

George Ripton

In the name of God Amen
 I, George Ripton of Greene County and
 State of Tennessee being in weak and
 low condition of body though perfect
 in mind and memory seeking to mind
 the mortality of the body that it is ordained
 for all men once to die do make con-
 stitute and ordain this my last will
 and Testament presently & first I do
 Recommend my soul to the Hand of
 God that gave it nothing doubting
 but at the great day of Judgment to
 receive the same again & my body
 to earth to be buried decently and
 as becoming my worldly estate wherein
 God in His kind providence has
 blessed me & in this life I do give
 and bequeath in the manner and
 form following to wit my dearly
 beloved wife Barbara I leave and
 bequeath all my land and Tenements
 during her Natural life or Widowhood
 and likewise all of my movable property
 which includes the whole of my Estate
 Real and Personal as well as to
 be apaid after my death and left in
 my Wife Barbars Hand as aforesaid
 to be distributed to my Children
 as nidity my care for at her
 discretion as they get married or
 come of age shall to observe in
 the end to make them all Equal
 which is my will and desire
 after her widowhood or Natural life
 my Eldest daughter Lily Maggaret ^{Call} a good
 living on the plantation I have
 bequeath while she lives single
 and a good bed and the choice part
 of my Stock to her at her immediate
 Control and share of my Children

Namely Thomas John, Barbara Wheat
Ann, Watson, George is to have
 the residue of my estate as aforesaid
 my Estate being all apportioned after
 my increase and left in my
 Wife Barbara hand as aforesaid
 it is my will that as she may
 deliver property into their hand
 that it shall be appraised by two
 indifferent free holders agreeable
 to the rates of the first appraisement
 which will be cost. My beloved wife
Barbara I do constitute and appoint
 my sole Executrix of this my last will
 and Testament revoking and nullifying
 all former wills & bequests ratifying
 and confirming this & this only to
 be my last will and Testament in
 Testimony of which I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this thirty
 first day of May 1803.
 Signed sealed pronounced and published
 in presence of
Henry Obbard
Charles Lawry

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