarah as they come of age; to my daughter Mary Sharpe, £ 20 which her husband John Sharpe is indebted to me by promise; my wife Extx & son in law John Sharpe & John Jack, exrs...29 Oct 1778
Wit: John McGough Robert McGough (Seal)
John Jack
Will Book B, pp. 57-58 C. R. 065.801.21

Will of JAMES MCGUIN, being weak of body...to my wife Elizabeth one feather bed & furniture, her saddle & the whole of all my moveable estate after my debts are paid, & the privilege of living on & enjoying this plantation on which I now live untill my son Thomas arrives at the age of 21; to my son Thomas, 1/2 of the plantation whereon I now live; to son John, when he arrives at the age of 21, the other half; I have good reason to believe that my wife Elizabeth is now pregnant, & if it arrives to the age of 21 years if a son, my two sons to pay 1/3 of whatever sum the said plantation may be valued, but if a daughter they pay

Will of ROBERT ORR of Mecklenburg County, being sick of body... to wife Jean, one horse, saddle & bridle, one furnished bed, furniture, and a child's part of all my personal estate, also my dwelling house and a comfortable living out of my estate, while she remains a widow, it is my will that my family live all together & not scatter & each one until married shall have equal right to all benefits arising from my plantation, clothing & schooling until the year 1802 & as much longer as my exrs. see necessary; to my sons Alexander & John the whole of my lands... to my wife and six daughters viz Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, Jean, Rebecca & Agness, the whole of my personal estate... 17 March 1790
Robert Orr (Seal)

Wit: Daniel Carns
John Lethem
Samuel Lethem Proved October Sessn 1791
Will Book E, pp. 51-52 C. R. 065.801.22

Will of CHRISTOPHER OSBORN, farmer, freeholder in Mecklenburg County, being sick & weakly in body... to wife Sarah Osborn, the plantation I now live on with all instruments, cows, etc.; to my daughter Mary Polk, five pounds in Money; to daughter Rebecca Powell, £ 5; to daughter Assenia Howell, £ 5; to daughter Ferre(?) Osborn, £ 20; to daughter Caty Osborn, £ 20; to daughter Lydia £ 20; to daughter Milly Osborn, £ 20; to daughter Elizabeth Osborn, £ 20; to son Jonathan Osborn, the plantation Frederick Kerlock now lives on & negro man Ned & horse named Dick, take notice the above plantation hath two deeds; to my well beloved son Christopher Osborn, all land to me deeded and granted; as I believe that my wife is pregnant my will that if a male & arrive to the age of 21, the child is to be schooled and shall have £ 100. pd. by my son Christopher Osborn; if female, £ 20 in money at age 18; to son Christopher, negro Bob; wife Sarah & son Jonathan, Exrs. 13 Dec 1788
Christopher Osborn (Seal)

Wit: Michael Garmon
Joseph Howell
Archibald White
Codicil 22 Jan 1789, wit by John Carothers, Adam Edger, and Archibald White.
Will Book E, pp. 49-51 C. R. 065.801.23

Will of THOMAS PARKER being weak of body... to my loving wife Eleanor Parker, £ 60 proc. money of NC in 18 months after my decease & a good feather bed & furniture; to my eldest son Isaiah Parker, £ 52 proc. money of NC in 18 months after my decease, a black horse six years old, a Rifle gun, plow irons, etc.... to my son Isaac Parker, £ 52 money of NC 18 months after my departure & one roan mare three years old; to my daughter Hannah Parker, £ 50 proc. money of NC as above; remainder to be divided between my two sons... friends Eleanor Parker my wife and Isaiah Parker my son, exrs... 4 July 1767
Thomas Parker (Seal)

Wit: Jemima Sharpe
James Clark
Alexander Lewis Proved January Sess 1771
Will Book F, pp. 27-28 (duplicate on pages 34 of same book)
C. R. 065.801.23

Will of CHARLES PATTERSON of Mecklenburg County, being very sick & weak in body... to wife Sarah, all my beds, bedsteads & clothes, & all the furniture thereunto belonging, etc.... to my friend Joseph Reed, my Brown suit of Clothes he paying the value of them to my exrs. for the use of my son John; to my beloved James Deason my Lead coloured breeches he paying nothing; the remainder of my apparel to my son John... wife Sarah Patterson, Joseph Reed &