

Will of Charles McKinnis

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In the name of God Amen. I Charles McKinnis, being somewhat indisposed but blessed with a sound disposing mind, thanks to Almighty God for the same, after taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life & the certainty of death: In order that my intentions may be fully known hereafter as it respects my wordly concerns with which it has pleased God to bless me, I do hereby publish this my last Will and Testament:

- Item 1st It [is] my will and I bequeath unto my beloved wife, Martha McKinnis, ninety four acres & 44/100, being the North part of the SE qr of Section No 29 Town. 8 Range 18, during her natural life. And the E1/2 NE qr of Sec No 29 Town. 8 Range 18 with the encumbrance of a Lease given by me to Charles McKinnis Jr. which last mentioned she is to have the use of until the expiration of said Lease or about six years.
- Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my wife, Martha McKinniss, during her natural life, the NE qr of the SW qr of Section 29 Town. 8 Range 18, provided that I shall perfect a contract between Charles McKinnis Jr and myself for the last mentioned piece of land.
- Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto my wife, Martha McKinnis, the following named goods and chattels, to wit: 5 Milch Cows, four head of Horses which [are] now on the place, thirty five head of Hogs, and all the household furniture of whatsoever description of which I may die seized, to have and to hold during her natural life. And the wagon which I now own for six years.
- Item 4th I will and bequeath unto my son, Joseph McKinnis, the sum of fifty Dollars.
- Item 5th I will and bequeath unto my Daughter, Clarisa Wilson, the sum of fifty Dollars.
- Item 6th I will and bequeath unto my son, Charles McKinnis, the sum of fifty Dollars.
- Item 7th I will and bequeath unto George Leach, my late son-in-law, one Cow and Calf.
- Item 8th I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Rachel Elder, the sum of fifty Dollars.
- Item 9th I will and bequeath unto my son, Philip McKinnis, the sum of fifty Dollars and one Cow and Calf.
- Item 10th I will and bequeath unto my Son, Robert McKinnis, 81 25/100 acres of Land, being the W1/2 SW qr of section No 5 T No 7 Range No 18. And 40 62/100 acres, being the NE qr of SE qr of section No 6 T No 7 R 18 And also 40

62/100 Acres, being NW qr of the NE quarter of Section No 5 T7 Range 18. Also one Cow and Calf, and one two year old Colt.

Item 11th I will and bequeath unto my son, George W McKinnis, one hundred Dollars which I loaned him to purchase Land. Also forty one acres and thirteen hundredths, being [the] SE qr of SW qtr of Sec 4, T 7 Range 18. One pair of three year old Steers, one two years old Colt, and one young Cow and Calf.

Item 12th I will and bequeath unto my son, Craner McKinnis, so much of the NE & SE qrs. Of Section No 29 Town. No 8 Range No 18 as lie east of the Adelphia and North of the Wilkesville Roads, at the expiration of the Lease mentioned in Item No 1. One pair of three year old Steers, One Colt, One Cow and Calf, and also the wagon which is now on the farm, he is to have at the expiration of six years. It is intended, and I wish it to be so understood, that the said Craner is to have the cattle and Colt in this Item mentioned at my decease.

Item 13th I will and bequeath unto my youngest son, Granville McKinnis, so much of the NE and SE qrs of Sec No 29 T No 8 R No18 as lies South of the Wilkesville and West of the Adelphia Roads. One Cow and Calf, one Colt. And the Clock which stands in the house, all of which he is to possess at his mother's death.

Item 14th It is my Will and I hereby bequeath unto my three youngest sons, to wit: George W McKinnis, Craner Mc Kinnis, and Granville McKinnis, twenty seven head of Cattle, one Bay two years old Colt, and one black Mare five years old, to be equally divided between them to enable them to pay the sum of fifty Dollars to each of the following named heirs, to wit: to Joseph McKinnis, the sum of fifty Dollars; to Clarisa Wilson, the sum of fifty Dollars; to Charles McKinnis Jr, the sum of fifty Dollars; to Rachel Elder the sum of fifty Dollars; and to Philip McKinnis, the sum of fifty Dollars, which said sums in this Item mentioned it is my will and desire and I hereby [...illeg...] said George W., Craner, and Granville, in equal proportions, to pay to the other heirs in this Item named, on or before the 24th day of March AD 1840.

Item 15th It is my will and I hereby bequeath at the death of my wife, Martha McKinnis, to my three younger sons, to wit: Geo W.,Craner, & Granville McKinnis, all my household furniture, farming utensils, and all my other property (not herein disposed of) of which I may die possessed, to be equally divided among them.

Item 16th I hereby appoint and constitute Elihu Johnson and George W. McKinnis Executors, to carry and effect this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning hereof.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this 24th day of March AD 1837.
Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of: his

A. Miller
Robert Mason

Charles **C** McKinnis *seal*
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The State of Ohio Jackson County ss

At a Court holden in and for said County, at the Courthouse in the Town of Jackson, on Monday, the 17th day of April, AD 1837, the above and foregoing instrument was produced in Open Court as the last Will and Testament of Charles McKinnis, late of said County, dec'd. And thereupon, A. Miller and Robert Mason, the subscribing witnesses thereto, were also produced in open Court, and being then and there duly Sworn to give testimony respecting the Execution of said Will, and true and direct Answers to such questions as shall be put to them respecting the same, did upon their oaths aforesaid depose, declare, and say, that they were present at the date thereof, and saw the said Charles McKinnis sign and execute said Will; that he then and there declared the same to be his last will and testament, the same having been read and fully explained and made known to him; that at the time of the execution thereof, he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and of full age, and unrestrained, and desired the said deponents to subscribe their names thereto as the Witnesses to his last will and testament, which they then and there did in his presence and at his request; which said proof is hereby reduced to writing, and the Clerk is ordered to record said Will together with the above proof agreeably to the statute, in such case made and provided.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office
this 19th day of April AD 1837

Donnie Hoffman, Clk, P, J.