

Will, NC, Cumberland, HECTOR MCNEILL 1768

The last will and testament

Of **HECTOR MCNEILL**

Proved October 1768

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In the name of God Amen.

I, **HECTOR MCNEILL**, of the county of Cumberland and province of North Carolina being of sound memory and recollection though weak in body do recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body is the earth to be buried in as decent a manner as my executors hereinafter named shall think proper.

First I do hereby appoint all my just and lawful debts to be discharged and paid off by said executors as there is money in the house £65 for that purpose.

And I appoint and constitute **DUNCAN MCNEILL**, **ALEXANDER MCALLISTER**, and **FARQUARD CAMPBELL** my executors to carry the intent and meaning of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other Wills by me made into execution.

I leave and bequeath unto to my wife **MARY [MCNEILL]** one third of all Plantation where on I live called The Bluff during her life, set two more horses namely the stallion and the colter [colt]. And also the wench called **ROSE**, one bay horse, saddle and bridle, all household furniture and all the cattle, on this Plantation being the Bluff, having escaped the distemper, and the increase for the time to come of said wench to be equally divided among the children.

I leave and bequeath unto my oldest son **NEIL MCNEILL** all the remainder of land and the lower Side of the creek with the benefits of the Grist Mill, he allowing timber to be cut their on to supply the sawmill, as also the Negro fellow named **DICK**.

I leave and bequeath unto my son **JOHN [MCNEILL]** my land adjoining Silver Run Creek on the upper side with one half of the Sawmill has also mulatto fellow named **BOB** and all movables to be divided among the children equally.

I leave and bequeath one half of the sawmill to **JOSEPH JORDAN**, he having built the same, so long as his frame lasts when the whole right to be vested in my son **JOHN MCNEILL**.

I leave and bequeath unto my daughter **FLORA [MCNEILL]** two negro children named **CHLOE** and **JENNY**. And in case my wife shall have or bring forth another child, male or female, I leave and bequeath to him or her a negro child named **WILL**.

I leave and bequeath unto my brother **DUNCAN MCNEILL**, one of my executors herein named, my estate Taylor's Hole and do appoint my executors to give him a deed for the same, he having the title in his possession, the one half being thereof to be by him made over onto my brother **ARCHIBALD MCNEILL**. And I do hereby appoint my executor has to carry out execution all other matters not now mentioned.

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And I do hereby appoint my said executor **DUNCAN MCNEILL** to have the sole care and management of my son **JOHN** and estate as also the government of him till of age.

Signed, sealed, and firmly executed by me this 31st day of March 1768

HECTOR MCNEILL {seal}

In the presence of us

THOMAS ARMSTRONG
ALEXANDER BUCHANAN
ISAIAH PARISOL [Panisol]

North Carolina
Cumberland County

October Court 1768

Then was the execution of this last will and testament of **HECTOR MCNEILL**, deceased, proved by the oath of **ALEXANDER BUCHANAN** and ordered be filed. And at the same time **DUNCAN MCNEILL**, **ALEXANDER MCALLISTER** qualified as executors of said will agreeable to law and it was ordered that they should have letters testamentary.

THOMAS RUTHERFORD, CC

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