

I give to my son William the 2^d Pot and Pan.
I give to my daughter Margaret the silver wheel
I give my daughter Jane the wooden wheel,
and Bed. Lino.

And to my son Matthew I give fifty acres of
land and one horse and one bed and bed clothes
whom I make sole Executor of this my last will
and Testament

I order that all my household goods and chattels
be equally divided between all.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal. this the first day of September and
in the year of Our Lord 1786.

Witness

Archibald Kelly

William ^{his} M^cCurran

Robert M^cCurran

John ^{his} M^cCurran ^{and}

here I make my seal and
do declare this to be my last
will and Testament.

In the name of God Amen
The 25th day of August in the year of Our Lord
1792. I Mary Russ of the County of Bladen in
the Province of North Carolina Widowed, being of perfect
mind and memory, and understanding thanks be
given unto God. Therefore coming to mind the
Mortality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament. That is to
say principally and first of all.

I recommend my soul unto the Hands of God
that gave it. and for my body I recommend it to
earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and
dispose of the same in the following manner and form
expressed - It is my will and I do order that in
the first place all my just debts and funeral charges
be first paid and satisfied.

Then

I give my daughter Mary Deputed my best
marriage gown.

Then

I give to my son Thomas Russ the lower half
of the tract of land where I now live on to him
his heirs and assigns forever.

Then

I give unto my son Jonathan Russ five shillings
sterling

Then

I give to my son Eliazar Russ five shillings
sterling

Then

I give to my daughter Sarah Cliphant five
shillings like money.

Then

I give to my daughter Nancy Lloyd five shillings

Then

I give to my daughter Margaret Smith five shillings

Then

I give and bequeath to my son John Russ the upper
half of the tract of land whereon I now live to him
his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever
with the household and improvements and one
negro man named Pompey with all the manure and
part of my Estate both Real and Personal and

I do hereby disavow revoke and disannul all
other former wills by me made and I do declare
this and no other to be my last will and Testament
And I hereby nominate ordain and appoint my son
John Russ to be my true and lawful and whole
Executor of this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.
the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the
Testator to be her last will and Testament in the presence
of the Subscribers who subscribed our names in presence of
the Testator.

Bartholomew Brightman, William Brightman
Mary Williamson

Mary Russ seal

North Carolina } Come before me Thomas
Bladen County } Owen Esquire, one of His
Magistrates, Justice of the
Peace for said County, William Cain and
his wife Olive Cain, Joseph Cain and his wife
Ann Cain, all of said County and made oath
on the holy Evangelist before Almighty God,
that on the 29th day of October last Thomas
Robeson Senr, now deceased sent for us the
above named persons to declare his meaning
to us touching his worldly substance and how
it should be disposed of after his death which
is as follows:-

That his will and desire was that his son
Peter Robeson should have a negro boy that
was then at the law, one, known by the name
of Ned, besides what he had given him before
and that James Council might take the wench
named Betty, after her decease and also her
children and the remainder of his worldly
substance to go to his son Thomas Robeson he
paying all his lawful debts, and we the
above named persons further declare the
said Thomas Robeson Senr appeared to us
in his natural senses when he expressed
the above words. And further he depments
saith not. Sworn before me this the 4th
day of November 1775.

William Cain
Olive Cain
Joseph Cain
Ann Cain

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County } In the County of Bladen

The 20th day of September 1780. I Isaac Ray of
said County being sick and weak of body, but of perfect
mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the
same and coming to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing it is appointed for all men once to
die do make and ordain this my last will and
Testament That is to say principally and first of all
I give and recommend my soul into the
Hands of God that gave it, and for my body I
recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian
like & decent manner at the discretion of my
executors, nothing doubting but at the general
resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God and as touching
such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this world.

I give devise and dispose of the same in
manner and form following.

That is to say I give and bequeath to Melia Ray
my beloved wife all my estate both real and
personal (after discharging all my just debts) to
her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body
and in case my said wife should die without
issue then in that case I give and bequeath
to my three, Margaret Wright one negro woman
slave named Hester and all her increase.

I give and bequeath the remainder of my
estate both real and personal to be equally
divided between my brother in law Peter Lusk
children now living.

I likewise constitute make and ordain my
beloved wife Melia Ray my Executrix and
Thomas and Peter Robeson my Executors of this my
last will and Testament.

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and
disannul this and all other Testaments, Wills,
Legacies bequests and Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year first written