

Will, NC, Cumberland, ARCHIBALD MCNEILL, 1801

In the name of God Amen.

**ARCHIBALD MCNEILL** of Cumberland County and state of North Carolina now considering myself frail of body tho of perfect mind and memory and well knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, make this my last will and 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. I there by make and appoint my son-in-law **JOHN MCNEILL** and my son **NEIL MCNEILL** executors or whichever survives the other sole executor of this my last will and testament.

As to my worldly a state I dispose thereof as follows:

I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN [MCNEILL]** and his wife, during their lifetime, the Plantation now occupied by them; and 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 [MCNEILL]** and his heirs. I also bequeath to said **JOHN** and his wife during their lifetime, two Negro wenches named **TILLA** and **NELL** and after their death if the said Negroes survive them, I order and devise said Negroes with their issue to be given up to my daughter **MARGARET MCNEILL** and her heirs.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **DONALD** 323 acres of land, more or less, lying in Chatham County, near the mouth of New Hope; also a tract or parcel of land lying on **MCTHAY**'s Creek in this County. But in case my son **DONALD**, nor any of his heirs in Nova Scotia, should ever come to claim the said plantations, I order the set plantations to be equally divided betwixt my son **HECTOR**'s son **DONALD** and my grandson **JOHN MCNEILL**'s son also named **DONALD**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **HECTOR [MCNEILL]** 100 acres joining his land on Trantrum's Creek; and 150 acres on said Creek known by the name of the Blacksmith's old field. I also bequeathed to him to Negro named **WILL** and **BACCKUS Jr.**

ITEM I give and devise to my daughter **MARGARET MCNEILL** ate Negro wench named **TEANAR** are together with her children; Negro wench named **BET**. And I also two Negro fellows named **VIRGIL** and **ANGUS**; I likewise give and devise to her, during her lifetime 200 acres of land on the north east side of Cape Fear River known by the name of Thrower Ferry and after her decease I order said 200 acres of land to be the property of my son **Neal** and his lawful heirs.

ITEM I bequeath to her son **ARCHIBALD** a plantation in more by the name of **HERD**'s old fields and in Cumberland County 100 acres survey known by the name of **LOFTON**'s Island, also a parcel of land in the fork of **ANDERSON**'s Creek known by the name of **HODGES**' survey.

ITEM I given defies on to my son **NEILL [MCNEILL]** the ferry lands containing 440 Acres; the lands bought from **JAMES PATTERSON** and all the lands belonging to me on the waters of Little River; also to Negro fellows named **CHARLES** and **CUPID** and the four Negro wenches named **JUDITH**, **NAN**, **FANNY**, and **FLORA**.

ITEM I give and devise to his daughter **JANET [MCNEILL] SHAW** Little Negro wench named **ABITH**.

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ITEM I give and devise to my granddaughter **JANET SHAW** the Negro girl named **JUDITH**.

ITEM after said **JANET**'s death I ordered the Negro girl **JUDITH** and her issue issue to be equally divided among the lawful heirs of said **JANET**'s own body.

Items I give and bequeath to my grandson **JOHN MCNEILL**, **JOHN SKARIBLY**'s son 100 acres of land more or less lying in the figure bear Branch commonly known by the name of **PEGGY BLACK**'s old field and likewise another piece of land close to it known by the name of Things Schoolhouse.

ITEM I give and devise to my two grandchildren **DONALD [MCNEILL]**, **HECTOR**'s son, and to **LACKLAND [MCNEILL]**, **NEIL**'s son, to be equally divided betwixt a lot in the town of Fayetteville.

ITEM I bequeath to my son **HECTOR** 250 Acres on the flat lands from the meadow to the old place; also 250 Acres joining see old survey that was the property of **ROGER MCNEILL**; also 150 acres on the Blue Branch and Trantrum's Creek likewise 50 acres lying between the old lands of **MCTHAY** and **MCNAIR**.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **JOHN** 200 Acres on Anderson's Creek joining the old place also 50 acres on the rooty ford, Carvers Creek, bequeathed to my son **JOHN**.

ITEM I give and devise to my son **NEIL** the plantation I bought from **ROBERT MACKAY** and my lands adjoining.

ITEM I give and devise to my granddaughters, **MALCOLM**'s **[MCNEILL]** children, **JANET [MCNEILL]**, **FLORA [MCNEILL]**, and **ISABEL [MCNEILL]** five Shillings Sterling each.

ITEM I bequeath to my son **DONALD** 20 milch cows out of my stock to be sold and to be put to interest for the benefit of **DONALD** and his heirs.

ITEM I bequeath to my son **NEIL**'s daughter, **JANET [MCNEILL]**, my flock of sheep.

I give and devise to my son **NEIL** the remainder of my stock of cattle and wild horses, on condition he will not interfere with my son **HECTOR**'s stock and also my stock of hogs; also he's still to be equally divided between **NEIL** and my grandson **ARCHIBALD [SKARIBLY]**, **JOHN SKARIBLY**'s son.

The rest of my household furniture and worldly property I give and devise to my son **NEIL**, and hopes he will make good use of it.

If my daughter **MARGARET [MCNEILL]** 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 **SPRAWLS**' Cowpens on Thornton Creek. I also order that she, during her lifetime, remain on the place where she and her family now live.

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This my last will and testament written this 17th of April, A. D. 1801 and signed in the presence of the Rev. **AGNES MACDIARMID** and **HECTOR MCNEILL** both living on Little River.

**ARCHIBALD MCNEILL** {seal}

**ANGUS MACDIARMID**  
**HECTOR MCNEILL**

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March term 1822

**ARCHIBALD MCNEILL**

Filed at March term

1822 and ordered to be recorded

Recorded in book B Page 75

Whereas, the will of **ARCHIBALD MCNEILL** was offered for probate in this court many years since which was contested and an issue of "devisavit vel non" made up agreeably to law and whereas there was an appeal taken from the decision here to the Superior Court and whereas on the trial of the issue the said Superior Court it was legally established as the last will and testament of the said **ARCHIBALD MCNEILL** and ordered to be there recorded and then to be transmitted to this court for record it is therefore ordered that said will, being now produced, be recorded in this court and filed among the records of the same car agreeably to law.

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