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Anderson County South Carolina  
Estate Papers  
Roll 585

Personality Alex. Ramsay  
Package No. 5, Bundle No. 17  
Box 17, No. 585

In the name of God Amen. I **Alexander Ramsay of the District of Pendleton** in the State of South Carolina, Farmer, being in the reasonable enjoyment of health and of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, praised be God for the same, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say -----

It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, as soon after my death as convenient.

I give and bequeath to **my beloved wife Mary Ramsay** all the money or cash I may have on hand at the time of my death, except what may be necessary to pay my debts, my dwelling house and household furniture, kitchen and kitchen furniture, my work horses, plantation tools, the half of all my stock of cattle, hogs and Sheep and the four following named negroes, viz: **Bresta and Sylvia his wife, Jacob** a boy and **Mary ann** a girl during her natural life, with the increase of the females, during which time she is to have a comfortable Support from my Plantation.

I give and bequeath to **my son Andrew Ramsay** two negro boys named **Thomas** and **Adam**.

I give and bequeath to **my daughter Jane McDow** a negro boy named **Duliassee** and a girl named **Lusinda** with the increase of the girl, to her and her heirs.

I give and bequeath to **my daughter Elisabeth Gates** a negro girl named **Mary Ann**, at the death of her mother, and money in amount equal to the value of **Lusinda** given to my daughter [written over **Elizabeth Gates**] which legacy is to be paid by my son **Alexander** in twelve months after my death in consideration that he will receive more of my property than the rest

of my children, with the increase of the females to her and her heirs.

I give and devise to **my Son Alexander Ramsay** all the Plantation or Tract of land on which I now live, to him and his heirs forever, on the condition in favour of his mother as above Stated, and I enjoin it on my Son to pay particular attention to the comfort of his mother as long as she may live.

I also give and bequeath to my Said son **Alexander** the one half of my stock of cattle, hogs and Sheep, my waggon with the gear which belongs to it, my blacksmith tools and a negro boy named **Ivory** and after the death of his mother I give and bequeath to my said son **Alexander** all the property left to his mother during her natural life, except negro girl **Mary Ann**, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, stock, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs and negroes **Bresta, Sylvia** and **Jacob** with the increase of **Sylvia**, also my plantation tools, but if my said

son Alexander should die without heirs of his body or other disposition made by him, it is my will and desire that that part of my Estate above bequeathed to Alexander should be equally divided among my other children.

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary all the rest and residue of my estate not specifically disposed of.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and **appoint my son Alexander Ramsay and my friend Col. Robert Anderson, Executors** to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made: and I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Alexander Ramsay have hereunto set my hand and Seal this **fourteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord 1824.**

Signed, Sealed, declared and published  
by the above named Alexander Ramsay

**Alexander Ramsay** seal

as and for his last Will & Testament  
in the presence of us, who at his request  
and in his presence have Subscribed  
our names as Witnesses thereto----

**J. C. Kilpatrick**  
**Josiah Wright**  
**Ezl. Harris**

The Last Will & Testament of  
**Alexander Ramsay**

Alexander Ramsay dec'd Will  
Ordinary Office, Pendleton Dist  
Recorded Book A p. 315  
and Examined

The State of South Carolina  
Pendleton District

By John Harris Esq. Ordinary of said District

Personally appeared before me Col. **John C. Kilpatrick** and **Ezekiel Harris** who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God in due and Solemn Form doth make oath and say that they saw Alexander Ramsay sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be his last will and testament that he the said Alexander Ramsay was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to best of the knowledge of these deponents and that they did sign their names as witnesses at the request of the testator in their presence at the same.

Qualified **Alexander Ramsay** and **Col. Robert Anderson** Executors.

Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> June 1826.

**John Harris OPD**