

another Executor named in this Will came into Court & expressly refused to take upon him
self any part of the Execution of this Will

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Richard's
In the name of God Amen I Richard Rankin of the County of Augusta & State of
Virginia being of an infirm state of health, but of sound mind & memory, do make & publish this my
last Will & Testament in manner following, And after recommending my Soul to the hands
of my great Creator, I say being to be buried in a secret manner at the discretion of my
Executors. The first of my Estate as hereafter mentioned And first I give & devise to my
son, Isaac Joseph George Rankin the said plantation & improvements, now lying on
thirteen hundred acres more or less adjoining the lands of John Madison, John Oliver, William
of the plantation on which Hugh Donaghe now lives, commonly called the Madison, William
Place situate on the Mouth of Natch Creek & along said Creek to said Oliver's lands, to be
divided so as that my son Isaac Rankin shall ^{have} five parts of the Value of said lands, my son
Rankin three parts and my son George two parts & shall have power to hold & dispose of the same

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Also I give & bequeath to my further Beloved Wife, Sophia Rankin all my
furniture together with all my stock of Marine Goods, Toys, Jewels & Household
Furnishings, just as they are, to be equally divided among them, or their heirs at my decease.
And as a provision for my two Youngest Sons Samuel & Amos Rankin I give
each of my three Sons in proportion to their age shall pay unto each of them the
of one thousand pounds together with two hundred and a saddle & bridle to give
them when they arrive at full age. And as to my two Sons John & James Rankin and
two Daughters Rachel Gibson and Mary Johnston, I have formerly given them as much
as I thought proper. And it is my Will & desire that my two Youngest Sons Samuel
Amos Rankin shall continue under the care & direction of my Son John
until they arrive at a full age. And I hereby constitute and appoint my Son
John Rankin Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness
Wherefore I have set my Hand & Seal this first day of March One Thousand seven
hundred eighty eight. Signed sealed, published
and declared as the last Will & Testament of the said

These hereto set my Hand from the first day of June

Eighty eight signed sealed published
and declared as the last Will &
Testament of Richard Rankin in the
presence of us

William Richardson Isaac Wright

December August Court 1791

This instrument of writing was procured in Court and procured by
of William Richardson to be the last Will and Testament of Richard Rankin and
the said William Richardson having made oath that he saw Isaac Wright
Wright having subscribed his name to this Will in the presence of
Richard Rankin. The said Wright having sworn that he separated himself
thereupon it is the Opinion of the Court that the same be admitted to Record
Whereupon Richard Rankin one of the Executors named in the said Will
has agreed to take upon himself the Execution thereof

Rich^d Rankin

At December August Court 1869

This instrument of writing was produced in Court and proved by the
of William Richardson to be the last Will and Testament of Richard Rankin and
the said William Richardson having made oath that he saw Isaac Wright
Wright have subscribed his name to this Will in the presence of
Charles Chandler. The said Wright having sworn that he deposited the
thereupon it is the opinion of the Court that the same be admitted to probate
Whereupon Richard Rankin one of the Executors named in the said Will
into Court very properly refused to take upon himself the Execution thereof
And on the motion of Isaac Rankin another Executor herein named
and oath and with security entered into Jackson Lodge bond according to
certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form
of law

Wm. C. C.