

377) Item I give and bequeath unto my four children that is to say
Ruben Rice William Rice Sophia Rice & Elizabeth Rice four tenth
of hys all my stock of cattle and all my stock of sheep to be equally
divided betwixt the four children unto them & their heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son Ruben Rice one negro woman by the
name of Emily & her increase from this time to go back to my six
children as far as all she has six children the said named that
have this increase to is John Rice My Rice Duv Rice William
Rice Sela Harnd Muraby bale the said increase to be equally divided
betwixt the said six children to them and their heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son John Rice five shillings sterlinc to him
& his heirs forever —
Item I give unto my son My Rice five shillings sterlinc to him
& his heirs forever —
Item I give and bequeath unto my son Duv Rice five shillings sterlinc
unto him & his heirs forever —
Item I give & bequeath unto my son Daughter Sela Harnd five shillings
unto her & her heirs forever —
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Muraby bale five shillings
sterling unto her & her heirs forever —
I do appoint John Rice Ruben Rice Executors to this will
Witness hereunto set I set my hand & seal Oct^o 14th day 1800

Matthew Griffin
William Hinsdale

John Rice ^{his} Seal
Mark

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In the name of God aman the twenty seventh day of January 1800
I William Rice son of the province of North Carolina and of
Martin County being weak of Body but of perfect mind &
memory thankes be to the Almighty for the same and knowing
that it is appointed for all men to die as make and maked
this my last will & testament in manner and form following
I bind & bequeath unto my wife Martha Rice for life time the
sta plantation where I formerly lived on and there negroes one by
the name of Pat one by the name of Rose one by the name of
Willis and every other thing that I posses before what I will unto
my six children —

I give and bequeath unto my son John Rice to him and his heirs forever
one hundred and seventy acres of land where I now live on after my wife
death and half the Richard at my death and the three hundred acres
of Compton land to be equally divided betwixt my three sons that is to
say Thomas Rice William Rice and John Rice to them and their heirs
forever —

I give and bequeath unto my three sons after my wife death one acre
that is to say Thomas Rice William Rice & John Rice to them and
their heirs forever —

I bind and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Rice one negro woman
named Pat and her increase from this date her lifetime and to her heirs
of said land Rice should die without lawfull heirs of her Body or have
heirs and they die before they come to age the said negro woman named
Pat and her increase from this date to be equally divided between my
three sons Thomas Rice William Rice & John Rice unto them and
their heirs forever —

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Rice unto her and her
heirs forever one Bed and furniture on common bed —

379) I send unto my Daughter Martha Pittman one negro girl
named Rose and her increase his lifetime and to his heirs for
of said Martha Pittman should die and his heirs should die
before the come of age the said negro girl name a Rose and her
increase to be equally divided between my three sons Thomas
Pace William Pace and John Pace to them and their heirs
forever

I send and bequeath unto my Daugher Elizabeth Hitchcock
one negro Boy named Willif his lifetime and to his heirs of
the said Elizabeth Hitchcock should die and her heirs should
die before they come of age the said negro Boy named willif
to be equally divided between my three sons Thomas Pace
William Pace & John Pace to them and their heirs forever
and at my wifes death every thing that she leaves be equally
divided between my three sons & three Daughters

I do hereby appoint Thomas Pace William Pace & John
Pace Executors to this my Will given from under my hand
and seal this 27th day of Jan^r 1780.

Acknowledged in
Person of us Test James Cooper

his
Patrick Colley
mark

his
James X Whitt
mark

William Pace

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In the name of God amen I Robert Sturz of the County of Martin
in State of N^r Carolina being weak of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory
blessed be God Do make and ordain this and no other to be my last will &
Testament in manner and form following

I am my will and desire is that all things that I have heretofore given
off to my son John Sturz his one negro girl names Leah and sundry
other things I give to him and his heirs forever

Item I send unto Anna Sturz my Daughter all the property I have
already let her have and all that will come to her share in conse-
quence of a division in my estate I also send unto my said Daughter
Abby for and during the term of her natural life and after the

death of said Abby I give and bequeath said Property of whatever nature
or kind soever it may be to all his children to them and their heirs forever

Item I send unto Sarah Hyman my Daughter all the property I have heretofore
given unto her & a negro girl Dice and her increase as also all that will
come to her in consequence of a division in my estate I also send unto said
Sarah for and during the term of her natural life and after the death
of said Sarah Hyman my Daughter I give and bequeath unto the
children of said Sarah all the property apportioned of what ever kind
or nature it may be to them and their heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto Sally Weatherbee my Daughter all
the property I have heretofore left her except the negro girl Dice I also ap-
point Dice girl I was I send unto her during her natural life and after the
death of said Sally I give and bequeath the said negro girl Dice I was an
increase unto the Children of my said Daughter Sally Weatherbee
to them and their heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto Polly Best my Daughter all the property I have
already left her except the negro girl Leah in the one purchase of Thomas
Best which said negro girl I leave to my Daughter Polly Best for and
during the time of her natural life and after the death of said Polly