

## Mecklenburg County, Virginia

### Will of Joseph Rudd

(1712? – 1779)

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):

Avis (Ahern), daughter  
Margaret (Owen), daughter  
Wilmouth (Avery), daughter  
Anne (Hester), daughter  
Lucy (Daniel), daughter  
Joseph Rudd, son  
Thomas Rudd, son & executor  
Field Rudd, son  
Harwood Rudd, son  
John Puryear Jr  
John Rudd, late son  
Elijah Rudd, grandson  
William Rudd, grandson, son of William  
William Rudd, late son  
John Rudd, grandson, son of William  
Sally Rudd, granddaughter, daughter of William  
Wilmouth Rudd, granddaughter, daughter of late son John  
Anne Rudd, granddaughter  
Thomas Ahern (Akin), son-in-law & executor  
Clausel Clausel, witness  
Dolphia Williams, witness  
John Puryear, witness  
Samuel Puryear, witness  
Richard Swepson, security  
James Hester, security  
John Brown, clerk

The following was transcribed from:

Mecklenburg County Virginia Will Book, Vol. 1 (1765-1782): 299-302,  
Mecklenburg County Virginia Courthouse, Boydton, Virginia; viewed as microfilm  
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The transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings.

In the name of God amen I Joseph Rudd of the County of Mecklenburg being sick and weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my daughter Avis Ahern [Akin] my Negro boy slave named York to her and & her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Owen my negro girl slave named Molly to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Wilmoth Avery one negro man slave named Frank to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Hester my negro girl slave named Pheady to her & her heirs for ever also one cow and calf.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Daniel my negro girl slave named Grace and one cow & calf to her & her heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Rudd my negro woman slave named Betty to him and his heirs forever also the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my son Thomas and Field Rudd out of the sales of the land devised them

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Rudd my negro slave named Robin also one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Field Rudd my negro man slave named Dick also two cows & calves to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Harwood Rudd one moiety of the tract of land and plantation whereon I now live and containing by estimation six hundred acres he my said son to have the part whereon I now live to be divided as follows (to wit) Beginning at a scrub oak in John Puryear's Jun<sup>rs</sup> line running from thence along to Nauls branch then to John Puryear's land paying to my grand daughter Anne Rudd daughter of my late son John Rudd the sum of one hundred pounds to him and his heirs forever also give my said son Harwood Rudd my negro man slave named Jimmy together with my bay horse Prince to him and his heirs forever.

Item my will and desire is that the other moiety of the land before mentioned be sold by my son Thomas Rudd and the money arriving from such sale be equally divided between my two sons Thomas and field Rudd they paying to my son Joseph Rudd the sum of twenty pounds to them and their heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Elijah Rudd my negro boy slave Scipio together with the bed and furniture he now lies on and one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my Grandson William Rudd son of my late son William Rudd sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my Grandson John Rudd son of my said son William the sum of sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Sally Rudd daughter of my said son William the sum of sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Wilmouth Rudd daughter of my late son John Rudd the sum of one hundred pounds to her and her heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Anne Rudd the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid her by my son Harwood Rudd in consideration of my giving my said son the plantation whereon I now live and my paying the above mentioned sum for the plantation whereon my said son now lives to her and her heirs forever.

Item my will and desires that if my said Sons Thomas and Field should refuse or neglect to pay the Legacy to my within named son Joseph Rudd of twenty pounds and my said son Harwood should refuse to pay my said Granddaughter Anne the said sum of one hundred that in that case so much of their parts of my estate be sold as will be sufficient to discharge the said Legacy.

Item my will and desire is that in order that there be an equal division of the residue of my slaves not here before devised they be set up to the highest bidder and that none shall have a right to buy except my five daughters and four sons hereafter named (to wit) Avis Ahern, Margaret Owen Wilmouth Avery Anne Hester Louisa Daniel and my said sons Joseph Thomas Field and Harwood Rudd and that the amount of such sales be equally divided amongst my said children share and share alike to them and their heirs for ever

Item my will and desire is that the residue or remainder of my estate not heretofore devised be equally divided (after paying all my just debts and funeral expenses) amongst my said five daughters and four sons (to wit) Avis Ahern Margaret Owen Wilmouth Avery, Anna Hester and Louisa Daniel and my said sons Joseph, Thomas Field & Harwood Rudd or the survivors and their heirs

I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Thomas Thomas Rudd and my son in Law Thomas Ahern [Akin] my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other will or wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Signed , sealed published and  
declared by the said testator as  
his last will and testament  
in presence of us.

his  
Joseph R. Rudd  
mark

Clausel Clausel  
her  
Dolphia Williams  
mark  
John Puryear  
Samuel Puryear

At a court held for Mecklenberg County the 11th day of June 1779  
This will was proved by the oaths of John Puryear ^and^ Clausel Clausel witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Thomas Rudd one of the [?] named in the said will who made oath thereto and together with Richard Swepson & James Hester his securities entered into and acknowledged their bonds in the penalty of twenty thousand pounds conditioned as the Law directs Certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form liberty being reserved for Thomas Akin the other executor therein named to join in the probat when he shall think fit

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Examined

John Brown [?]