

In the Name of God Amen, I John Ray of Martin County & State of N^o Carolina being through the blessing of God & mercy of God of a sound and perfect understanding among others be God do constitute this my last will and testament first I most humbly request my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance through the all different merits and mediation of my Comforter Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him living he was death to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning Penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in this hope & confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious time of my Dissolution then to take me to himself unto that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all those that Love and fear his holy Name Amen I give my Body to the earth from whence it came to be taken in full appearance of its Resurrection from thence at the last day as for my Burial I desire it may be Decent without a State at the Discretion of my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence - as to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my said debts be paid -

Item I give and Bequeath to my Dear father Samuel Ray my negro girl Fella to him forever also I lend my father my four negroes to wit Ben, Sarah, Caesar & Samuel to him during his natural life also one steer about two years old to him forever -

Item I give and Bequeath after the Decease of my father to my sister Elizabeth Ray my three negroes Ben, Sarah & Samuel -

Item I give and Bequeath to James Thomson my negro boy Caesar to him and his heirs lawfully Begetting forever -

Item I give and Bequeath to my Brother Stephen Ray the sum of five shillings to be paid by my executors

Item I give and Bequeath my sister Sarah Ray the sum of five shillings to be paid by my executors -

I hereby Nominate and appoint and make choice of Handy Myles do witness to this my last will and testament in testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and two signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of us

Witness Samuel Ray

Henry L. Leland

Handy Myles

Martin County, The Instrument of writing was proven in open court to be the last will and testament of John Ray by the oath of Henry Leland one of the subscribing witnesses in open court & ordered to be Recorded
test H B Hunter Clerk

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In the Name of God Amen, I William Pierce of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being of sound & perfect mind and memory Blessed be God, the calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows (viz) First I Recommend my soul to the hands of that God who first gave it and my Body to be buried in a Decent Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned and as touching what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with, I give & dispose of in the following form and manner to Wit - Item It is my will and desire that a sufficient quantity of my property to wit Negroes and moveable property be sold to pay my just debts at the Discretion of my Executors

Item, It is my will & desire that my son John and Daughters Mary and Marina Pierce have sufficient schooling out of my Estate clear of any charges for schooling or Board - Item, I lend to my beloved wife Phoebe Pierce during her widowhood eight Negroes to wit Harry Charles Lucy Henry Eddy Temp Savage & Lucy I also lend to my beloved wife half the Land Wharton's plantation Beginning at the mouth of the Spring branch thence running up the branch to the head thereof thence a straight line to a branch that empties into Shephards marsh also all my land known by the name of the Tobacco Island also one Island known by the name of man Island I also lend to my beloved wife three cows & calves three year & lambs Four feather beds bed Steads and Furniture one Walnut Table one small folding one large Table one Desk one case half dozen knives & forks Loom & gear one floor Wheel two Wool Wheels two Stone Sugs one Butter Pot flat shoes on pairs hand Irons two Pails two Tubs three stands one pair small telly two Weeding hoes two grubbing hoes two Plough hoes Stocks & blivis two axes iron Wedges grindstone one yoke of Stears & cart one horse & one mare side Saddle Whiskin chair & gear one dozen sitting chairs and as much Kitchen Furniture as will be necessary for her & one blue chest

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Pierce four cows & pigs three thousand weight of Pork Eighty Barrells of Corn Twenty Bushells of Wheat Thirty five weight of Coffee twenty five weight of Sugar and two steers for her years provision and all the bottom & gear Item I give & Bequeath unto my son Sipe Pierce half my Land on flat Swamp that will appear for Duds from the jagged Head and Nathan Raps to me