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February Term 1868

I John Ray of the County of Ashe an State
of North Carolina being of sound mind and
Memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence do make and declare this my last will and
Testament in manner and form following that is to say
1st I give to my beloved wife Riley all my personal
property after paying all my just debts and also I
give to my wife Riley also all my lands consisting
of my home place containing two hundred acres in
five tracts to hold as long as she lives and at her
death it is my will that the residue of my personal
property and also my land to be ~~equally~~ divided
Share and share alike in the following manner
Between my beloved children To wit Hamilton,
George, John, Nelly, Amanda, Malinda, Martha,
and four children of Thomas Rays do, to have one
Share the property and land to be divided in
Eight shares as above stated in which whereof
I the said John Ray do here unto set
my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1867

Signed Sealed published
and declared by the said
John Ray to be his last
will and testament in the
presence of us who at his request
and in his presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto

Geo. H. Hamilton }
Jas. W. Hardin }
R. L. Hardin }
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John Ray (Seal)