

John Ryle's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Ryle of Anson County in the province of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound Memory Thanks be given to God for the same Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I Give & recommend my soul to the hand of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in the Following manner & form &c.

First I give my son James one negro named Mark Item I Give my Daughter Elizabeth one negro named Holl Item I Give unto my son John one negro named Harry. I leave one negro Jack to be sold at the Discretion of my wife & the money arising from the sale to purchase a young negro for my son Whitmill Item I Give unto my son Larkin one negro named Esses. Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary one negro named Jillem. Item I Give unto my six Children Each of them one bed and furniture & I give my son James one shot gun. Item I Give all my lands to be Equally Divided among my six Children to them and their assigns forever and if either of them should loose their negro before they come of age that they should have a young negro purchased out of the value of my lands or other Effects. Item I lend unto my Loving wife my whole Estate Goods & Chattels in during the time of her widowhood & of my wife should marry I Lend her my House & fifty acres of land in during her life & any other Estate to be Divided according to my Will & appoint my wife Executor & my son James Ryle Executor & as acknowledged this my Last Will & Testament January

the 8 Day. 1777.

Test..

Wm Remy

Henry Dear

Hannah

mark

Halehins

John Ryle (Seal)

Anson County January 6th 1778
Proved in open Court by the
oath of Wm Remy
John Auld Clk.

John Preslers Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Presler sinner of Anson County in Province of North Carolina Haberdasher being very sick and weak in (or in perfect health of Body but) a and of perfect mind and Memory Thanks be Given unto God for the same Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I Give & Recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God That gave it & my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of My Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner & form first I give & bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife Two Cows & Calves one Large black mare & all the household Goods Debts & moveable Effects During her widowhood also I give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth

Manse Two Shillings Likewise my dearl^y beloved son
 John Preslar Two Shillings Likewise my Dearl^y beloved
 Daughter Morgan Two Shillings Likewise my Dearl^y
 beloved Daughter Ann Two shillings Likewise
 Mary Basley my Dearl^y beloved Daughter Two Shillings
 Likewise Susannah Preslar my Dearl^y beloved Daughter
 Two Cows + Calves + that same large Black Mare
 Colt likewise Anthony Preslar my Dearl^y beloved
 son Two Cows + Calves one Roan Mare + horse +
 Hundred + Fifty acres of Land Lying on Lanes Creek
 upper tract paying his younger Brother William fifty
 Pounds Likewise Elias Preslar my Dearl^y beloved
 son Two Cows + Calves + one bay Horse Colt one
 hundred and Fifty Acres of Land on the same
 Creek below paying his younger Brother Levi
 fifty pounds Letting his mother live on the land her
 life time Likewise Jane Preslar my Dearl^y beloved
 Daughter Two Cows + Calves Likewise William
 Preslar my Dearl^y beloved son Two Cows and
 Calves + one sorrel Mare Likewise Levi Preslar my
 Dearl^y beloved son Two Cows + Calves + one bay horse
 Colt + to his well beloved Wife Mary Preslar again
 Two horses one Guy + one sorrel + they waggon for
 use the Plantation one Cow more + one roanblanck
 horse + one Sheep to Anthony + one Sheep to Elias +
 one Sheep to Jane + one Sheep to William + one Sheep
 to Levi and the remainder to my wife Mary Preslar +
 Daughter Susannah Preslar + whom I Likewise
 Constitute Make + ordain the sole Executor of this
 my Last Will and Testament all + singular my
 Lands messuages + Tenements by her Family to be
 possed + Enjoy + I do hereby utterly disallow re-
 voke and Disannul all + Every other form Testa-
 ments Wills Legacies Bequeaths + Executors by
 me in any waye before signed willed + Bequeathed
 Ratified + Confirming this + no other to be
 my Last Will + Testament in Witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand + seal this 6 day of
 December in the year of our Lord one thousand
 Seven hundred + Seventy Seven.

John Preslar (Seal)

Signed Sealed published pronounced
 and Declared by the said John
 Preslar as his Last Will and
 Testament in the presence of us
 who in his presence + in the
 presence of each other have
 hereunto subscribed our names.
 Sampson Hough.
 John Preslar.

Anson County
 proved January Court
 1778 by Sampson Hough
 and John Preslar.
 John Nuld Clk

Priscillah M^cPherson's Will.
 In the name of God Amen. I Priscillah M^cPherson
 of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina
 being weak in body but of a sound and Perfect
 Memory + Calling to mind the uncertainty of Life
 do make + ordain this my Last Will + Testament
 in manner + form following that is to the first I
 Recommend my soul to God my maker + my Body to the
 Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Exec-
 utors Hereinafter mentioned first I Give + bequeath to my
 Beloved son Shadrack Denson all my Land + out standing
 Debts due or payable to me + my negro Wench named
 Dinah + her increase Except the young negro girl named
 nan which I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter
 Betsey Denson And also my Feather bed and all the
 Remainder of my Personall Estate wholly I give
 and bequeath to my beloved son Shadrack Denson
 and also I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
 my son Shadrack Denson sole Executor of this