

40 I give to him one Hand saw, Trimmer and Square with all
the Tools with one gray mare and young Colt and one mare old
how old alive one Cow called Myrtle & her calf and all my Cattle Tools.
I give & bequeath to my youngest Daughter Rachel one Cow called
Cherry and one bull yearling. I give & bequeath my two small Children being
David & Rachel to the care of Richard Simpson and his Wife Mary
during the life time of the said Richard and may if they should eye
before my Children is brought up the said Peter King is to take care of
them & if the Children is of Snow they shall have the Drivality of
choosing their place and also order that all my Household Goods such
as fitting go with my two Children. I give to my two Daughters
Phebe & my Cow called Jester & one Cow called Tolson & one Yearling
and one Quarter with all & give & bequeath to James Weather my
one black mare and which my Land is clear I order my Executors
to make him a Deed to fifty Acres of Land lying on the upper End of
the tract the title that appertains to my son David. — The Remainder part
of my personal Estate & what may be sold to the Department of clearing
my Land and paying my lawful debts & to raising and schooling of
my Children and when all this is done if there is any over to be equal
divided between my three younger Children by my above Clerk Simpson
and King. And I do allow this to be my last Will and Testament &
heavily utterly revoke and disannul of all other Wills Grants or Terms
or Legacies and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness
whereof I have set my hand & seal this Day & Year above mentioned.

In the Presence of us—

his
Moses Short
witness

his
Longest Short
witness

David Protheroe

1760

Oct. 30 In the Name of God Amen The twenty third Day of May in the
Year of our Lord 1760 I George Rankin of Rowan County in the
Province of North Carolina Farmer being very weak of Body but of
sound Mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God therefore, calling to
Mind the Mortality of the Body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and
Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give &
recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it, and for my
Body, I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like
and decent Manner, at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing
withstanding but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
reunited to my Soul by the Mighty Power of God. And as long
ing such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
me in this Life, I give bequeath and dispose of the same in the
following Manner & Form. I first, allow all my legal Debts and
funeral Charges, together with the Charges accruing on the
Deed of the Plantation whereto I now dwell, to be paid out of
the whole of my movable Estate. Secondly I give & bequeath
unto Lydia my dearly beloved Wife, one third part of all my
Household Goods Chattels and movable Estate after the aforesaid
Charges are paid, together with one third part of the benefit of
the Plantation whereto I now dwell during her natural Life;
and for and in Consideration of her feeding clothing and schooling
my two sons John Rankin and Robert Rankin until they come
to the Age of twenty one Years, I allow her all the benefit of the
Remaining two thirds during their Non-age. Thirdly I give &
bequeath unto my well beloved sons John Rankin, and Robert Rankin
the Remainder of my Household Goods Chattels & movables to be equally
divided between them when they come to the Age of 21 Years, and also
I will allow all my Lands that is or may be needed in my Plantation,
and for my Wife, to be a husband or more, herd & high bred
Cattle appointed by my Executors) a cow & pig & also one

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 Qualities when my son John comes to the Age of 21 Years (that he my
 said son John to have that Plantation on Bush-Creek, together
 with such Shares from my son Robert when he arrives at Age, as
 shall be judged by such Neighbours to be appropriate as aforesaid)
 to make it equal in Value to the Plantation whereon I now dwell: &
 it is my Will that he my said son Robert should have & possess two thirds
 of the Plantation whereon I now dwell from the Time he comes to the
 Age of 21 Years during the natural Life of his Mother, and from
 thence forward to possess and enjoy the whole thereof. And further it is
 my Will that if either of my said Sons should die in their Non-age,
 the Survivors should possess and enjoy his said Brothers Part. And
 Lastly I do hereby constitute, make & ordain my trusty & beloved Friends
 Thomas Bonnell Esq. and Lydia my dearly beloved Wife Executors of
 this my last Will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoke, re-
 vokes and disannul all and every other former Wills, Testaments, Lega-
 cies, Bequests & Executors, by me in any ways before this Time made,
 wished, & bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other
 to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have, at
 my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
 by the said George Rankin the Testator
 as & for his last Will & Testament
 in the presence of us the
 Subscribers Viz.
 John Brady
 Willm. Denny
 Robert Rankin

1772 In the Name of Amen The 22^d of July in the Year of our Lord
 1772. I Jacob Dues of North Carolina in Person being of sound
 being in perfect mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God
 for calling unto mind & Morality of my Body and knowing that
 it is appointed for all men once to die: So make & ordain this my
 last Will & Testament, that is to say principally and first of

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 all I give & recommend my Soul into the hands of God that give it &
 for my Body I recommend it to God to be buried in a Christian like
 & decent Manner at the Discretion of my Wife nothing doubting but
 at his general Resurrection I shall receive it same again by his mighty
 Power of Life and as touching such worldly Estate as now with it hath
 pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same
 in the following manner & Form. First to my son Jacob Dues I give
 bequeath & devise his share for his whole Life out of my Estate.
 Also to my well beloved Wife Anna Dues I give & bequeath the third of
 all my moveable Estate & a cow and a linen spinning Wheel.
 Also to my son Valentine Dues I give & bequeath & devise and remainder
 of my Estate & Land: Likewise I constitute make & ordain my son Valen-
 tine Dues my only & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament: So that
 had I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul all former Bequests
 Wills & Legacies by me heretofore in anywise left or made declaring
 ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal of my own Hand
 above written.

Signed sealed published & declared by
 the within named Testator Jacob Dues
 to be his last Will & Testament
 in the presence of us who
 subscribed our Names
 in & presence of the said
 Testator
 John Brady
 Willm. Dues
 Simon Brady.

1757 In the Name of God Amen I William Robison being in my perfect
 being in perfect mind & Memory do give & bequeath unto my Children
 that I have at the River Tar ordering it to be sold & the Price equally
 divided between Margaret McCallister William Robison and John
 Robison.