

then the rest of my Personal Estate to be equally divided
between all my Children then living— All the rest of
my Lands not already given away I will that it be equally
divided amongst all my Daughters. I have also
by Will in that of my Brother Ambrose does before.
For John arrives to the age of sixteen years that my
Executors shall raise and appropriate to the education of
my Son John Twenty Pounds a year.

I do appoint my Brother Abaiah Ramsey, Archibald
McBryde and Thomas McCarroll, executors of this my
last Will and Testament. In witness I have set my hand
and affixed my seal this 27 day of March 1798.

Signa Scripta & Actum
in presence of—
John Ramsey
J. Bryde

I John Ramsey do hereby Publish & declare
the following as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament
Whereas in my said Will I devised all my Lands not
therein before particularly devised to be equally divided
amongst all my daughters. Now my Will shall be that
all my Lands shall be divided as aforesaid; Only a
tract of land on the Indian boundary near or on
the Chickasaw Bluff; which I hereby Will and give
to my Son John Ramsey, & all my daughters shall
I have also; Further my Will and desire is to leave
it in the power of my Executors, to sell my claims
to the above Lands on the Chickasaw Bluff should

They think it most prudent so to do. In the benefit of
my Children, and the money arising therefrom, to be
divided in the manner aforesaid. In witness whereof
I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 27 day of July
1801.

Signa Scripta & Actum
in presence of
L. Harman
John Harman

And further for the love & affection I
have for my daughter Lydia McBryde, I give & bequeath
to her & her heirs for ever, a Negro girl Sarah, now in
her possession, together with her increase. This to be
considered as a further Codicil. In witness whereof
I have set my hand & affixed my seal the
said 27 day of July 1801.

Signa Scripta & Actum
in presence of—
L. Harman
John Harman

I Ambrose Ramsey of Chatham County being in
perfect mind and memory do hereby declare the following
to be my last Will and Testament. To wit: I give to my
Brother Abaiah Ramsey, Five hundred dollars, including
his account as it stands stated in the Books of Ambrose
and John Ramsey; the balance of the said Five hundred
dollars after deducting the aforesaid account is to

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said out of the Abony which General Martin is sued
for in the Court of Chancery in Virginia, and of nothing
should be received of said Martin, then my Will is
that my Brother shall be fully discharged of the before
mentioned, mentioned sum or account, and receive nothing
more. — And whereas my two Nieces, Jane Manning and
Fanny Manning, daughters of my brother John Manning
etc. have been extremely kind and attentive to me, I
therefore give to each of them, two thousand and fifty
dollars, and Jane to have her first choice of land
and furniture, and Fanny to have her second choice
of land and furniture; and fifteen hundred to each
of them yearly to buy clothes, also their reasonable
boarding expenses, until they are married, or arrive to
the age of twenty one years respectively. — I give to
my Nephew John Ambrose Manning, son of my brother
John Manning etc. his third choice of land, furniture
and the ~~the~~ Gun which has for many years been
called mine; Whereas I have a great desire, that the
place where I now live, should go to my Nephew
John Ambrose Manning aforesaid; My Will is therefore
that my Executors, lay off four thousand Acres of
Land in the most suitable & convenient manner, so
as to include the Miller, Berry, Arthur, Henry and
Plantation, whereon I now live, and then to choose two
Men of Judgment and respectability, to set a value
on the same, and if they should not agree, they are
to choose three Men, and the same persons are

also in the same manner to set a value on the parts
or shares of my estate, which shall be received by the
daughters of my brother John Ramsey and or their heirs
as hereinafter set forth, and then my Will is, that my
Executors, rent the said Plantation, Abbot, Perry &c. in
the manner they may judge most proper & advantageous
until my said Nephew, arrives at the age of Twenty
one years, which rent and profits, shall go to the Sutors
or their heirs &c. in order to make up the difference between
the Mills and the four Hunance Acres of Land; And
if there should be any thing due, for the difference in
the shares when my said Nephew arrives at the age
of twenty one years; then on his paying that sum to my
executors or the survivor of them, for the purpose of
being paid over to the Sutors their heirs or legal Represen-
tatives, then on the performance of said Condition I
give to my said Nephew John Ambrose Ramsey, the
said Mills, Perry, Anthony and the appurtenances to our
Hunance Acres of Land to him their heirs &c.
And after paying all my Just debts & demands, which
may be against me, and settling the above legacies, &
laying off the appurtenances, four Hunance Acres of Land
&c. my Will that all my estate of every Nature or kind
whatsoever, whether Real or Personal, shall be divided
in the following manner; to the ^{three} Children of my wife
Sally McCarrick, and or the survivor of them, and
their heirs, one sixth part, and to my three Sons,

Mr. Pryde, Mary Nease, & Fanny & Helen Jane Ramsey
 and Fanny Ramsey, daughters of my De'd Brother
 John Ramsey one dollar part each, to them & their heirs
 forever. — I do most earnestly recommend my two sons
 Isaac and Henry and my Nephew J. H. Ramsey to the
 care of my Executors, hoping that they will be careful
 of the education of the latter and that they will man-
 age to instil into their minds every moral virtue —

Lastly, I nominate & appoint Archibald McPryde &
 Joseph Abner, executors of this my last Will & Testament
 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 27th January 1803.

Signed & sealed & attested
 in presence of

Joseph Abner

John Bond

John & Harbison
 more

Ramsey

1803

In the name of God amen. We the undersigned
 of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina
 being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and
 memory do make & declare this my last Will and Testament
 in manner & form following, to wit: I leave unto my dear
 beloved Wife Mary Anne Willith, during her natural
 life, the House where I now live together with five
 acres of Land around the same including the Spring
 & said House, with tithe of getting & growing off

of my other Land, and the balance of my Plantations
 whereon I now live to be rented out for the support & maintenance
 of my Wife and daughter Lydia, who I desire may live
 with her mother and take care of her, & that when the said
 Lydia shall be entitled to the same liberty & Privileges of
 the said Land & House, as her Mother is & will be entitled
 during her life: And at my Wife's death, it is my Will
 and desire that my daughter Lydia be entitled to the
 same during her natural life. I also leave unto my said
 Wife one bed & Furniture, three Chairs, one Chest, one Table
 all the Kitchen Furniture, one Cow & calf, four head
 of Sheep, four three year old Horses, four Saw Horses,
 ten Barrels of Corn all the Wheat made on the Planta-
 tion, with Provisions sufficient to winter the Stock, I leave
 them the Corn Hogs & Wheat and intendants for their support
 for one year, and at the death of my Wife the said
 Property (except the five acres of Land which is intended by
 me as a home for my daughter Lydia) be sold and
 equally divided among all my Children & the heirs of
 those of my Children who are dead who shall be entitled
 to the same share as their Father or Mother would have
 been entitled to if living. And it is my Will and earnest
 desire that my Negro Man, Isaac Daniel by name be
 set free & hereby freely & fully emancipated & set free
 and it is my earnest desire that my Executors & heirs
 petition the Court of Meas. & Grants & Officers to be