

John Rawls' Son
Will

I, John Rawls, a native of the State of Virginia, and an inhabitant of the County of Hanover in said State, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following: viz: First: I leave to my beloved wife Mary Ann, the free use of the lands and Plantation whereon I live, lying on the East side of Somerset Swamp including the Plantation adjoining called Providence, and the Mill and Lands which I purchased from Jesse Pater's Estate for and during her natural life. Second: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ann, one third part of all my personal Estate of what nature or kind so ever, to her and to her heirs and assigns forever. Third: It is my will and desire that the following Negroes, namely, Luke, Sen. Luke, Jun. Amy, Hannah, and Isaac, remain on the Plantation where Luke lives, called the Quater, a that part thereof which lies on the North West side of the Maines road, so long as they live, which said Land lying on the North West side of said road, I leave in the care of my wife and Abram Pater, for the purpose of being rented out (if necessary) for the support of said Negroes so long as they live. and after the death of said Negroes, I give and bequeath the said Lands and Plantation, lying on the North West side, of the aforesaid road to Abram Pater, William Pater, Rich and Pater, Elizabeth Pater and Lydia Pater, to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Fourth: After the death of wife, I give and bequeath to my two Nephews, John Nafleet and Justin Nafleet, sons of John Nafleet, the Lands and Plantation whereon I live, including Providence, and Mill and Lands, which I purchased from Jesse Pater's Estate, to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Fifth: I leave all my Negroes to be free, except those herein before provided for, and enjoy the blessings of Liberty. and I give and bequeath to them the remaining two thirds of my personal Estate, not herein before devised, for the purpose of defraying the expense of conveying them where they may enjoy the blessings of Liberty unmolested, and the surplus (if any) to be divided among them according to their several needs, at the discretion of my Executors herein after named. It is also my will and desire that they remain on the Plantation and

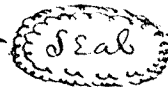
labor to support themselves until my Executors can conveniently employ them. Sixth: I give and bequeath to my Nephew Joseph Rufflet the Land and Plantation lying on the South East side of the Wainake road called the Lumber, opposite where Luke lives, to him and to his heirs and assigns forever. Seventh: I give and bequeath to my two Nephews, Willis Parker and John Parker, and my two Nieces, Polly Russell and Margaret Langston, the Land and Plantation lying on the West side of Sarnerton Swamp, called the James Rawls tract, to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Eighth: I give and bequeath to my nephew, John Freeman, and Nieces Polly, Betsy, Patsey, and Harriet Freeman, the tract of Land which I purchased from my brother David Rawls and Marmaduke Jones, to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Ninth: I give and bequeath to my Nephew Albat K. Rawls, and Nieces Mary Ann Rogers, Joanna Rawls and Stella M. Rawls, children of my brother Walter Rawls, the tract of Land called the Pocoman Land, to be equally divided among them, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my friends John Rufflet and John Hare, Senr. my lawful Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other or former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and declared to be the
last will and testament of said John Rawls, in

the presence of:

Wm: M. Jones Andrew Rawls.

Richard Pata John G. King Jr.

John Rawls. Senr. 

At a Court, held In Hanson and County the 9th day of March 1835. This last will and Testament of John Rawls, Sew. dec'd, was put into Court by John Norfleet and John Hare, the Executors herein named and being proved by the oaths of Wm. M. Jones, Andrew Rawls and John G. King jurs. three of the witnesses hereto was ordered to be recorded.

TESTE.

John I. Kilby Clerk

At a Court, held In Hanson and County the 13th day of April 1835. On the motion of John Hare, Certificate was granted him in obtaining a probat as Executor on the Estate of John Rawls, Sew. dec'd, he having made oath and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars, with Wm. M. Jones, James Barnes, Elijah Hare, John Frank, Jesse Hare, Harrison Hare and John Norfleet, his securities who justified, conditions according to law, liberty, is reserved the other Executor of John Rawls Sew. to qualify at a future day

TESTE:

John I. Kilby. Clerk.

At a Court held In Hanson and County the 13th day of April 1835. A Renunciation of Mary Ann Rawls, of the will of her husband, John Rawls, - was proved in open Court by the oaths of the witnesses subscribed and ordered to be recorded.

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to be recoded.

Teste:

John F. Kilby. Clerk.

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of July 1836 }

Teste:

John. J. Kilby A.K.

In the Clerk's office of Nassau County Court, the 14th day of February 1870:

This duly authenticated Copy of the Last Will and Testament of John Rawls now deceased, was produced by James B. Pater, to the Clerk of said Court and upon his application, is admitted to record; the Book, in which the original of said Will was recorded and the said Original, having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's office and records, on the 7th day of February 1866.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss. D.C.

Exoncl.

Isaac Harrell's I. Isaac Harrell, of the County of Gates and State of North Carolina, being