

In the name of my Son Duncan Ray Son of the County of Cumberland and
State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks to the
thoughtful for his goodness casting to mind the mortality of the body and that it is appoint-
ed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the
manner and form following first of all I recommend my soul to the thoughtless who gave
it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but I shall receive the same at the resurrection and as touching ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~touching~~
my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I do give Ordain
and dispose of the same in the manner and form following to wit first I give and bequeath
unto my daughter, Isabelle Ray A negro boy named Stephen during his natural life and at
her death to be equally divided Among my heirs and to my daughter, Margaret Blue I give
and bequeath A negro boy named Dave unto my Daughter Mary Blue I give and
bequeath A negro girl named Rhody and unto my Son Angus Ray I give and bequeath
A negro man named Sam and I give and bequeath unto my Son Fred Ray A negro
man named George also A negro woman named Lucy to be equally divided between my
Sons Angus Ray and Fred Ray and unto my daughters Mary Ray Catharine Ray
and Anne Ray I give and bequeath my Stock of Cattle Horses Sheep hogs farming
utensils and still and household furniture to be equally divided Among them and
should any of them die without lawful issue then their part of the said bequeathed
property to be equally divided Among my heirs one hundred and fifty acres of land
in the upper little River to be sold by my Executors for the payment of my debts
And thereby make and Appoint my Sons Angus Ray and Fred Ray my Executors
And my Daughters Mary and Catharine Ray my Executors of this my last will
and testament revoking dissolving and making void all former wills and
bequests by me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testament
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of August
and in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty two
in presence of

Malcolm Munro

William Ray

Duncan Ray
his mark

Will.

Junco Ray.

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September term
1822.

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I, Duncan Ray, of the County of Cumberland, and State of North Carolina, Hatter, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First - That my Executors, (hereinafter named,) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate -

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved sons, John Ray and Daniel Ray, now living in the State of Alabama, One hundred and fifty five dollars each, to be theirs and at their disposal absolutely, forever, it being the principal of two notes, which I now hold against my said son, John Ray, bearing date, February the second day, one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and as my sons, Archibald Ray and Angus Ray are jointly bound with my said son, John Ray, in one of the said notes, and my son, Angus Ray is only bound with my said son, John Ray, in the other; I do hereby discharge, release and acquit my said sons, Archibald Ray and Angus Ray from any and all liabilities on said notes, now and forever, both in law and equity, and hold only my said son, John Ray, responsible for the faithful discharge and settlement of the same for the future; and on his paying his Brother, Daniel Ray, the one hundred and fifty five dollars, before mentioned, it being one half of the principal of the abovesaid notes, then my

Executors are to deliver the aforesaid notes to my son, John Ray, or his lawful agent, or representative -

Item - I give and bequeath to ~~the~~ **the** Wardens of the Poor of Cumberland County, and their successors in office, as Wardens, one hundred dollars, the interest of which to be applied annually to the use of the Poor of Cumberland County, forever -

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Catharine, wife of Archibald McBryde, now living in the State of Alabama, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be hers and at her disposal absolutely, forever -

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Angus Ray, and my beloved daughters, Flora Ray, and Mary Ray each, two cows and calves, and two sheep and lambs their choice, to be delivered to them by my Executors within two years after my death, to be theirs and at their disposal absolutely, forever, as each one may think fit - being equal to the share received by those of my children, who have already left me -

Item - I give and devise to my beloved daughters, Flora Ray and Mary Ray, the plantation, on which I now live, known as the pasture branch plantation, containing about three hundred acres of land, together with all my farming tools and utensils, house-hold and kitchen furniture, also, I give and bequeath to them, my negro boy Tom and my horse, as long as, they remain unmarried, but should either of ~~them~~ marry, then the whole to accrue to the unmarried one, to cease also, on the day of her marriage, or in case they or either of them do not marry, then to have and to hold to them, or the survivor of them during the

Term of their, or her natural life, then the farming tools and utensils, household and kitchen furniture, the negro boy Tom and the horse mentioned above, to be equally divided between my sons, Angus Ray, Archibald Ray, and my daughters, Effy, Alexander Campbell's wife, and Sarah, Malcom Mc Craneys wife, share and share alike, to be theirs and at their disposal absolutely, forever. Item - when the interest of my daughter, Flora Ray and Mary Ray shall cease in the above mentioned plantation, known as the pasture branch plantation, as mentioned in the preceding Item, Then I give and devise to my beloved son, Angus Ray the said plantation, in consideration of labor and services, which he has done me, and for which he has received no compensation to have and to hold the said plantation to him and his heirs in fee simple, forever.

Item - My will and desire is, that all the residue of my estate, ~~including~~ ^{if my only girl falls, stock, cattle, hog and sheep,} money or notes (if any) shall be equally divided, between my beloved sons Angus Ray and Archibald Ray, and my beloved daughters, Flora Ray, Mary Ray, Effy, Alexander Campbell's wife, and Sarah, Malcom Mc Craneys wife, in equal proportions, share and share alike, to them and each and every of them, their executors, administrators and assigns, absolutely, forever.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my faithful and trusty sons, Angus Ray and Archibald Ray, my lawful executors to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof - hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me here-

- before made - In witness whereof, I, the said
Duncan Ray, do hereunto set my hand and
seal, this 5th day of August, A.D. 1847.

signed, sealed published and declared by
the said Duncan Ray to be his last will
and testament th_{in} presence of us, who,
at his request and in his presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses
thereto—

Hugh M. Pharo
Peter Patterson

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Recitation book
Q of Miss Page
21b. St. Edmund
Clark

Duncan Boyd will

State of North Carolina }
County of Cumberland }
December Term 1851
Then was this last Hill's Parliament of Lunenburg Ray
offered for protest, and duly known by the oath
of the subscribers on this paper. Whereupon
it was ordered by the court that John Testamentary
shall be Anger Ray and Archibald Ray the execs
-tion there in name who were qualified in open
court. It was further ordered that this last Hill
& Testament and the accompanying exhibits
be returned in the book of this

State of North Carolina
 Cumberland County

In the Name of God Amen I John Ray of the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory signed by God in this twenty fifth Day of September one thousand eight hundred and four feeling unto mine the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hand of almighty God that give it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate where with it has pleased God to Bless me in this life I Give and Dispose of the same in the following Manner and form

First... I Give and Bequeath to Mary my loving wife the third of all my ~~land~~ parishable property and the third of the tract of Land that I live on and she is to School fatherless Children and the same property shall be held during his life and then to Return to John and Gilbert Ray

an Equal Division of the same except the Land

Secondly I Give and Bequeath to my son Gilbert Ray the third of all my Parishable Property and half of the lightwood of the whole

Thirdly I Give and Bequeath to John Ray my Dear and loving son the third of all the Parishable Property and the whole of the Land at his Mothers death except half of the lightwood

Fourthly I Give to Nicholas Ray and Daniel Ray five pounds each to be paid out of the whole of the property before any other Division

And I here by make and ordain My Son Gilbert and John Ray Executors of this my last will and Testament in witness where of at the said John Ray here to this my my last will and Testament set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written signed sealed and Published and Declared By the said John Ray the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

John Ray
 Last will and