

In the Name of God Amen This 7 day of January in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and one I John Tuck of Halifax County being in a  
declining state of health but in sense and memory thanks be to God but knowing the  
mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do  
make 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 my  
body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting  
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God  
and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me with  
in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and forme  
first my Will and desire is that all my just debts be justly paid Item I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Mary Rakestraw to her and to her heirs for ever the  
sum of fifty eight pounds which she has already had Item I give and bequeath  
unto my daughter Elizabeth Jones and her heirs for ever the sum of thirty pounds  
which she has already had Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Tucke  
sixty three pounds to him and his heirs for ever which he has already had Item I  
give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Tucke the sum of twenty one pounds  
to her and her heirs for ever which she has already had Item I give and  
bequeath to my son Esq Tucke the sum of thirty pounds to him and his  
heirs for ever which he has already had Item I give to my daughter Anna

the sum of twenty two pounds to her and her heirs for ever which she has  
already had. Item I give unto my son Robert Tuck the sum of thirty seven  
pounds to him and his heirs for ever which he has already had. Item I give  
unto my son Richard Tuck the sum of forty one pounds to him and his heirs for  
ever which he has already had. Item I give unto my son Benjamin Tuck the  
sum of fifty two pounds to him and his heirs for ever which he has already  
receiv'd. Item I give to my son Richard Tuck one small tract of Land on  
blew Wing Creek Adjoining James Avery and Joseph Pinson to the amount of  
Eighteen pounds of the aforesaid sum. Item I give to my son John Tuck  
seventy four acres of land on the East side of the North Fork the adjoining James  
Avery Ned Tuck to him and his heirs for ever to the Value of twenty pounds.  
Item I give to my daughter Jane Pinson the sum of sixteen pounds ten  
shilling to her and her heirs for ever which she has already had Item  
I give to my son David Tuck the tract of land where I now live being  
two hundred and seventy five acres to be taken in possession at the death  
of his Mother Valued to twenty five pounds to him and his heirs for ever.  
Item I bind to my beloved Wife Mary Tuck the land and plantation where  
on I now live during her natural life I also bind to my wife two Negroes  
(To Wit) Phil and Beck during her natural life I also bind  
to my beloved Wife my Stock of horses cattle, sheep and hogs together  
with all my household and kitchen furniture together with all my

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Worth all tools of every sort and demerchim whatsoever during his natural life and at her disease to be sold to the highest bidder by my Executors the money arising therefrom to be applied to make my several children equal according to this my last Will and Testament and if an overplus be left to be equally divided betwixen my whole twelve children or their heirs above mentioned. Item I also bind to my dear Wife all bonds bills notes or accounts whatsoever but or denomination my will and desire is that my Will and Estate be not apprais'd I do hereby revoke and disallow all Wills heretofore made by me I do hereby appoint Nathan Fletcher & Bennett Tuck sole and sole Executrix of this my Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & one In presence of. Sign'd Seal'd and deliver'd this 7 day of January. In presence of  
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Samuel Ward 3 John Tuck Esq. L.S.  
Frances Hoard, William & <sup>his</sup> Thackston.  
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Winfrey, Richard Tuck & Nathan Seay his security entered into & acknowledged  
their bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned according to Law.  
Liberty reserved to Bennett Tuck the other Executor therein named to join in the Execution  
thereof when he shall think fit.

Truly Recorded

Tate Berryman Green 1846

Jr John Sims orphan of David Sims decd