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In the name of God Amen
I James Rankin of the County of Lincoln
State of North Carolina being of weak state
of health but through the mercy of God preserved
in a temporary calling to mind the uncertainty
of life, & that shortly I must change this mortal
for an immortal State, do in and by this my
last will and testament in manner & form
following Viz. My body I commit to the dust
from whence it came to be buried in a decent
christian burial at the discretion of my executors
& my soul I freely surrender to God that give
it me in full assurance of pardon of soul &
body again at general Resurrection & as to such
worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow
me within this life, I give & bequeath the same
deeds hereafter mentioned now & all my just
debts to be paid out of my Estate & I bequeath
to my beloved wife Mary Rankin an negro
woman named Jan during her life also
I allow her to live on the land where her
residence is during her widowhood her good
& allow her a bed & furniture & fuel & board &
allow her a negro woman & a grey horse
to be sold & all the rest of my property real
& personal to be kept together until the youngest
child Mary Ann is twelve years of age then
all my property be valued & equally divided
among my children Richard Rankin & Robert
Rankin my two sons, has received each
fifty dollars to be taken out of their share

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And I appoint Richard Rankin ^{son} James R.
Rankin my whole & sole Executor to see that
my last will & Testament executed according to my
true intent & meaning & do here by ratify & confirm
this to be my last will & Testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 23rd of November AD 1832 sealed &
acknowledged in presence of as

Attest W. Rankin

James Rankin (Seal)

Attest Rankin Jurat

Richard H.
James Rankin } Executors Sworn