

Robert Ruffins Will

In the name of God amen, I Robert Ruffin of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina being in good health & of sound mind & memory, for presenting Disputes which may arise in my family about the Estate I may have at my death, do make this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say.

Item I leave to my wife Anne the use of my plantation of lands & purchase of Samuell Ruffins & the others containing one hundred & eighty acres more or less during her natural Life. Also the Labor of my Negroes yoke now bought by me Daniel & Rachel during her natural Life & I bequeath for to my said wife ten Cows & Calves & four ^{our year} old Hens, besides my three best feather Beds & furniture six ^{year} worth of provisions for herself & Family, one mare & live horses, the Choice of all & the profits of, all the remainder of my household Goods. I do not give away by this Will, one fourth part of all my ready money, all the working Tools Carts & Ploughs belonging to me, all my Gun, all my Cider Casks, her riding saddle & Bridle.

Item I give & bequeath to my son William Ruffin & to his heirs & assigns, forever all my Lands in the Counties of Edgecombe & Northampton in the Province aforesaid, also my Boarding Mill, one gun, my riding saddle & Bridle & my wearing apparel.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Robert Ruffin my Negro girl Peggy.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Robert Barraw my Negro girl Jane.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anne Smith my Negro girl Mollie one feather bed & furniture one horse or thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence proclamation money, also ten pounds thirteen shillings & four pence like money.

Item I give & bequeath unto Oliver Barraw one feather bed & furniture also twenty pounds proclamation money.

Item I give & bequeath that Negroes whose labor I have lent to my wife during her life, after her death to be equally divided between my three children William Anne & Oliver. My

will & desire is that they divide the Negroes between themselves without selling any of them to any other person.

Item I give & bequeath to my two daughters Anne Smith & Oliver Barraw all the remainder of my Stock of Cattle & sheep to be equally divided between them.

Item I give & bequeath all the remainder of my Estate of what Nature or kind soever to be equally divided between my three children William Anne & Oliver, each to have an equal share & part.

Item My will & desire & positive order is that no part of my Estate be sold appraised or inventoried but that my wife & children divide the same among themselves in specie, according to my will, any Law Custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item I nominate constitute and appoint my wife Anna & my son William Ruffin whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made, and declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 28th day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven signed sealed & declared to be Robert Ruffin & seal the last will & Testament of the subscriber in presence of Henry Dawson, Mary Cotton her mark John Hall.

I know all men by these presents that whereas I Robert Ruffin of the Province of North Carolina & County of Northampton have made & declared my last will & Testament bearing a certain date with this Schedule, & the said Robert Ruffin by this present Codicil or Schedule confirm & satisfy my said last will & Testament excepting that I desire or that part of my said will by which I gave unto my wife Anne only the one fourth part of my ready money, I confirm & declare the same & instead of the aforesaid one fourth part of my ready money give & bequeath unto my loving wife Anne two hundred & fifty Pounds in gold part of the ready money I have hereto.

Item I give the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds in hard Money, that is to say in gold & silver & my will & meaning is that this Codicil or the whole to be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last will & testament and that all things therein contained & mentioned be faithfully strictly performed, and as fully & amply, in every respect as if the same were so declared & set down in my said last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty four. Robert Ruffin Janat
Signed sealed & declared to be his last Codicil or Schedule of the Subscribers of the later in presence of
Henry Dawson, Mary Colter, John Hull.
August Court Northampton County

This will was exhibited in Court and proved by the Oath of Henry Dawson & John Hull two of the Subscribers & also the Codicil annexed thereto, at the same time William Ruffin qualified as Exor. on Motion Ordered to be Certified & Recorded

J. M. Hill, Cleric &c

Philip Winborne's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Philip Winborne of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina being sick & weak of body, but of sound & disposing mind & memory Thanks be given to almighty God for the same, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following That is to say first Principally I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that give it Fringing to receive the same again at the last day with full & free pardon of all my sins thro' the Merits & Mediation of my blessed Lord & saviour Jesus Christ my body I ~~commit~~ ^{Commit} to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter

named & as far such worldly Goods & Chattels as it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me & give over & bequeath the same as follows to wit.

Item I will that all my just debts & funeral Charges be ^{first} paid & discharged.

Item I give devise & bequeath unto my dear beloved Wife Anne Winborne the use of two Negroes vizt, Coff & Sam, like as is one half of my moveable Estate during the Life & Adversary

Item Give & devise the sum unto my son Bryan Winborne my manor Plantation likewise one hundred acres of Land adjoining the site that I have of William Harts, but I give unto my Grand son David Soncain one hundred acres of Land adjoining to Sister Samuel putter Son & Alexander Lewis. Also one bed & furniture. Out of the said Soncain I not live to the year of twenty one, the said hundred acres of my Plantation I give to my son, Bryan. The said of a nature to my Daughter Anne Winborne. Likewise I give my tract of Land lying in the pine woods may be equally divided between my two sons Bryan Winborne & James Winborne. Likewise I give unto my son Bryan after my wife decease my Negro Coff. Likewise I give to my son Bryan & James Winborne my Steel Cap & worms to them with their forever

Item I give the sum unto my son James Winborne the Plantation he now lives on, and one Negro girl named Doll this I give to him his heirs forever

Item I give devise & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one Negro Boy named Cesar, and after my wife dies one half of my moveable Estate. I give to Mary one half of the remainder to her three heirs forever

Item Give ^{my wife} the sum unto my Daughter Anne Winborne after my wife decease the Negro woman Ann this I give & the other half of the moveable Estate to her three heirs forever

Item Give devise & bequeath unto David the son of my Brother William Winborne twelve pounds proclamation money to be paid out of my moveable Estate before it is divided to him this I give forever