

I John Ramsey of Chatham County State of
North Carolina Will that after my death, my estate
may be disposed of as follows. First I give & bequeath
to my son John Ambrose Ramsey, the Land and
Plantation purchased of the Johnsons, also one
Hundred Acres of Land including the House known
I call a Abbot's Place: as also Two Negroes (viz)
Simon & Dick. The above Property is to remain in the
hands of my Brother Ambrose Ramsey in common
with the rest of my Estate, until my son arrives to
the age of Eighteen or the death of my Brother.
The rest of my estate both Real and personal I leave
in the hands of my brother Ambrose Ramsey during
his life - for the use of raising and schooling my children
as he shall think Proper - to use the same together with
the Stock in trade, as if I was living, or until my
daughters marry, or arrives to age; at which time
my Will is to advance out of my Estate to each of
the Daughters now single, as much as I have already
given to the two that are married viz Lydia
and Sally McCarroll which I estimate at about
Hundred Dollars each - And if my Brother
should die before all my daughters marry or arrive
to age; My Will is that my executors hereafter
do raise in the first place out of my Estate
above sum for each of my daughters that are now
that all my daughters may live equally.

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. And 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. For 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 Ramsey

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 signed at my hand & affixed my seal the
said 27 day of July 1801.

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

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