

If there be any overplush let Abel & Prudence be scotched out of the same, and each of them have a bible given to them. If any remains to be equally divided amongst my legatees. I do hereby appoint A. Champelet & my wife executors, of this my last will hereby disannulling all & every other will or wills made by me in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
Archd McCalley jun
Nancy Cowan.

John Rutledge (seal)

In the name of God amen the 24 Day of October 1787. I Mary Rusal of Third creek Rowan County in the State of North Carolina, being old & apprehending not long to live in this world, do therefore make this my last will & testament, my daughter Sarah, Margaret, Mary & Elizabeth, & my son William & John, I leave them nothing, but my loving son George, I give demise & bequeath to him & to his heirs & assigns forever all & singular my estate both real & personal & further I do name ordain constitute & appoint him my said loving son George Rusal executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former & other wills, testaments, devises & executors by me heretofore named, ordained, appointed, ratifying & confirming this & no other, to be my last will & test: signed, sealed delivered, by the said Mary Rusal as her last will & test: in presence of
Samuel Young jun
Mary Rusal (seal)
mark

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Ruess of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina, being weak of body but in perfect mind & memory, make this my last will & testament. First as my son Thomas Ruess has received the portion of my property which I have allowed him, I exempt him from any Share or claim of any part of my estate after my decease, secondly I will & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Ruess, one Negro Man named George, during her widowhood; Thirdly I will & bequeath unto my son James Ruess an equal Share of the remainder of my estate both real & personal after my decease; yet so, as to include a horse which he has in possession. Item I will & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Alexander an equal part of the remainder of my estate both real & personal, which is my desire, shall be paid them directly after my decease, to be lived from such part of my property, as may be adequate to supplying the above mentioned persons (viz) James Ruess, & Mary Alexander, so that no part or parcel of my land may be disposed off for that purpose. Item I will & bequeath unto my son James Ruess the sum of fifty dollars, it being a legacy left the said James Ruess by his grand father James Weston which is now in my hands, to be lived out of my personal property. The remainder of my estate both real & personal I will & bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Ruess during her widowhood & for her comfort & convenience in bringing up the family, yet so that at the arrival of age or day of marriage of any of my children excepting those above mentioned that are provided for, during

The life of my wife as before mentioned, that then the estate to be appraised whether better or worse than at present, & then that child to take its equal part of the estate, then in the hands of my wife, who must be accountable for all the estate then in her hands upon oath & then the remainder of the estate remained in the hands of my wife until the next child shall come of age & then in like manner on as they shall come of age. Lastly I constitute and appoint my Son Thomas Reeves, my well beloved wife Mary Reeves and Charles Mills, my joint executors of this my last will & testament, declaring ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord 1801

Signed, sealed & declared by
the within ~~testator~~ named
Samuel Reeves to be his last will
& test in presence of us who subscribe
our names in presence of the said Test;
and each other.

William Dauengourt.
Chas Barber.
Samuel Forster

Samuel Reeves 



In the name of God amen. the 8th day of November 1800 I John Rosebrough of the County of Rowan & State of N^o Carolina Farmer, being very sick & weak of body, but of perfect mind & memory, Thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make constitute & ordain this my last will & testament. That is to say principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God, that give it, & my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors— Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God; And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I dispose of the same in the following manner & form

First I give & bequeath to John Rosebrough, whom I my beloved brother a negro boy named Samson.
Also I give to my beloved brother Samuel Rosebrough whom I likewise constitute, make & ordain my sole executor of this my last will & test, all & singular my lands, messuages & tenements, by him fully to be possessed & enjoyed, likewise my Negro women named Lucie, my stock of horses, cows & pigs, household & furniture, & plantation Utensils. — Now withal I bind him my executors to pay unto my beloved Mother Mary Armstrong Ten pounds current money of the State of N^o Carolina at any time as she may think proper to demand the same likewise to give her a great annual maintenance during life, or case she should be left a widow, or being