

# Will of John McClurken

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In the year of our Lord, one thousand and thirteen, I, John McClurken, of the District of Chester and State of South Carolina, being in a middling state of health and of a perfect mind and memory, yet recalling to mind my mortality, do make, constitute and ordain this instrument of writing as my last will and testament in manner and form following:

As to my body, it is my will that it be buried in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executor and at the expense of my estate, and my soul I commit into the hands of God who gave it, and as to that portion of worldly estate that it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of as follows:

First, it is my will that all my lawful debts be paid in the manner that will be prescribed in the sixth article of this will.

Secondly, it is my will that my beloved wife, Eliz., shall have a comfortable home, or support out of the plantation I now live on. I also bequeath to her for her own proper use and to be disposed of as she may think best, all the personal property of every kind that I now possess, with all my money, bonds, notes and book Accounts, except what I now devise in the third, fourth and sixth articles of this will, to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly, I bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Trussell, the sum of £1.

Fourthly, I devise to my daughter, Eliz., that tract of land by the name of my old place, lying on the south side of Little Rocky Creek, joining lines with Robert Gibson, Samuel Gibson, James McConnell, the Rev. Mr. Hemphill, and myself, this tract or tracts of land, I devise to her and to the heirs of her body forever. I also bequest to her, my last spring's colt (bay) to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly, I bequeath to my daughter, Molly Gibson, the sum of \$1.

Sixthly, I devise to my son, John McClurken, the plantation or tract of land I now live on, containing two hundred acres with the encumbrance on it mentioned in the second article of this will. Said son, John, to pay all my lawful debts, this tract of land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging. I devise to said son, and to his heirs and assigns forever, I also bequeath to said John and to his heirs forever a sorrel mare called his mare.

Seventhly, I appoint, constitute and ordain my beloved wife, Eliz. McClurken, executor of this my last will and testament, and establish this and none other wills by me made heretofore, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this day and year first above mentioned in the presence of

James Murphy

Arch. McClurken

John McClurken

Robert Killpatrick

George McCullugh

(Seal) John McClurken X His Mark

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