

In the name of God amen I Thomas
Ray of the County of Latham and State of
North Carolina being of sound mind & memory
blessed be Almighty God for the same do make
& publish this my last will & Testament

Item My will & desire is That only so much of
my personal property be sold as will ~~pay~~
be necessary to liquidate my debts

I give devise & bequeath to my beloved wife
Katharine all my Estate real & personal inclu-
ding the tract of land on which I now live
as long as she shall remain unmarried & my
widow but on her decease I give & devise to
my children and their heirs respectively to be divi-
ded in equal shares between my wife Katharine
and my children in the same way as the law pre-
scribes ^{NOT made} ~~made~~ ^{there} ~~there ^{wise} ~~wise~~~~

It is my desire that my youngest children should
live with their mother and for her to provide for
them in the best way she can

I also desire that my son William F Ray and Mrs
M Ray be the Executors of this my last will and
Testament In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe
my name and affix my seal this 19th April 1854
Signed sealed & delivered in the
presence of us Barney Bynum
John F Davis

Thomas Ray

May Term 1854 The execution of the last
and Testament of Thos Ray was duly proved in open
court by the oath of Barney Bynum a subscribing
witness & ordered to be recorded whereupon Mr F
Ray one of the Executors therein named appeared in
court and was duly qualified as such

Wm Taylor C. C. C.