

**Stanley Thompson's Will** In the name of God Amen I Stanley Thompson of Southampton County State of the Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory blessed be God for the same do hereby certify that my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to wit first after paying all my just debts and funeral expences I bequeath all my Estate both personal and speaking Amishats and Copping furniture to my Brother Samuels Clerk of the County during his natural life.

Secondly at the decease of my brother and sister I give to each and every lawful Heir to my Estate for Wholly a House to them and their heirs forever Thirdly the remaining part at their Deaths I Give and Bequeath to James D. Ruffin son of Mr. Ruffin to be and his heirs forever I had do here by constitute and appoint my truly friend William Ruffin to be and his heirs forever my Executor of my last Will and Testament of Whom my name and seal this day and date above written I send seal and delivered in the presence of as follows

William Drake & Matthew Ruffin  
 Southampton County December 1833

The last Will and Testament of Stanley Thompson was read was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of William Drake and Matthew Ruffin the Subscribers the proper Oaths and sworn to be correct - Whereupon William Ruffin the Executor therein named qualified as the same.

**Council Ruffin's Will** In the name of God Amen I Council Ruffin being of sound mind and memory this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Eliza all my land on the North side of the Road leading from Bryant's Road to Richyquas to her and her heirs forever I also lend unto her during her natural life the following negroes that is to wit Thomas a broken Nancy Alfred Isaac and Susan and after her death I give and bequeath the above named negroes to her surviving Children to be equally divided amongst them to them and their heirs forever

I give all my land on the South side of the Road leading from Bryant's Road to Richyquas including my dwelling house with the following Negroes that is to wit Harry Brady, Nephew, Jackson and Willie unto Bryan Randolph in Trust for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Ruffin during her life and after her death I give and bequeath the said land on the South side of the Road leading from Richy Square to Bryant's Road with the negroes Harry Brady, Nephew, Jackson & Willie unto her surviving Children to be equally divided amongst them but should the said Elizabeth Ruffin not have any child or children at her death, then the said Negroes to be divided with the land amongst the Children of Martha Eliza It is my Will that the Trustee Bryan Randolph pay unto my daughter Elizabeth Ruffin annually the amount of the Rent of said lands & share of said Negroes after deducting what may be necessary for the support of the three old Negroes, I therefore Read & Rogue which I wish to remain in the plantation as long as they live unto my daughter Elizabeth for her own use and benefit, and the same to not subject to the order or use of her husband in any thing whatsoever

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Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Susan Eliza Ann Ruffin, Negroes Gene Mary Jane and Andrew to her and her heirs forever also one Red & white mare

Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Susan Eliza with the Negroes negro Service to her and her heirs forever also one Red and white mare

Item I give and bequeath unto Charlotte Ruffin my daughter her negro girl named Parilla and William to her and her heirs forever

Item I leave all the balance of my Estate that is not already given away to be sold by my Executor for the payment of my last Debts also it is my Will and desire that all my negroes remain in the care of my Executor for the payment of my debts one year from the Day of January after my death then to be delivered as heretofore mentioned upon the payment of all my last debts it is my Will and desire that the Executor should there be any in hands of my Executors be equally divided between my daughter Susan Eliza Mary, Elizabeth Ruffin and my Grand daughter Susan Eliza I do therefore constitute and appoint my friend James D. Ruffin Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date first above written

Council Ruffin

James D. Ruffin  
 James D. Ruffin & William Ruffin

Northampton County November 1830

The last Will and Testament of Council Ruffin was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of William Ruffin and proved to be correct. The Executor therein named refused to qualify whereupon in Motion Administration upon the Goods & Chattels Rights & Credits of the Estate of the said Council Ruffin with the Will annexed was granted to Joseph East, who entered into Bond as the Law directs in the penalty of Ten thousand Dollars with William Drake and Edmund Jacobs Sureties

Richd. G. H. H. H. H.