

In the name of God Amen, the sixteenth day of May
 Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred eighty one
 Thomas Ruther being sick in lodge but of good &
 perfect Memory Thanks be to the Almighty God and cal-
 ling to remembrance the Uncertain Estate of this transi-
 tory Life and that all flesh must yield unto Death
 when it shall please God to call to make and declare this to
 be my last Will and Testament Manner and form following
 That being penitent and sorry for all my sins heereby
 Desiring forgiveness in the name I command my sole unto
 Almighty God my saviour & Redeemer in home and by whole
 world I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and have
 full remission and forgiveness for all my sins and to the
 Kingdom of heaven and my body I commit to the earth to be
 decently buried at the Direction of my Executors and heirs
 After Deceased, and for settling my Temporal estate and
 such goods chattles and Debts as it hath pleased God to
 bestow upon me, I do order give and dispose the same in
 manner and form following (this is to say) — — — —
 I give and bequeath my Land after my younger son comes
 to be sixteen years old is to be sold and the price Equal Divided
 amongst my children, and my goods & Chattles likewise, and
 I leave my wife her thirds of all my estate, and here by
 make and appoint my Living Wife Sarah Ruther
 and Adam Wood full and sole Executors of this my Last
 Will and Testament he by Revoking, Disannulling and making
 all former Wills and bequests by me made

And delivering this only to be my Last Will and Testament
In Witness My hand Seal - - -

Wm. Douthett
his
Mark

Thomas Butler

Wm. Ramm

In the Name of God Amen the 28th Day of May I
John Strange Being sick in body but of good
sound Memory, Thanks be to the Almighty God
calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate this
Transitory Life and that all flesh must yield to
Death when it shall please God to call. I do make
this my Last will and Testament, and this to be
taken for My Last Will and Testament, and
none other And all My Just Debts to be paid
by My Executor hereafter named and appointed
Nam. Well unto My dear beloved Wife the
Household Furniture that is not sold and su-
surah my Wif. to Deliver some Household fur-
niture to each of My three Children at their coming
of Age. I will My Land to My two sons, that
is to say Robert and Gibson to be equally divi-
ded Between the two. Item, I will all my cattle
to surarah my Wife, and all the best of my
Estate, that is not Willed to be sold - - -

And I appoint Henry Strange Executor of my es-
tate, Depending upon his faithfull Discharge as
Witness herof I do hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 28th Day of May - 1782 - - -

and
Signed sealed
In the presence of
Us Witness present

Henry Davis
William ^{his} Brown
Mark
May ^{his} Strange
Mark

John ^{his} Strange
Mark

In the Name of God Amen, The second
day of October in the Year of Lord one thousand
seven hundred and eighty one - - I Michael Swink
of North Carolina, Rowan County, Being very
sick and Weak in body, but of perfect mind and Me-
mory, Thanks be given to God Almighty, therefore
calling to mind the Mortality of My Body, and
knowing it is appointed for all Men once to Die
do make and Ordain this My Last Will & Testament
That is say principally and first of all, I give
and bequeend my soul into the hands of God that
gave it and My Body, I bequeend it to the earth
to be buried in a Christian Like and Decent Manner