

In the name of God Amen I Martin Robley of the County ⁵⁷
of Rowan & State of North Carolina being in perfect Health
& of sound mind memory & understanding, but consider-
ing the uncertainty of this uncertainty of this transitory
life do make publish & declare this my last will & testa-
ment in manner & form following, To wit, That of all I
give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Anna such
part of the plantation whereon I now live together with
the dwelling house & all such other out houses as she
may think needfull or necessary to raise grain hay or
other provision & for her accomodation. I further give &
bequeath to her during the time she shall remain my
widow, or during her natural life if she should live
single & unmarried my waggon, farming utensils, the
stock of horses, cattle hogs & sheep together with all my
personal Estate of every kind except such as is hereafter
particularly disposed of in Legacies to my children. And
my will & meaning is that she shall have liberty at any
time should she think the stock too numerous or burthen
some for her to keep & support to deliver the whole or any
part thereof to my Executors hereafter named to be by them
Sold & the money therefrom arising to be equally divided
amongst my children share & share alike. And I do fur-
ther declare that it is my will & meaning that during
the time she keeps the stock & personal Estate she shall
have full power to keep the family together if they so
choose during their single and unmarried state &
use & appropriate such, or so much, of the stock on

58 other personal Estate (so as to make no waste) for her
& their maintenance as she in her discretion may
think proper, and at her marriage or decease, which
we shall first happen. I do hereby will & direct that
my Executors dispose of the whole of my personal
estate of every kind that is not, particularly bequeathed
hereafter to my children to be disposed of either at pub-
lic or private sale giving the usual credit and the
money when received to divide equally amongst my
children share & share alike. I give devise & bequeath
to my son Martin Ribley the plantation whereon I now
live to contain two hundred acres to be laid off on that
side of the tract adjoining Peter Tite and to include
the land that is now cleared on said tract subject
nevertheless to the death of my wife during her wid-
owhood or natural life as is herein before mentioned
I likewise give & bequeath to him my Bible. I give de-
vise & bequeath to my son Jacob Ribley one hundred
acres of land to be divided of the upper part of the tract
by a straight line adjoining Conrad Brem & Aggen-
ing land. I likewise devise & bequeath to each & every
of my daughters Anna, Elizabeth Sarah, Susanna &
Rachel who are now single & unmarried one bed, two
cows, one large pewter dish, one half gallon pewter Ba-
son & six pewter plates, half dozen pewter spoons and
one two Gallon iron pot. Now my will & meaning is
that each of daughters above named do get & receive the
above mentioned articles from & out of my personal

Estate as soon as the come to lawful age or that they get 59
married which ever shall first happen and my Executors will
take notice that if they or any of them should receive such ar-
ticles as is mentioned above to be divided to them or an equal
valent thereof in value in my lifetime, that then & in that case
it is my will & meaning that they do not receive them after my
decease I do likewise will & bequeath each of my children
a Bible printed in the dutch language except such as may
have received one of that kind from me during my life.
and I hereby nominate & appoint Peter Brown and Adam
Horn both of Rowan County Executors of this my last will and
Testament. Hereby revoking all former wills or wills hereto-
fore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & that this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred & thirty one. Signed sealed
published & declared by the above named Martin Ribley
as & for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who
have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
in the presence of the said Testator & in the presence of each

other
Jacob Chambers
Hannah ^{his} Brandon
Margaret Chambers

Martin Ribley