

who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving Security. Whereupon &c.

Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Ruffin  
Will.

In the name of God. I, Benjamin Ruffin of the county of Southampton in the state of Virginia being in perfect health and sound mind and memory thanks be given to almighty God do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I give to my dearly beloved wife for and during her widowhood and no longer one third part of all my lands in the county of Southampton including my plantation whereon I now live. Also to her for and during the term of her life the Negroes following to wit: Sam, George, Cyrus, Peter, Charles and Peggy all my household goods, carriages, tools & utensils on or belonging to my said plantation. Three horses such as she may choose out of my stock, one third part of my stock of cattle, sheep and hogs and to my said wife for ever. I give two negroes to wit: Sarah and Betty and one half of the money that I have on hand at the time of my death, or that is in any manner due to me after all my just debts & funeral expenses are paid and discharged.

Item

All the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature kind or quality soever I give and devise to my son Benjamin and to his heirs and assigns forever. I desire that my Estate may not be appraised. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my loving wife and my son Benjamin Ruffin to be Executors of this my last will & testament revoking all former wills by me made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of January. One thousand seven hundred & seventy seven.

I Benj<sup>n</sup> Ruffin

Signed sealed and declared  
in the presence of  
Fra<sup>s</sup> Newsom  
John Ruffin  
Joseph Longworth  
notary

Now all men shall know that Benjamin Ruffin of the county of Southampton in the state of Virginia have made and declared my last will and testament in writing bearing date the twenty ninth day of January one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven. I do by this present witness certify and confirm the same and farther I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife my Negroes Sam, Peter & Andrew & their increase for & during the term of her natural