

For the Honor of God Almighty the Second day of July in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty. I Joseph Rufus of Guilford County in the
State of North Carolina being very weak in body but of sound mind and
perfect memory thanks be to God for the same, think fit to make & Ordain
this to be my Last Will & Testament, as touching my worldly goods, I give
divide and dispose of the same in the manner & form following - viz -

1st Item I give to my Wife Sally the following Negroes, Mammies, Martha, & Kate,
and all my House-hold and Kitchen furniture, & forming Utensils, as well
proper during her Widowhood One Servant Man & Girl & her Choice of four
heads of Cow Cattle, and all my stock of Hogs, & Sheep, and my Crop of
Corn, Wheat & Oats & Rye to dispose of as she may think proper. -

2nd Item I authorize my Executors to see as much of my property as will
pay all my Just Debts, such as they think proper. Isaac English
not to be sold

3rd Item, the balance of my property to be kept together to the best advantage
for the purpose of raising & schooling my Children unto my daughter
Come of age and then to be equally divided between my lawful heirs.

I. Constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Catherine A. Rufus & William
Rufus as Executors and Executor to this my Last Will & Testament. I
Truly set them with power to act as such. In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day & year
first above Written.

Signed Sealed published declared by the said Joseph Rufus
Rufus to be his Last Will & Testament, in the presence of

Willa Bunn. I authorize my Executors & Executor above named to sell by
public or private Sale as may best suit for Cash or Credit, and if any over-
plus arise from the Estate more than will support the family to go for the
purchase of piece of Land for the family to live on.

William Stanale
A Underwood. }
Samu. H. Lewis. }

State of North Carolina
Guilford County 3rd August Term 1830.

The Execution of the foregoing Will was duly proven in Open
Court by the Oaths of William Stanale & Andrew Underwood Two of the
Subscribing Witnesses thereto. Ordered to be Recorded.

Then Came in Catherine A. Rufus Wife of William
Rufus Exec^r appointed in said Will & qualified as such.
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