

In the name of God Amen the eight day of May in the
 year of our Lord God one Thousand seven hundred and sixty one I
 John Ray Junior of Craven County in St. Stephens Parish in South
 Carolina planter being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind &
 memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the
 mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all
 men once to die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament
 that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my
 soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend
 it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like ^{& decent} manner 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 hath pleased God to bless me
 in this life I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Ray my Nearly
 Beloved Wife my black horse called Old Boot with a Bridle & Saddle
 And also a bed and furniture also I give and bequeath to my Brother
 Peter Ray in the following manner & form on Black Horse called
 Hilder Ray also I give & bequeath to my brother Nichols Ray a
 Black Horse called Buck Also I give and bequeath to my Nearly
 Beloved father John Ray all the Debts he owes me, after those
 legacies is taken out of my Estate I give and bequeath to Elizabeth
 Ray my dearly beloved wife, half my whole Estate better Horse
 Negroes and lands and money also I give and bequeath in the same
 manner & form to my Nearly Beloved son John Ray Senr. the one
 half of my Estate after the above legacies is paid, whom I appoint to
 by my Executors in the following manner John Mathews and
 Peter Ray and George String of this my last Will and Testament,
 I utterly disallow revoke & disannull all & every other former testaments
 Wills & legacies Requests and Executors by me in any ways before this
 time named Willed and bequeathed Ratifying & confirming this and
 no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above Written

Signed and Sealed in the
 Presence of us
 John Bnoitt
 Timson Chinnere
 Abraham Chinnere

John Ray Seal
 Proved before the Honor in the Court of
 Ordinary 12th June 1761. at the same
 time Qualified John Mathews Exor.