

In the name of God amen I Samuel Rice just being in perfect health & enjoying
a sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do
make this my last Will and Testament in form following. First of all I recommend
my Soul to God who gave it and as touching my worldly affairs wherein it has been pleased
God to bless me with what I have in this life after all my just debts are paid. I give &
devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. ^{following} Then I give unto
my well beloved wife Rebecca Rice all my appurtenances that is to say, all my
real and personal estate that I now possess, naming my personal Estate, Neg. Sack.
Sally, Setty, Abell, David, Isick, and one horse, and one saddle horse, and one Cow
and Calf, two feather beds and furniture, and other house hold furniture of my estate.
If in case the said Rebecca should have an heir of my body then the whole of my
estate at her death the child shall possess either him or her heirs forever, if in case there
should be no heir after my death, then it is my desire at my Wife's decease that my estate
both real and personal be ^{equally} divided among my sisters to them and their heirs forever, except
what came by my Wife shall be returned to her family to them and their heirs forever
as my Executors may think proper. and Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife
Rebecca Rice my Executrix, and Capt John Clarke of Stafford County, and Robert
Redford of Charlotte County my whole and sole executors to this my last Will and Testa-
ment, revoking all others to this date & I repeat it again I do declare this to be my last

ment, revoking all others to this date & repeat it again I do declare. This to be my last
Will and Testament; Given under my hand and Seal this second day of May in the
Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine; in the twenty third
year of the Commonwealth

James Rice L. S.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in presence of us

Dudley Brooke, Martha Brooke, Jackson Brooke

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 4th day of April 1803

This Last Will and Testament of James Rice dec^d was presented in Court and the same
was proved by the oath of Dudley Brooke one of the Witnesses hereto subscribed and
Ordered to be Certified - And At a Court held for the said County the 6th day of
June 1803 - The same was further proved in Court by the oath of Martha Brooke
and Jackson Brooke two of the Witnesses hereto subscribed and Ordered to be re-
corded - and Rebecca Rice the widow of the said James Rice and John Clarke
and Robert Buford the Executors named in this Will renounced
in open Court the burden of Executions of the said Will

Teste

Thomas Randle

At a Court held for Charlotte County the first day of August 1803

On the motion of William Dupree who made oath according to Law Certificate is
granted him to obtain a full and complete inventory of the estate of James Rice dec^d with
the Will and the same to be returned to him with David Tubago & Francis

Dudley Brooke, Matthias Brooke, Zacherius Brooke

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 4th day of April 1803.

This Last Will and Testament of James Rice dec^d was presented in Court and the same was proved by the oath of Dudley Brooke one of the Witnesses hereto subscribed and is Ordered to be Certified - And At a Court held for the said County the 6th day of June 1803 - The same was further proved in Court by the oath of Matthias Brooke and Zacherius Brooke two of the Witnesses hereto subscribed and Ordered to be recorded - and Rebecca Rice the widow of the said James Rice^{de} and John Clarke and Robert Buford the Executors named in said Will, renounced in open Court the burthen of Executions of the said Will.

Teste

Thomas Reed Ck

At a Court held for Charlotte County the first day of August 1803.

On the motion of William Despuce who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him to obtain a full and complete administration of the estate of James Rice dec^d with the said Will annexed, he giving Security whereupon he with David DeBarge & Francis Darns his Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose. Rebecca Rice the Widow having first by letter renounced to this Court renounced her right of administration to the said Estate. Teste Thomas Reed Ck

Truly recorded

Thomas Reed Ck