

James Ray

In the name of God amen, I James Ray of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being well in body and sound in mind and memory thanks be to almighty God, do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament in manner & form Following first I give my soul to God that gave it, and to what Estate it hath pleased the almighty to bless me in this life, I give and dispose it in the following manner and form (Viz) after paying all my just debts, Impremis, I lend to my beloved wife Betty Ray during her natural life Tract of Land whereon I now live Containing Two hundred Acres, also my stocks of cattle Hogs, household and Kitchen Furniture, and at her death it is my will and desire, that all the Land should be rented out every year to the highest bidder for Ten years, by my Executors hereafter mentioned and the money to be Equally divided amongst all my children as the rents comes in and as to my stock of cattle, Hogs, & house hold, & Kitchen furniture to be Equally divided amongst my three daughters, Sally Belenfant, Ginny Ray, and Ursley Ray, to them & their heirs lawfully begotten forever, I Term it is also my will and desire that at the Expiration of Ten years, that the whole of the Land Two hundred Acres be set up and sold to the highest bidder, by my Executors & the money arising to be Equally divided amongst all my children.

Lastly, I appoint my three sons, Parvain Ray, Pleasant Ray, & Payton Ray, Executors of this my last will & Testament Revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this Twenty Third of May in the Year of our

Lord one Thousand eight hundred & Six -
Signed sealed published pronounced by the
said Testator as his last will & Testament in the
Presence of us who in his presence have
Subscribed our names

James Ray 

Vincent Wap Junr X
Catharine ^{Wap} X
William ^{Wap} Douglas X

State of N. Carolina } Nov. Sessions 1806
Rockingham County }

The Within last will and Testament of James Ray was duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Vincent Wap Junr and William Douglas.

Robt Gallaway C. C.

Phoebe Tatum

Through the Grace of God amen Known all men That I Phoebe Tatum of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being weak in body yet sound in understanding and judgement I make my do constitute and appoint this my last will and Testament in manner & form as followeth To my beloved daughter Sarah I give my Bed & furniture there belonging - also my loom & cotton wheel and a quantity of Cotton in the seed and one sermon book, two smoothing irons and one Dutch Oven and to my son John I leave five shillings - also my daughter Elisabeth five shillings and