

## Chesterfield County, Virginia

### Will of John Rudd

(c.1678 – c.1749)

Transcribed August 2006 by R Stoy

Names listed with relationship or function as indicated in the document  
(surnames in parentheses are married names of females):

John Rud, son  
Avis, wife  
William Rud, son [not at home]  
William Rud, grandson, son of Joseph  
Thomas Rud, son & executor  
Joseph Rud, son & executor  
James Rud, son  
Judey, Negro girl  
Peter, Negro man  
Robin, Negro man  
Dick, Negro man  
Rebecca (Frith), daughter  
John Fargusson, witness  
Moses Fargusson, witness

The following was transcribed from:

Chesterfield County Virginia Will Book, Vol. 1 (1749-1765): 47-9, Chesterfield County Virginia Courthouse, Chesterfield, Virginia; viewed as microfilm 30,871 Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings.

In the name of God amen I John Rudd of the Parish and County of Henrico being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament Principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and as for my Body I commend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and desent manner according to the discesion of my Executors and as for such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give dispose and bequeath in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son John Rud Jun<sup>r</sup> a Negro Man named York after the decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son William Rud a Negro garl named Judey after the decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood If William Rud never returns here then my grandson William Rud the Son of Joseph to have to Negro Garl

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Thomas Rud a Negro Man named Peter after the decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son Joseph Rud a Negro Man named Robin after the decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son James Rud a Negro Man named Dick after the decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood

Item I also give and bequeath unto my loving Son William Rud a feather Bed that I bought last and furniture belonging to it If William Rud never returns here then my Grandson William Rud the Son of Joseph to have the Bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Rud the one half of my Land I now have on Spring Run being the upper half and to my Son William Rud the lower half the half that I now Live on after the Decease of my wife Avis or her widowhood If William Rud never returns here then my Grandson William Rud the Son of Joseph to have the Land

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Frith one Shilling Sterling

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Avis the use of all my Houses and the use of the Plantation and all my Negroes during her Life or widowhood and to work all my Slaves on this Plantation during her single Life and to have the third of movables as the Law allows to the Judgment of three Men after my Decease

Item my will further is that there be no appraisement of my Estate by order of Court but that the movables may be divided by the witnesses of my will I also appoint my loving Sons Thomas and Joseph my whole and Sole Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and Seal this Eighteenth Day of August Anno Dom 1749

Sealed signed and Delivered  
In the Presence of us  
John Fargusson  
Moses Fargusson

his  
John X Rud Sen  
mark

An Inventory of the Estate of John Rud Dec<sup>d</sup> Anno Dom 1749

4 Negro Fellows 3 Negro Boys 1 D Wench 1 D Garl  
Cash 176.16.10  
19 Head of Cattle young and old  
10 Head of hogs a horse and mare 6 Head of Sheep  
5 Feather Beds and Furniture  
[many other household goods]  
Lewis and Clark's fees to come out of it