

I John Rich of Randolph County and State of North Carolina
 Being of a sound and perfect mind and good Memory calling to
 mind the uncertainty of time and knowing that all men are
 to die I do make constitute and Ordain this to be my last
 and testament in manner and form as followeth that is to say
 my desire that my body be buried in a Christian like manner
 at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Mentioned and as
 Tucking my worldly Estate which Almighty god hath been
 to bless me with I Dispose of in the following manner it is my
 that my just debts and funeral Charges be first paid
 Item 1st I Give and Bequeath unto my son John twenty acres of
 to be subdivided off of the South east Corner of the Survey of Land I now
 live on including his improvement with all that I have already
 Give him which I do make over unto him his heirs and assigns for
 Item 2nd I Give and Bequeath unto my son Peter they land he
 lives on with all that I already gave him which I do make
 unto him his heirs and assigns for ever
 Item 3rd I Give and Bequeath unto my son Joseph one hundred and Eighty
 of Land the land he now lives on to be divided by a line between
 him and Moses that shall not interfere with either of their
 Improvements with all that I have already gave him which I
 Make over unto him his heirs and assigns for ever
 Item 4th I Give and Bequeath unto my son Moses two hundred
 of Land the plantation I now live on to the dividing line between
 and Joseph which line must not interfere with either of their
 Improvements with all that I have already gave him which
 I do make over unto him his heirs and assigns for ever
 Item 5th I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the sum of
 five Shillings if demanded she having already had what I intended
 her to have Item 6th I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah
 the sum of five Shillings if demanded she having left her part
 and gone out of the parts Item 7th I Give and Bequeath unto my
 Sons and Daughters namely Elizabeth John Miriam Sarah Peter
 Martha Joseph and Moses all the rest of my Estate that is not
 Give or Bequeath unto any of my Children goods and Chattels
 to be Equally Divided between them then which I do make over

Then there heirs assigns for ever I do also make constitute
 and Ordain my son-in-law Garrison Williams and my son
 Peter Rich to be Executors to this my last will and testament
 and I do also Revoke Disannul and Disallow of all other wills
 heretofore made by me be Ratifying and Confirming this
 Only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
 twenty second day of the second month one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety seven

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
 Gideon Newby
 George Fallow

Randolph County N. C. November 21st 1797.
 The Contents of the last will & testament of John Rich deceased in open Court
 by Gideon Newby & George Fallow & others to be Recorded
 at the Court of the County of Randolph N. C.

Whereas Thomas Laws of the County of Randolph State of North Carolina
 Reminding that death is certain do this fourth day of February in the
 year one thousand seven hundred & ninety two - make this my last will and
 testament in the following manner (to wit)
 and first I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as may be
 2nd I Give to my Grand Son Thomas Laws one Negro Boy named Jack -
 3rd I Give to my Grand Son Thomas Hill one Negro Girl named Pink -
 4th I Give the Remainder of my Estate Real & personal to my loving Wife
 Mary during her Widowhood & in case of Marriage my Will is that my
 personal Estate be divided & that she shall have the one third part thereof
 for her to Dispose of as she may think proper.

5th I Give the Remainder of my Estate both Real & personal to my two
 Daughters Sarah Laws & Rebecca Hill to be Equally Divided between
 them to them & their heirs forever - and Lastly I do hereby
 constitute my loving Wife Executrix & my personal, Real, Chattel and
 Execution of this my last will & testament. Ratifying & Confirming
 this & are bound to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this day & year
 above Written.
 Signed sealed & acknowledged by the Testator
 as & for his last will & testament in presence of
 Thomas Laws
 David Smith
 James Reed.

February 21st 1799
 proved in open Court by the said Sarah Laws
 & ordered to be Recorded. (Seal)