

I John Rice in the name of God Amen do make this my last will and Testa-  
ment - First I recommend that my body after death be decently buried -.  
Secondly after all my just debts are paid I give to my beloved wife Elis-  
abeth Rice for and during the term of her natural life, the plantation  
and tract of Land, where I now live. also. with the same limitation, two  
negroes by the names. of Crifsey and Desday.. also all the horses. Cattle  
horses plantation tools Etc. after her. death. as follows, Crifsey to Mary  
Davis and the lawful issue of her body. forever - and Desday to my Grand  
daughter Mary Elizabeth Phillips daughter. of Katharine Phillips. and the law-  
ful issue of her body. forever. Thirdly -- To Jane Davis /of George and  
the lawful issue of their bodies forever. I give (after the death of my  
(said wife). the Lands on which I now. live. and all adjoining lands. thereto,  
supposed to contain in the whole, five hundred acres. lying on the cut back  
swamps of Catfish. also the following negroes. - Mary. Dolly. Prince and Will. --  
Fourthly - To my Daughter Katharine Phillips wife of Zachariah L Phillips and  
the lawful issue of her body forever a tract of land Called the "River Swamp.  
tract", lying in Marion District Containing five hundred and twelve Acres. --  
also the following negroes a wench by the name of Susan, and Jelob, and Sam,  
Fifthly to my Daughter Mary Davis wife of Abijah Davis, and to the lawful  
issue of her body forever the following negroes, Sally, Judy, Ebby. Peter.  
and Harry. --  
Sixthly as this is my deliberate will. I trust there will be no future con-  
trovery concerning the same -.  
Seventhly - There is a debt due me by H Davis of Alabama when Collected, I  
desire that my Executrix should equally divide the same among the heirs a-  
bove mentioned that is my children share and share alike  
Lastly I nominate constitute And appoint George Davis and my friend Ed. B.  
Wheeler Executors of this my last will and Testament - Witnes my hand and  
Seal 20 day of Sept. A. D. 1826

In the presence of us -

John Rice (SEAL)

H G Wall

James Wall

Washington Wall

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It is my full intent and meaning that all the negro property above bequeathed in this will shall be the property and the use thereof my said wife to have during her natural life and then to go as herein before directed

20 Sept. 1826

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John Rice (SEAL)

Washington Wall

James Wall

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