

- Item I bind to my loving wife the use of all my Estate to maintain my daughter Angelina (Clark Maddie) until she arrives at the age of sixteen years.
- Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Angelina (Clark Maddie) the plantation wherein I now live and negroes (except Lucy, Mims, George, Simon and Cassie and half of my household furniture and to be possessed with them at the age of sixteen years to her and her heirs forever.
- Item I give to my loving wife my negroes to wit Sarah, Bet, and Hannah to her and her heirs forever.
- Item I give likewise to my wife all the rest of my Estate be it of what value or kind so ever to her and her heirs forever my will and desire is that if my daughter Angelina (Clark Maddie) depart this life before she arrives to the age of sixteen years that my nephew Thomas Maddie enjoy her part so decreed and I do nominate and appoint James (Clark) Hoon Smith & Sham Fennell my Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 6th Day of December In the year of our Lord 1775

Witness and declared In presence,

Thomas Jordan

Henry Jordan

Black Jordan

Attestation of the Court of Northampton County, N. C. 1776
This will was proved by the oaths of Thos. Jordan & Henry Jordan & ordered to be recorded at the same time by the Clerk & Sham Fennell Qualifiers as Executors thereto
T. M. Jones C. C.

Escheldand Ruffin Will

In the Name of God Amen I Escheldand Ruffin of Northampton County, in the Province of North Carolina, being weak of Body but of sound and perfect

- mind and memory, Thanks be to God for the same, do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, first I give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my body to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as for my worldly Estate, do order give and dispose of in the following manner
- Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Martha Ruffin, one feather bed and Cushion her Chair of them, One wooling wheel, One Linen wheel, all my Pewter, One Small Pine Table, One Small Iron Pot, One frying Pan, Four Cows & Horses, two Sows & Pigs Six barrels of Corn, One Side Saddle & Bridle One Box Iron and hater all my Guns, two yoke & Lamb, One Small Pine Chest four frame Chairs, also Eleven Pounds ten shillings Poor Money to be raised out of my Estate. Likewise I lend her one third Part of the Plantation and tract of Land wherein I now live during her natural life the above mentioned Personal Estate is her and her heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ruffin five pounds Virginia Currency to be raised out of my Estate to her and her heirs forever.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my Natural Son John Ruffin, alias Aquin the Plantation and all the tract of Land wherein I now live, provided he Pay unto my Executors hereafter named the Sum of sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence Poor Money, within one year after my death, for the use and benefit of my Son Escheldand Ruffin, and also the Sum of sixty Six pounds thirteen Shillings four Pence Poor Money, within the said term for the use and benefit of my Son Escheldand Ruffin in order that the same may be put out on Interest

to him and his heirs forever, and in Case the said John Ruffin, alias Ogden, doth not pay the said sum as above mentioned, or doth die without Issue, my will and desire is that my said plantation and Tract of Land may be sold to the best advantage by, and at the discretion of my Executors, and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my said sons Bartholomew and Etheldred Ruffin.

Item My will and desire is, that after all my just debts and Legacies are paid all the residue of my Estate both real & personal, be it of what kind or nature soever may be sold to the best advantage, by and at the discretion of my Executors, to be equally divided between my said sons Bartholomew, and Etheldred Ruffin. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving brother Samuel Ruffin, Loving Stephen Etheldred Ruffin & my loving son John Ruffin alias Ogden, my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament, revoking, disannulling and making void all former wills and Gifts by me made and declare this only to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand & affixed my Seal the thirtyeth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three
Signed sealed & acknowledged

In presence of
John Puller
James Madrao
Mary Puller
Etheldred Ruffin (Daughter)

Northampton County ss June Court 1777.
This will was proven by Jas Madrao at the same time Samuel Ruffin qualified as Executor ordered to be Certified & Recorded. Teste Jesse Catherston Ccy