

Ragsdale  
Mr. Will

In the name of God amen I Wm Ragsdale do make this my  
last will and testament, whereas I received from the estate of  
Mr Benjamin Lee some three negroes in behalf of my children  
in which they were all equally interested but could not be  
equally divided except by sale, so to be taken into my estate  
the last which was some twenty six hundred and thirty five  
I give to my daughter Francis Madsen, the three negroes  
she has no profession for which she had only and Betty (valued  
at twenty hundred dollars to go with all the other property  
for which one bed and stand of pillows forty dollars two cows  
and calves she was and land and about twenty dollars  
worth of corn and some of a horse) secondly I give to my  
daughter Elizabeth the following property namely Edmund  
Lucy and Randolph who are of nearly of the same value  
of                      , also one bedstead &c two cows and calves and  
was and land a horse of about eighty dollars value &c  
I give to my daughter Mary the following negroes Lewis, Jimmy  
and also her lot to be made equal to the other two in  
the like property — I give to my daughter Emily Jane  
Ragsdale, all my stock, hives and household and other  
property equal to the other two above specified —  
I give to my son Joel Wm Ragsdale, Daniel Tab & J. Thum and  
George equal to his sisters in the same kind of property  
I give to my son B. D. Ragsdale, Daniel Tab & J. Thum and  
George equal to his sisters in the same kind of property

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property & equal to the other parts of my estate.  
I give to my son John B. Ragsdale Quinal Tab & of them and  
those equal to his sisters in the same kind of property.  
I give to my son John B. Ragsdale and his wife Mary & heirs  
with his child Mary and other property equal to the other portions.  
I give to my son John in the following bounded beginning on  
the Cree River Survey & appurtenances the mouth of a small  
branch on the north of which is called the quarter square  
as the same continues thence a straight line to Cooper's road  
thence along the road south to the line same along the  
line to the Cree River thence up the same to me beginning the  
balance of my land I give to my son John B. Ragsdale & his  
heirs to my children & heirs in the same as long as  
they remain single or choose to have the same the balance  
of my estate to be equally divided among all my children  
or their heirs I mean their children then living if it can't  
be done by lot Commissioners for which purpose to be  
appointed by the court of Henning County if an agreed  
division cannot be made by lot then to be sold under  
the direction of the said Commissioners who are to create  
a tribunal to settle all disputes that may  
arise during or around the interests of my children  
and to the same it is more particularly to

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two years to the value of fifty dollars each of the  
 other children are to have the same amount unless  
 there is any provision. This will be an equal settlement  
 of what is in my hand belonging to them from the  
 estate of my late son Benjamin my son and son  
 Washington Madder's executor of this my last will,  
 witnessed as witness my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> July 1819  
 Wm Ragsdale

In Lunenburg County Court 1<sup>st</sup> January 1824 The within  
 written last will and testament of Wm Ragsdale deceased  
 was presented in Court by Washington Madder the executor  
 therein named and all being willing of the said Wm Ragsdale  
 will was proved by the oaths of George Craighurst, Wm H  
 Taylor and Com<sup>rs</sup> J Taylor who were sworn for such purposes  
 and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the  
 said executor who having made oath according to law  
 certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof  
 in due form whereupon he gave bond with approved  
 security for such purposes conditioned as the law directs

Teste  
 Wm H Taylor