

Ragdale I the
his Will

In the name of God. Given this eighth day of December Anno Domini
one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight I John Ragdale of the
County of Lunenburg and Parish of Cumberland being now in sound health
and perfect memory for which I return my most hearty Thanks to Almighty
God and knowing it is appointed for all men one to die do make and
ordain this to be my last will and Testament hereby Revoking and annulling
all other Wills or Bequeaths by me made Ratifying and Confirming this to
be my only Will and Testament and first I recommend my Soul to God
who gave it my body to be Buried in a decent and Christian
like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what
worldly goods it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow on me I Give and
dispose of in manner and form following In presence I lend to my beloved
wife Mary Ragdale one third of my Estate that I may be provided of at
my death and at the death of my said wife I give and bequeath to my
Stephen Peter Ragdale the eldest son of my youngest Brother namely
Samuel Ragdale the foresaid third of my Estate I also give and
bequeath to my

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worldly goods it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow on me I Give and dispose of In manner and to the following Imprieties I lend to my beloved wife Mary Ragdale one third of my Estate that I may be possessed of at my death and at the death of my said wife I give and bequeath to my Stephen Peter Ragdale the eldest son of my youngest Brother namely Samuel Ragdale the first and third of my Estate I also give and bequeath to my aforementioned Stephen Peter Ragdale the other two thirds of my estate both real & personal with all the Furniture Household Goods or Furniture in the same Furniture and any

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individual article that I may be possessed of, to him and his heirs forever
and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid Brother Samuel
Ragsdale to be my sole and only Executor to this my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
day and date above written

Signed Sealed acknowledged and delivered
by the said John Ragsdale as her last
Will and Testament in presence of us

Lucas Gee

Lucy Gee

Peter Jefferson

John Ragsdale Seal

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In Lunenburg County Court 9th December 1813

The within written last will and Testament of John Ragsdale it was exhibited
in Court and the same was proved by the oath of one of the Witnesses thereto
subscribed & ordered to be certified and at a Court held for the said County

The 11th day of November 1813 On the motion of Mary Ragsdale widow and
relict of John Ragsdale I do? who having made oath according to Law Letters
of administration is granted her with the will annexed of the estate of said John
the said Will & whereupon

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The within written last will and Testament of John Ragsdale & was exhibited in Court and the same was proved by the oath of one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed & ordered to be testified and at a Court held for the said County the 11th day of November 1813 on the motion of Mary Ragsdale widow and relict of John Ragsdale & do^{ing} ^{Lunenburg County Wills 1810-1818} having made oath according to law letters of administration is granted her with the will annexed of the estate of said John Ragsdale & (during the absence of the Exors^{es} named in the said will, whereupon she gave bond with approved security for that purpose) Condition as the law directs. And at a Court held for the said County the 9th day of December following the said will was further proved by the oath of another of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste William Taylor Co.

In the presence of J. Ragsdale & J. Ragsdale of the County of Lunenburg