

Both Real and Personal after deducting the amount
Which she has now received is to make her portion equal
with that of my other children. Item seventh I have
Given to my grand daughter Mary Ripley daughter of
my daughter Mary Property to the amount of Sixty
Six dollars & fifty cents now it is my will that my grand
daughter Mary Ripley should she ^{be} survive the decease of
my wife Jane Bates or at the time of a distribution of my
estate shall have an equal share of my whole estate Both Personal
and real after deducting the amount previously Received
thereby becoming an equal heir to my estate Item eighth
I give to my son Alexander an equal share of my whole
estate Both real and personal Item ninth I give
bequeath to my daughter Amanda and her heirs one
equal share of my whole estate both real and personal
Item tenth I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha
and her heirs one equal share of my whole estate Both
real and personal Item eleventh I give and bequeath
to my ^{son} Robert one equal share of my whole estate
Both real and personal Now it is my will
Further that in the event of any of my children dying
without heirs of their body ^{living} then that portion
of my estate which would have come to them shall
be equally divided among the ^{surviving} children and then
their ^{surviving} heirs thereby having an equal division of my estate
both real & personal equally divided among my
children It is my will first that my executors
begin after named convey to such persons as hold my
Bonds for land sold to them according to the terms of
such bonds I have sold ^{my} lands to my ^{sons} ~~sons~~ ^{sons}
being one for the settlers

It is my will further that my Executors herein after
named convey to the widow or heirs of John Jones four
acres of land which I sold to J^r Jones in his life time that they convey
my title only giving them ~~no~~ my resources upon being
~~less~~ from purchase that being the verbal contract between
J^r Jones and myself - It is further my will that my executors
herein after named have full power at any time to sell
& convey in fee simple over the whole or any part of my
real and personal estate or any part thereof (they agree-
ing to do so) Should they think that from calculation to promote
the interest of my heirs and that they apply the proceeds of any such
sales to the purchase of any other real estate for the benefit of
my heirs or in the event of selling any part or the whole
and not meeting with an advantage opportunity to pur-
chase another then to let the money out ^{at} interest
but upon this subject I leave it to the direction of my
executors herein hereafter named And lastly I do
hereby constitute and appoint my wife Sarah
Yates Executrix my son Thomas Yates and my
friend S^r W^m Andrews my executors of this my last
will and testament hereby revoking all others or
former wills or testaments by me heretofore made
In witness Whereof I ^{have} hereunto set my hand and affixed
my Seal this twenty third day of June in the year of
Our Lord 1896.

Signed sealed tested published & declard
read as and for the last will and
testament of the above named Joseph
Yates in presence of us L^d W^m Anasemus
George Matthews
L^d A. Anasemus

At a court held for Henry County on the 5th Decr 1897
This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
Joseph Yates was produced in court ~~for~~ by the oath of
S^r W^m Anasemus George Matthews two of the magistrates present and
advised to be received which is done ^{at} J^d Stockton Clerk