

152 Joseph Ruffin and to his heirs forever —
Item It is my will and desire that all my Negroes may be sold after my Death Except
such as are herein Excepted and the Moneys arising from the Sale thereof to be
equally Divided between my Son Joseph and my Daughter Sarah But should
my said Daughter Sarah die before she arrives at the age of twenty one years
or without Leaving Issue of her body Lawfully Begotten then it is my
will and desire that her part of the Money arising as aforesaid should wait
to my Son Joseph and to his heirs forever —

Item It is my Will and desire that my Negro man Tom in consideration of his
long and faithful Services may have his freedom after my Death
Item It is my will and desire that that my Negro man York may have his
freedom after my Death —

Item I appoint my Son Joseph Ruffin to be guardian to my Daughter Sarah during
her minority

Item My Will and desire is that no person may wear Black on my account
and that there may be no sermon at my funeral —

Item My Will is that my estate may not be appraised —

Item I constitute and appoint my Son Joseph Ruffin to Execute This my Last
Will Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my true Last
Will In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal This 12th
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
one Witnesses

Thomas Butts v

Daniel Stanton

Thomas D Heeth v

Benjamin Ruffin

At a court held for the county of Southhampton
The 20th day of April 1801 — This Will was proved by the oaths of Tho^s
Butts and Thomas D Heeth two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered
to be Recorded — And on the Motion of Joseph Ruffin the Exor^r
therein named who made oath according to Law Probate is granted him
in due form giving Security Whereupon &c

Sam^l Kellogg

Item In the name of God Amen I Susan Drew knowing my
life is very uncertain and now being unwell though sound in mind and
memory do make this my Last will and Testament revoking all others
heretofore Made This my Will to take place from Sixth day of November
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
Item It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid —
Item I lend to my Beloved Sister Peggy Simmons for the tenderness I bear for her