

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 Jillean. 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