

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 Come 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 Tem. 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
Vincent Wap June X
Catharine ^{her Wap} X
William ^{mark} Douglass X

James Ray 

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 June and William Douglass.
R. Gallaway C. C.

Phoebe Tatum

Through the Grace of God amen know 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

my same daughter Sarah one pair of
drawing chains and what corn I have
and what is coming to me, also another
book also my bacon, also all my hogs
Armed Horse.

1807 April
19th

Phoebe Tatum

Elev? Owing
Stephen Henry
Henderson Short Jr.

State of N.C. Carolina }
Rockingham County } May: Session 1807

The Within last will &
Testament of Phoebe Tatum was duly proved
in open Court by the Oaths of Edward
Owing and Stephen Henry & on Motion
Ordered to be recorded.

No. Gallaway C. C.

John Leak

In the name of God amen I John Leak of
Rockingham County State of North Carolina
being of sound and perfect mind and memory.
Blessed be God, do this the Twenty Eighth day of
March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and seven make and publish this my last will
and Testament in the manner following, I give
and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife

Francis Leak all my property both real and personal
goods and chattles &c. during her life and at her death
to Cyrus Roberts provided he the said Roberts maintains
my wife Francis Leak out of this property and by his
own labour, but if he does not comply with the above
proviso the property is to be disposed of as she may think
proper. I do empower my Wife to make Titles to Lots
in the town of Leakville which I may have sold
without making titles to the purchaser. And hereby
make and ordain my Wife Executrix of this my last
will and Testament In witness whereof I the said
John Leak have to this my last will and testament
set my hand and seal.

John Leak Seal

Signed, sealed published and decreed by
the above named John Leak to be his last will
and Testament, in the presence of us who have
hereto subscribed our names as witnesses
in the presence of the testator

W^m J. Monzies William S. Walker Rebecca Robertson
State of North Carolina } Aug: Session 1807

Rockingham County

The Execution of the within last will and Testament
of John Leak was duly proved in Open Court by
the Oaths of William J. Monzies and William
S. Walker and on Motion Ordered to be recorded

No. Gallaway C. C.

Susannah Saunders

In the name of God amen
I Susannah Saunders find myself in a
declining state of health and cannot
in the course of nature survive long.