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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 ?discretion of my Executor 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 mannor and form.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son **John Rud Junior** 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** is to have the 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 River 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/Firth** one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequest 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 here unto set my hand and Seal this Eighteenth Day of August Anno Dom. 1744

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| In the Presence of us | John X Rud Senr. |
| John Fergusson | Mark |
| Moses Fargusson | |