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Robert Argoe Inventory trans. over
Samuel Howell. Note for 400 £ to pork. - Money #13. 16.
Bursket Note to 73. Bryant Whilfied. to 1 bed & bedding
To 1 Printer Cick Robert Argoe admr.

In the name of God Amen. this 23rd September 1702. I Richard
Ruffin of Wayne County in the State of N. Carolina being weak
of body but of sound and disposing mind & memory & calling to mind
the frailty & uncertainty of this ~~temporal~~ Estate, & knowing that all
beings unto death when it pleases God to call, and for the settling
my Temporal Estate which it pleases God to bestow on me. Do make
and give & dispose of the same in manner & form following.
Inprimis. I Give unto my loving wife Avey Ruffin, all that part
of my Estate which I have before given her by a Deed of Gift, bearing
date 14th Oct: 1779. which Articles the Deed of Gift will fully make
appear to her & her Heirs for ever. Item I Give unto Betsy
Bloodworth daughter of Mr. Bloodworth & Melah his wife, one
feather bed & furniture, one mare Colt. called, pleasure, to her and
her Heirs for ever, all the residue and remainder of my Estate be it
of what kind & nature soever, after my debts & legacies are paid, I
Give unto my loving wife Avey Ruffin during her life, & after her
decease to be equally divided amongst my fifteen Purile Debeas
es, children, I do hereby nominate. constitute & appoint my
loving wife Avey Ruffin & Mr. Debeas. Executors & Executrix
of this my last will & Testament. Revoking & annulling
and making void, all other former wills & Gifts by me made
except a Deed of Gift dated the day & year above written
and declare this only to be my last will & Testament.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal, the day & year first above written
Signed, Published & declared
his last will & Testament in
presence of Arthur Pearce
John Debeas & John Cuppens

R. Ruffin