

Bertie County NC Will of RAY, Alexander - 1769

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Will of Alexander Ray Bertie CO

in the name of god amen I Alexander ray of the county of bertie north Carolina planter, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all ZI give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty god that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial 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 has pleased god to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

first I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James ray 50 a of land be the same more or less lying in tyrrell CO with all my cattle there also my mulatto woman Amy and one bed and blanket and one kettle

also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son john ray my mulatto boy Luke

also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Samuel ray all my land on the other side of my son Stephen line toward john stillwell's also my old mulatto woman Sarah my old hony ball one bed one rug and one pot

also I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Stephen ray the house on which I now live and the part of my land boarding on peter west line taking on the cleared ground to the great pine and from thence to a hickory where the got gun ships to George clomony andsons also my mullatto woman Rebecca two beds and furniture my gray horse and colt cattle two hogs clothes also all my part of the corn and the remainder of my household goods and moveable by him to be freely possessed and enjoyed also

I give and bequeath to my well beloved dau Patience Pender my young mulatto woman Sarah

I also give and bequeath to my well beloved dau Mary Thomas the sum of six shillings sterl

also I give and bequeath to my well beloved son William's dau Elizabeth ray the sum of one shilling sterl

I constitute amake and ordain my well beloved son Samuel ray and solomon pender the sole ex of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and d9isanuall all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and ex by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to bye my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set y hand and seal this fourth day of november, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Alexander ray as his

last will and testament in the presents of us who in his presents and
the presents of each other have hereto subscribed our names
Wit: William swain, James swinhow Grover

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