

William Ratliff's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I William Ratliff of Anson County in the Province of North Carolina Planter being in perfect sense & memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same but Calling to mind the mortality of my Body & Knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body To the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named & as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to Bless me with in this Life I give Devise & Bequeath in manner following.

Item it is my will & desire that my beloved Wife Susannah Ratliff shall possess & Enjoy Manor Plantation and lands thereto belonging together with all my stock & Household furniture of what nature or kind soever During her Widowhood but in case she shall marry or die then it is my Will that the said Plantation & Lands together therewith the fourteen acres of land I purchased of Stephen Thomas Descend and go To my two sons William & Zachariah Ratliff to be Equally Divided between them & to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my son Thomas Ratliff five Shillings piece Money.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my two sons James & John Ratliff Three Hundred Acres of Land lying on the long branch of Joneses Creek to be Equally Divided between them and to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my son Robert Clother Ratliff Two Hundred acres of land lying on the Island Creek adjoining the lands formerly taken up by James Liles to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item it is my will that if either of my sons William Zachariah James John or Robert Clother Ratliff should die without Issue that

Thine it is my will that their part or divided of the said lands herein before bequeathed descend & go to the survivors of them & to be Equally divided amongst them to hold to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Curtis thirty pounds proclamation money to be raised out of the Estate at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my friend Mr William Thomas son of Philemon Thomas & Mr Robert Thomas My sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking disannulling making void all former & other Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying Confirming & holding good this to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth Day of February Anno Domini 1777.

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the Testator to be his Last Will & Testament in Presence of us
Thomas Dickson
G. Jefferson
Samuel Curtis

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