TIGHT BINDING

David Rapsell's Will

In the name of God Amen

I David Rapsell Sr. of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Tennessee, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and perfect memory do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following, (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my eldest son David Rapsell the tract he now lives on supposed to contain 74 acres (according to survey made by Nathan Stephenson) to him his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and bequeath to my two sons William and Jesse Rapsell the stock of the land of Lewis Mitchell & Nathan McNutt Dec. residing during his life (including the 13 acres which I bargained to Dale McNutt) amounting in all to contain 155 acres to be to them their heirs or assigns from each of them holding an moiety. Also give & bequeath unto my son Robert Rapsell a tract of land containing sixty acres joining the lands of Isaac Beals and Isaac Hairy, it being part of a tract of land of 100 acres granted to me. Also give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Rapsell and my sons George and Andrew Rapsell and my two grandchildren Martha Emma Childers and Eliza Jane Hairy, the residue of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided. And that my two grandchildren Martha and Eliza Jane Hairy have but one share in equal to one of my children after dividing therefrom what my daughter Sarah then Martha received at her marriage. Item I hereby declare it to be my will that in the distribution of my estate that all my children should have equal portions thereof and if it should happen that any of the legacies that I have now bequeathed should be a fair estimate amounts to more than an equal share with the rest of my children. It is my will that they be charged to my Executors which I have formed & declare to be a debt due to my estate. Should it happen that any of them should not have an equal share it is to be made up out of my personal estate, that all my children may have an equal share alike. My two grandchildren being made equal to one of my children. It is also my will that my younger children should be raised and educated out of my estate equal to my older children and that my unmarried children shall receive out of my estate an amount of property equal to that already received by my married children. I declare my daughters right to make the claim to be at the age of 18 years old. I have been acquainted with my Executors to sell my estate both real and personal or any part thereof at any time they shall think proper and hereby authorize them to execute deeds for the same. It is also my will that my sons receive their part of the estate at 21 years old and my daughters and Grace daughter at 18 years old. I hereby constitute and appoint my sons David Rapsell and William Rapsell Executors of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

David Rapsell (Seal)

David Rapsell's Will

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named David Rapsell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator. Test

James Adair
Joseph Beals
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The foregoing was proven in open court by the oath of James Adair and Joseph Beals two of its subscribing witnesses at October Sitting 1805 and recorded. William Rapsell and David Rapsell qualified as executors to the above will

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David Crawford Will

In the name of God Amen

I David Crawford being through the abundant mercy & goodness of God, tho weak in body yet of a sound & perfect mind & memory do constitute this my last will & testament, & desire it may be received by all as such. Imprimis I give & bequeath my body unto the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of a resurrection at the last day, & my burial I desire it may be at the discretion of the executors hereafter named. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Evans five shillings lawful money of the State of North Carolina. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Riggs five shillings of the same money. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Crawford ten shillings of the same money. Item I give unto my beloved wife for term of life the house & land wherein my goods & chattels & to make and leave her an of my executors and Reuben Riggs the other of my executors after my wife's decease I give unto my son William Crawford I give & bequeath him & his heirs all and every of my lands & tenements whatsoever in witness whereof I set my hand & seal this 7th of October 1787 Signed & declared to be my last will & testament

David his Crawford (Seal)
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Test
Reuben Riggs
Shadrach Stokes
William Crawford

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