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The Last will & Testament of James Ray & son
in the Name of God Amen

I James Ray Jr. of the County of Ashe & State of North
Carolina

Being of Sound mind & memory do make
& declare this my Last will & Testament
I do will & Bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Ann the whole amount of my
Estate Both personal & Real during her
natural life & at her death that two thirds
of it is to go to my Natural & Lawful heir
& the other Remaining third is to be Subject
to & at his own proper disposal by will
or otherwise & the purpose of bearing into Effect
this my Last will & Testament & having full
Confidence in the faithfulness of my beloved
wife Mary Ann Ray I do hereby constitute
ordain & appoint her my my Sole Executor
to Execute the same according to this my
Last will & do further Request that Geo Ray Esq.
shall act as her friend & General Counselor
& Advise in the Execution of this my last will
& Testament

In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my Seal this 4th day of July 1842
in Presence of

James W. Hardin

Marion Johnston

James Ray Esq.