

April Sessions 1857

John Ramsour's Will.

In the name of God Amen,

I, John Ramsour of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina, being reasonable well in health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and being desirous to make a disposition of the property it has pleased God to bless me with, do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner;

Item 1st To my beloved wife Elizabeth Ramsour I give that part of the dwelling house we now occupy and the kitchen and such part of the Smoke house and Spring house as may be necessary for her decent ^{accommodation} ~~manipulation~~, all my house hold and kitchen and such part thereof as she may choose to keep, one good cow & calf her choice out of my stock, and a negro girl her choice of those that belong to my estate at my decease, and I hereby direct that my two sons George S. Ramsour and David W. Ramsour furnish their mother annually with Seventy bushels of Good Wheat, forty bushels of Corn, four hundred weight of Pork, one hundred weight beef, fifty weight good sugar, fifty weight coffee, four gallons good molasses, one pound tea, one pound pepper, one pound allspice and sack of salt, and provender sufficient for her cow & calf also firewood sufficiently for her comforts, the whole of which is to

one sack of salt, and provender sufficient for her cow & calf also firewood sufficiently for her comforts, the whole of which is to be provided and furnished to her in one time, each of the boys to furnish an equal part of the foregoing articles.

Item 2nd I give to my son George H. Ramsour one half of the tract of land whereon I now live (being originally in two tracts) containing about seven hundred and ten acres, his part is to include the premises where I now live and the line is to be run in the division so as to give my son David W. Ramsour the outer upland field beginning at a point on Anthony's line and run thence along the Middle fence and on in the same direction far enough to include one half of the whole tract; then to turn at right angles or nearly so and run to the river, said division line is to be run and marked as soon as practicable after my decease if it is not done before.

Item 3rd I give to my son David W. Ramsour the other half of my said plantation including where he has improved and now lives - the whole of which I will and bequeath to my said sons their heirs or assigns in fee simple, except so far as I have provided for my wife and their mother, and I do hereby specially direct that my said sons furnish their mother the articles mentioned for her support, and if they or either of them fail to furnish the said articles to their mother or cause the same to be furnished, then and in that case she is hereby authorized to take into her possession such part or portion of the whole of the aforesaid plantation and rent it out or have it cultivated in order to raise a sufficient support from the proceeds thereof.

Item 4th All the balance of my Estate both real and personal is to be sold at public sale on a reasonable credit, and out of the proceeds thereof my funeral expenses and all my just debts are to be paid. and the balance is to be divided amongst all my daughters or their heirs so as to make them exactly equal, taking into consideration what I have advanced to them and charged them with.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son in Law Jacob Ramsour, and my son George S. Ramsour my Executors to execute this my last Will & Testament. And I do hereby revoke, disavow and disallow all other former Wills by me executed and published and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I John Ramsour have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 8th day of February 1848

Signed sealed & published in presence of

Maxwell W Coulter

Jno Coulter Jurat;

John Ramsour (Seal)

John Blines Will

Lincolnton, April 17th 1857.

I, John Bline of the Town of Lincolnton and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, as follows to wit;