

John Ryan

In the name of God Amen I John Ryan of the County of Green and State of Tennessee Being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to almighty God & seeing unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto me even to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave in decent buriall order at the discretion of my executors. Nothing doubting and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of it in manner and form following.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son James Ryan two hundred dollars out of my personal estate to be collected and paid to him as soon as bills and collections can be made by those in current money of Tennessee.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Christian Ryan one Horse to be with Sundry fine harness together with her saddle and bridle also one bed and furniture to use and dispose of in anyway she may think best with her fifthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Hunt my negro boy Betty which must be valued by two good citizens then the said Martha Hunt and James must pay to Perry Jackson Doin Gloverock and Jane Gentry or their legal Representatives such amount as shall make them an equal portion

in the future of said Negro boy.
 Briefly - my Negro man Jesse I hereby
 declare must be set free when ever
 my son Robert arrives at the age of
 twenty one years and until Jesse
 must stay on the plantation and
 assist Hase in support which remains
 there until said time he shall
 be set free according to the laws
 of Tennessee.

Monthly after the payment of all my
 just debts I give and bequeath unto
 my beloved wife and my two sons
 Joseph and Robert Ryan two thirds of
 the remaining part of personal estate
 and the other one third to be equally
 divided between my daughters Polly
 Fulkerson, Dora Glasgow, Martha King
 Jane & Jilly so that they and each of
 them share and share alike in such
 portion of one third.

And last I am hereby appoint Jesse
 Hunt and Christian Gentry executors
 to this my last will and
 Testament hereby revoking all former
 wills by me whatsoever in witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this nineteenth day of May
 one thousand eight hundred and twenty
 four.

Witnessed and signed in the
 presence of us who have
 hereunto subscribed our
 names as witnesses
 Daniel Cardwell
 Alexander Cardwell

John Ryan (Seal)