

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

State of North Carolina }
Cumberland County } September 15th 1807

In the name of God Amen. I John May of the
said County & state being of sound mind and
memory do make and ordain this my last Will
and Testament. I give and Bequeath to my
Beloved Wife Christian May my Negro Boy
Jack and Piny, the mother of said Negro
Boy Jack, I Bequeath to my son Duncan
May my Negro girl Sally and two hundred
acres of Land wit of the Cypress pond
in the County of Richmond. I Bequeath
to my son John my Negro Boy Jacob and
three hundred ^{and forty} acres of land being the
plantation on which I live, provided that one
third of the said plantation and Land shall be
the Property of my wife Christian May
during her lifetime and at her Decease
to revert to my son John and his heirs
for ever I Bequeath to my Daughter
Margaret my Negro girl Sally. I Bequeath
to my Daughter Mary my Negro Girl
London. I Bequeath to my Daughter Ann
four pounds in money I Bequeath to my
Daughter Isabella four pounds in
money. I Bequeath to my Daughter
Katherine one Silver Dollar —

John May

James Church Esq. Not
ary for the County of
Richmond
and Duncan in Bank
at Dec. 18
to witness and seal

I Bequeath to each of my Grand Children
Viz. John Buie the son of my Daughter
Sally Deed & John May Duncan May and
Katherine the Children of my Son Duncan
Deed. one Silver Dollar —

As to the rest of my worldly goods and
property. Consisting of A Stock of Cattle
Horses Hogs & sheep. Household Furniture &c

It is my wish and desire that they remain
on the Plantation as they are for the use
and maintenance of my Children by the
said Christian May and when my said
Children are grown up then the said
remaining property to be Equally divided
among the said Christian and my Children
by her It is likewise my wish and

desire that in case my Negro Pinty should
have future increase the said increase to
be equally divided among the said Christian
and my Children by her and likewise I
appoint the said Christian May my wife.

Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.
Signed sealed Published
pronounced & declared

In the presence of
the word and forty in the 12th line
the word (said) in the 14th line
interlined before signed

John May
Mark

Witness
John May
Pray