

The within bill, signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of us, who at the request of the said Testator, have hereunto set our hands, in his presence

John Moore
Ann ^{her} + Hurst
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Joby Howe

The within last Will and Testament of Alexander Rouse late of New Hanover County deceased, was exhibited in open Court by Elizabeth Rouse, Executrix therein named and the due execution thereof was proved by the oath of John Moore esq; one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who likewise deposed that he saw Ann Hurst and Joby Howe subscribe their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator; who at the time of the execution of the said last Will and Testament, appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory: At the same time Elizabeth Rouse the Executrix named therein qualified as Executrix of the said last Will and Testament in due form of law, Ordered that the Clerk of New Hanover County Court record the same, and make out and issue letters testamentary with a copy of the said last Will and Testament according to the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided

By order
John Lillingston. Clk. S. Ct

On Monday the 21st of May 1781. James Ratchliffe being ill with the small pox, no person present but myself and his wife I believed him to be of sound mind and understanding, he saith to me, Arthur, Stuckey, I being some distance from him, afraid to venture too nigh, for fear of catching the disorder, I gave one hundred and fifty acres of land to Rebecca Malpass, I asked him where, he answered and says here, that is where he lived; and all the rest of my worldly estate I give to my wife to divide among her children as she pleaseth. And further, he saith not.

Arthur Stuckey

this 2nd day of April 1782
John Walker, S.P.

New Copative Will of James Ratchliffe April Term 1782