

In the name of God amen. I William Ward of the County of
Cathlam and State of North Carolina being sick and weak
in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory ^{conscious} of the
uncertainty of human life and that all men are born to die
and considering the necessity of disposing the worldly substance
wherewith it has pleased God to bless me for the disposing of
the same, I do hereby make publish and declare this to be my
last will and Testament ^{in name} and form following

Imprimis - It is my will and desire that all my just debts and
funeral expenses be paid be paid by my Executors from
the proceeds of the farm.

Item - It is my will that the whole of my property both
personal and perishable shall remain together and divided
equally between my children when my son Joseph shall
have arrived to the age of twenty one years reserving to
my beloved wife Elizabeth Ward shall she be alive
at the time at the time the division takes place,

the plantation whereon I now reside also five negroes
her choice and as much of the stock, household and
kitchen furniture as she may think adequate to have
and to hold during her natural life time and at her death
to be equally divided between my children then living
all except the land whereon I now reside

Item - It is my will that all my lands be equally divided
between my four sons namely Thomas Joseph William and
James Ward when my son Joseph shall have arrived to
the age of twenty one years reserving to my beloved wife
the tract whereon I now reside during her natural life time
and at her death to be equally divided between my before
named sons -

Item - It is my will that the sum of one hundred dollars
be paid to each of my daughters at the death of my beloved
wife by executor

Item - It is my will that in case either of my daughters marry before my son Joseph arrives of age, that they shall have their distributive share at such time to be fairly valued by two or more disinterested persons provided they may request the same.

Item - It is my will that the negroes I gave to my daughter Sarah Bynum, namely Nancy, aged 18 years and child Henry aged one month and Leemud aged 6 years which negroes to be valued at the time she came in possession of them, and deducted out of her distributive share, also one horse worth \$50 one Barren Red and furniture to be deducted from her distributive share when an actual division takes place.

Item - It is my will that the negroes I gave my son Thomas Ward namely London, aged 10 years and Alfred aged 6 years which negroes is to be valued at the time he came in possession of them, also one horse worth \$50 which property is to be deducted from his distributive share at the time the division takes place.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Ward Executor to this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, ^{and} Seal this 29th day of September A.D. 1832

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of

E Ellis

Do Ramsey

Wm Ward Seal

The foregoing last will and testament of William Ward deceased was duly proven in open court at November Term 1832 by the oath of Joseph Ramsey a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Thomas Ward the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and ^{was} duly qualified.