

In The Name of God Amen
 I Richard Ryals of the County of Cumberland and
 and state of North Carolina be very sick and weak in
 body but of perfect mind and understanding thanks be
 be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality
 of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man once
 to dye do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
 that is to say principally and first of all I give and recom-
 mend my soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping
 through the merits Death and passion of my saviour Jesus
 Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all
 my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my Body I com-
 mit to the earth to be decently Buried at the discretion of
 my Executor hereafter named 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
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
 demise and dispose of the same in the following manner
 and form that is to say — First I will that all those
 Debts and duties as I do owe in right or conscience to any man
 or Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly con-
 sidered and paid or obtained to be paid in convenient time after I am
 deceased by my Executor hereafter named —
 Item I lend unto Milley my Dearly Beloved Wife one
 Hundred Acres of Land including my House and chard Land
 during her life and then to belong to my son Young
 I also lend unto my Beloved wife a Negro Girl named Esther
 during her life and then she and her increase to be equally
 divided Between my son Richardson and his sisters Mary
 Elizabeth Nancy Winifred and Ridley I also lend unto my
 beloved Wife one gray mare one Gray Horse Four Cows & Calves

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Eight ~~year~~ year Old Hogs my Household Furniture and
Jewels — I also give unto during her life and then to be
Equally divided between my Five Daughters Mary, Nancy
Elizabeth Winifred and Ridley I also give unto ^{my daughter} Elizabeth
Winifred and Ridley Each of them their Beds and furniture
likewise Fifty Acres of Land joining Levy Ennis on Black
River — Item I give unto my son Richardson Fifty
acres of Land joining his own Land it being part of a
track or parcel of Land of 150 acres — Item I give unto
my son Lovett one track or parcel of Land Lying down
the swamp containing Two hundred Acres also Nine-
ty Acres adjoining I also give him a Negro Boy
named Harry and likewise one Gray Philly

Item I give unto my son Young Two Hundred Acres
of Land it being the plantation I now live on likewise
Fifty Acres adjoining on the Big Branch it being part of
a 150^{acre} piece also Fifty Acres ^{acres} adjoin or less adjoining
it being part of a piece of 200^{acres} (only my wife to have
the part of the said lands before mentioned during
her life) I ^{give} unto my son Young a Negro Boy named Jack
and the rest of my Property I leave to be sold and Equ-
ally Divided between my Daughters that is Mary

Nancy Elizabeth Winifred and Ridley — I also appoint
my wife and Richard Avera Executors of the said Estate
as witnesses my hand and seal this 29th of March 1816
Signed sealed and
Delivered in presence of

Test J. M. Avera Junr. +
Test Levy Ennis
mark

Richard ^{his} Avera
mark

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Richard Avera