

Truly Deceased

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I John Ward of Charlotte County, being in my sound mind and perfect senses, do make this my last Will and Testament. I give and bequeath unto Nancy Cayce the tract of Land whereon I now live containing Three hundred & Thirty three Acres, & a tract of Land in Halifax County containing sixty four Acres, to her and to her heirs forever. I also give unto her the said Nancy Cayce the following Slaves (viz) Caesar, Amey, Ned, Stephen, Pate, Pompey, Will, Tom, Billy, Oliver & Doll, to her & her heirs forever also my Stock of all kinds and house hold furniture to her & to her heirs forever. I also give her all debts due to me. And all my Carpenters & plantation tools & every thing that I possess both real & personal (except what I hereafter give away, to her & to her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto Phebe Cayce the following Slaves (viz) Hagar, Pigg, Nini, & Sarah to her & to her heirs forever. It is my Will & desire that the Increase of the Slaves above given to Nancy & Phebe Cayce if any should be Born

hereafter, should go to them & to their heirs forever. I do hereby constitute
and appoint my Friends Joel Watkins, William Morton, & Little Jackson
Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed my seal this 25th day of December 1787

Witness

John Ward

William Bratton Thomas Lorton John Mattauer
Thos Spencer & Robert Bedford }

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 2 day of January 1790
This Last Will & Testament of John Ward dec^d was presented
in Court & the same was proved by the Oath of William Bratton
& Thomas Spencer & two of the Witnesses hereto subscribed & ordered
to be Recorded.

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At a Court held for Charlotte County the 4th day of July 1796.
On the motion of Mary Gayce who made oath according to Law Certificate is
granted here for obtaining Letters of Administration of the Estate of the said John Ward
with the will annexed he giving security whereupon he with Charles Henshaw and
Nancy Gayce his Sureties entered into and acknowledged their Oath according to Law
for that purpose. The Executors named in the said Lasting Will being present in Court
the business of the Executors of the said Will.

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