

**Will, NC, Rutherford, John McKinney, 1804**

In the name of God Amen.

I, **JOHN MCKINNEY Sr.**, of the county of Rutherford and state of North Carolina, being sick in body but sound in mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with and this life I give demise and dispose of the same and the following Manner and form:

FIRST I give and bequeath to **JEAN [MCKINNEY]**, my beloved wife, one good feather bed and furniture all my necessary suitables for her as long as she lives she is to live in this my dwelling house, if she sees cause, and have one room and furniture.

I also give to my son **JOHN MCKINNEY** 200 acres of land where he now lives the remainder of the tract that I sold part to Henderson and \$100 in money to be paid to him by my executors as soon as it can be raised.

I also give to my son **JAMES MCKINNEY** 308 acres of land that I bought of **SHARP** and 100 that I took up joining of it also \$50 in money to be paid by my executor.

I also give to my son **HENRY MCKINNEY** the land where he now lives being where **GEORGE CAMP** and I made some marks and running South to my back line and down that line to the corner and thence to the river also \$200 to be paid by my executors within three years.

Also I give to my son **WILLIAM MCKINNEY** Land whereon he now lives beginning where George camp and I made some marks and running South to my back line then up the line to the line that is to be run from three White Oaks on the riverbank a self course also \$50 in money to be paid by my executors.

Also I give to my son **GEORGE MCKINNEY** the land and plantation where I now live beginning at the dividing line between **WILLIAM ROBBINS** and me ??? on a black oak on the river bank running south 210 poles to a steak then and East course till it strikes the dividing line between me and **WILLIAM MCKINNEY** thence to the corner at the three White Oaks.

I also give to my son-in-law **THOMAS GORE** \$100 in money. [**JANE MCKINNEY GORE**]

Also I give to my son-in-law **JONAS BEDFORD** \$25 in money to be paid to my executors. [**MARY ANN MCKINNEY BEDFORD**]

I also give to my son-in-law [**JOHN ROBERTS**] a negro wench named PAT also \$50 and money to be paid by my executors. [**MARGARET MCKINNEY ROBERTS**]

I also give to my daughter **SALLY [MCKINNEY] CAMP** \$100 worth of property at my vendue.

Also I give to my daughter **DEDAMI [MCKINNEY SIMMONS]** 300 acres of land where **SALLY CAMP** now lives also a negro girl named HANNAH and a boy named TOM also \$100 in money. [**CHARLES SIMMONS**]

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I also give to my grandson **WILLIAM MCKINNEY** son of **HENRY MCKINNEY** tract of land joining **WILLIAM ROBBINS** above him including the Big Island beginning on **MADDEN's** line on the riverbank and running with his line to my back line there along with that line till it strikes another line of mine thence with that till it joins **WILLIAM ROBBINS** and runs to the river including all the land between **MADDEN** and **ROBBINS**.

I also give to my granddaughter **LYDIA CAMP** daughter of **SALLY [MCKINNEY] CAMP** a tract of land lying on a branch of Floyd's Creek beginning at a large pine by an old path a little below **WILLIAM HENSON's** land including 150 acres.

Now I appoint **JAMES MCKINNEY, HENRY MCKINNEY,** and **GEORGE MCKINNEY** my sole executors of this my last will and testament.

I also appoint them my executors to dispose of the remainder of my property equally amongst all the legatees and I do empower any two of them to make as good and lawful titles to my land as I myself can do.

**JOHN MCKINNEY** {seal}

Signed and sealed in the presence of us this 1st day of April in the year of Our Lord 1804

**BENJAMIN HICKS**  
**JAMES HUMPHREYS**  
**THOMAS KIMMONS** {his mark}

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State of North Carolina  
Rutherford County

I **JAMES MORRIS** deputy Clerk do hereby certify the within will was proved in open court in order to be recorded at full length in Docket and page from 179 to page 181.

**JAMES MORRIS**

Recorded pages 179-181  
**JOHN MCKINNEY's** last will and testament  
Date first of April 1804

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