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In the Name of God amen I John Raleff was
of the County Chatham and State of North Carolina
being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and
memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mine
the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and ordain this my
last will and Testament and as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
life I give demise and dispose of the same in the fol-
lowing manner and form

Item I lend to my dearly beloved wife Ann Raleff one
room of the House where in I now live all my stock
of every kind House hold furniture and plantation
tools during her natural life except she marries
then only one third part thereof and the remaining
two thirds at her marriage to be equally divided
between my Children Sarah Raleff Elizabeth
Smith John Raleff Edom Raleff Amos Raleff
and Abner Raleff and at her death the other
two thirds in the same manner except such as may
hereafter dispose off other wise to them their
Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Raleff
one cow and calf to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Abner Raleff
all the Land and plantation where on I now live
with all the appertinances thereunto belonging
except the room lent to my wife which at her
death is to be his also my self with all the
appertinances thereunto belonging to him his Heirs
and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Job
Raleff Samuel Raleff Elias Raleff

Thomas Ratcliff and John Ratcliff / sons of Thomas
Ratcliff Owner of a certain quantity of Land Situated to be about
Eighty Acres Agreeable to conditional lines with my self
my sons John & Thomas Ratcliff to be divided Among my
Said grand sons agreeable to their fathers will to them
Their heirs and assigns for ever

And I do here by constitute make and Ordain Oliver Ratcliff
The sole Executor of this my last will and Testament —

And I do here by utterly disallow revoke and Annul
all and every other former Testaments will legacies bequests
Executors by me in any wise before named made and
bequeathed Validating and Confirming this and no other
to be my last will and Testament — In Witness
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seals this

22nd February 1798

John Ratcliff

Sealed sealed published
pronounced and declared
by the said John Ratcliff his last
will and Testament

Thos Bagland
Mary Bagland