

in my wife & my three daughters. I give & bequeath the third part of my Estate & personal estate, also I give & bequeath to my Daughter Hannah one third part of my Estate, and the other third part I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jane, that ~~the~~ <sup>any</sup> time intent I may have is to divide the estate equally among the three to wit my wife & two daughters. A sum of <sup>one</sup> ~~one~~ thousand dollars only excepted to be used & set off of the estate now & then as my wife is now with child & it comes to be a son then I do give & bequeath to him my whole & real estate to him & his heirs forever by paying to his two sisters the sum of fifty pounds cash after he is of age, & in the following form to wit, five pounds per year, or to cashister till it is all paid off if my wife should bring forth a girl then the same to be divided equally among them to wit my wife & her three daughters - and I do nominate constitute & appoint for attorney William Huddington & Nicholson Roff executors of this my last will & Testament, & I do hereby revoke disown & disclaim all other former wills, Testaments, legacies, bequests, etc. in any wise before this time written named or bequeathed. Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year above written sign'd sealed Ratified & confirmed by the said William Huddington & Nicholson Roff as his last will & Testament.

In the presence of us the subscribers

William Huddington &  
Thomas Davis

Nicholson Roff

In the name of God Amen. I John Ramsey of the County of Mecklenburg  
County Province of North Carolina being very sick & weak in  
body, but perfect in mind & memory, do make & do this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
God, for all these reasons let me say & make record  
to witness upon me although I never thought myself to  
mind the world, but I am now ready to die.

for all men come to die because all have sinned  
first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of  
almighty God my most merciful Creator, Redeemer  
& Saviour whose glorious name be ever praised now &  
forever world without end amen, and my body I recom-  
mend to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a  
plain decent manner (not with pomp or grandeur)-  
nothing departing but at the General Resurrection &  
day of Judgment I shall rise the same again by the  
mighty power of God, and as touching my world by  
effeis with which it hath pleased God to bless me  
I do give bequest, devise & demise them in the follow-  
ing manner viz first of all it is my will & I desire it  
so, & in that all my just Debts & several charges be  
paid out of my Estate ~~to~~ <sup>before</sup> I give bequeath  
Ewin & Dennis wife & their belov'd sons James  
Ramsay & William Ramsay all my tract of three  
hundred & twelve acre of land & improvements which  
I purchased of Geo Langt Silvern to be divided as  
follows. The creek the way it now runs to be the line  
all that Morley or part on the South East side of  
the Creek to be my son William him his Heirs & assigns  
& the other Morley or part to be my son James  
with improvements to him the said James Ramsay  
his Heirs & assigns forever. Then I give bequeath, devise  
& demise unto my well beloved son John Ramsay  
him his Heirs & assigns forever my tract of two hundred  
45/- acres of Land on the dividing bank of the water  
of a Whelping & four mile creek, I give & bequeath to  
my son James the horse & mire that goes in his name  
& two Welsh Cows & two calves, I do give & bequeath  
to my son William the Welsh Horse & young bay Mare  
& two Welsh Cows, I do give & bequeath to my son John  
his mare & colt & two Welsh Cows, Item I do give &  
bequeath to my well beloved daughter the Ester the P.  
mare & yearling & two cows & calves, I give &

So intirely whose Glorious Name be ever praised now &  
forever & with out without ~~any~~ woman, And my body I recom-  
mind to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a  
plain decent manner (not with pomp or grandeur)-  
Nothing troubling but at the general Resurrection &  
day of Judgment I shall rise the same again by the  
mighty power of God, and as touching my worldly  
affairs with which it hath pleased God to bless me  
I do give & bequeath, & will & promise them in the following  
manner viz first of all it is my will & I desire it  
so, & in that all my just & debts & funeral charges be  
paid out of my estate ~~before~~ primis I give bequeath  
& will & promise unto my well beloved son James  
Ramsay & William Ramsay all my tract of three  
hundred & twelve acres of land & improvements which  
I purchased of Geo Lang & Silvern to be divided as  
following. The creek the way it now runs to be the line  
all that moiety or part on the South East side of  
the Creek to be given to my son William his Heirs & assigns  
& the other moiety or part to be my son James  
with improvements to him the said James Ramsay  
his Heirs & assigns forever. Item I give bequeath, divide  
& promise unto my well beloved son John Ramsay  
him his Heirs & assigns forever my tract of one hundred  
forty acres of Land on the dividing body of the water  
of the Chequing & some miles eastward, I give & bequeath to  
my son James the horse & mare that goes in his name  
& two milk Cows & two calves, I do give & bequeath  
to my son William the white Horse & young bay Mare  
& two milk Cows, I do give & bequeath to my son John  
his mare & colt & two milk cows, Item I do give &  
bequeath 1. my well beloved daughter the Ester the  
Mare & her foal the black Cow & Calves, I give &  
bequeath to my son John his wife Rachel the

Day fifty I engaged my solicitor & Lawyer & attorney  
to be witness to my last will & Testament in favor Thomas Black  
the sum of five thousand pounds Money to be equally di-  
vided among all his four children I children & it is my  
will that all this portion be divided equally between  
my two daughters Esther & Rachel. I likewise do direct  
to begin with to each of them their own farms, William,  
Esther, Rachel & John a good feather bed & bed clothes  
equivalent to all the rest of my estate if any there be after  
all just debts & bequests are satisfied into the hands of my  
two farms to be divided equally between himself & the  
four other children last mentioned or to every one as their  
behaviour deserves, Likewise each of my two eldest sons  
is to have the plow & Teamlings they used to work with, all  
other tools & plantation implements to be used by the whole  
family while the last of his coffin to be sold & the price  
to go with the farm and so on as above, I do likewise  
constatele. Consideranting of present my well beloved son  
James Ramsey to be my ablest & whole executor  
of this my last will & Testament, I likewise & lawfully  
bequeath the said simple estate of five hundred two pieces of land  
to his brothers William & John in as full & ample a manner  
as I myself could do were I present, I likewise do now re-  
ad disannul all other former & Testaments bequests  
or legacies heretofore by me made & do make now before  
them & appoint this & no other to be my last will  
& Testament, I have waited for thy salvation & come  
into thy hands I commit my spirit even to some Lord  
Jesus Christ. In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of  
our Lord Christ 1775

Signed, sealed pronounced & dictated to be the  
last will & Testament of John Ramsey  
in the presence of {  
James, etc  
John Willie }

John Ramsey Esq<sup>r</sup>