

William Rankin Will.

In the name of God amen William Rankin of Southampton County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but in my perfect mind & sound memory do make this my last Will and Testament, and first I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors, as touching my worldly estate which with the Lord's assistance and with His and His grace of in His goodness and favor following I give

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son John Rankin the Land and plantation where he now lives, and the residue of my Land that I shall not mention hereafter and also my Negroes, Horses, Cattle and all to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son John Daugherty all my Land lying in the East side of the main road (which is the plantation where James Daugherty now lives) to him and his heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Rankin two Negroes, Horses and Cattle to her and her heirs.

Item I leave unto my Daughter Polly Daugherty during her life, two Negroes, Horses and Cattle and after her death the said Negroes with their increase to be equally divided amongst all her Children then living to them and their heirs.

Item I leave unto my beloved wife Mary Rankin during her natural life the House where I now live with one hundred acres of land adjacent to it, also my Negroes, Horses, Cattle and all my Stock of Cattle, Horses and Sheep, and two Houses, Broom and the old Barn, and all the residue of my estate which I shall not mention hereafter and after her death, I give the said House & the one hundred acres of land to my Daughter Polly Rankin, and the residue to be sold and equally divided amongst my three Children Mary John Rankin, Polly Daugherty & Polly Rankin or their heirs, and it is my Will and desire that the price of Land lying over the House should be sold and my good debts paid, and the balance of my to the use of my Wife & my Daughters as the above last articles.

And I do hereby appoint Polly Rankin, Polly Daugherty, Mary Rankin my wife and John Rankin and Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disavow and revoke all and every other Will Testament and bequest

which have ratified and confirmed this to be my last Will and Testament, witness my hand and seal this 29th day of June 1793.

Signed, Sealed & Published.

In presence of  
J. Smith  
James J. Edwards  
and

William Rankin Seal

Southampton County N.C.  
March Court 1793

This Will of William Rankin doth appear to be the last Will and Testament of the said William Rankin one of the subscribers, who at the same time Henry Rankin & Charles Rankin qualified as Comptrolers thereof, to be kept and recorded.

Henry Rankin  
Charles Rankin

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Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son John Rankin the Land and plantation where I now live during his natural life, and I give him the privilege of getting Timber to clear the said plantation or to sell, off of the one hundred acres of land, Adjacent to my said wife, until my Daughter Polly Rankin come of age & a married woman.

Item I give and bequeath the one hundred acres of land to my Daughter Polly Rankin, and the residue of my estate to be sold and the Money to be paid to her and her heirs forever.

Item After the death of my wife Polly Rankin I give and bequeath the Land, plantation where I now live to my Daughter Polly Rankin to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

Item I leave unto my loving wife the use of the following Negroes, Horses & Cattle and her furniture during her natural life, I do hereby disavow and revoke all and every other Will Testament and bequest