

Will of Ambrose Rucker [Jr.] (W. B. 6, p.413-414, Bedford Co., VA. Will proved 27 Aug 1827):

August 17th 1827— In the name of God Amen, I Ambrose Rucker of the county of Bedford and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and blessed be Almighty God for the same do make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner & form following:

That is to say, first it is my wish & desire that all my just debts be paid.

*I give and bequeath to my son **Tinsley Rucker** four dollars with what I have already given him.*

*I give and bequeath to my son **Thomas Rucker** four dollars with what I have heretofore given him.*

*I give unto my son **Garland Rucker** my tract of land in Kentucky, extra on account of his misfortune. Also one Negro boy named Henry.*

*I give unto my son **Anthony Rucker** two Negroes Essex & little Wat.*

*I give unto my daughter **Francis Hancock**, two Negro boys named Nelson and Peter.*

*I give unto my son-in-law **James Rucker** fifty acres of land adjoining the land on which he now lives commencing at one line and running across to the other.*

*I give to my granddaughter **Emely Rucker** one Negro girl named Harriet.*

*I give unto my grandson **Elisha Hurt** 4 one Negro boy named James.*

*I give unto my son **Ambrose Rucker** the balance of the two hundred and fifteen acres of land, which I had reserved for myself, together with two Negroes named Reuben and Elvisy; and also to draw a share of the present crop, for his two Negroes Reuben & Gagney; also half of my stock of all kind, one half of my household and kitchen furniture together with all plantation utensils.*

*I also leave my daughter **Nancy Rucker** into the hands of my son Ambrose Rucker and for which considerations, I further give unto him the following slaves to wit: Davy, George, Wat, Sary, Martha, and Rhoda; also the remaining half of my household and kitchen furniture together with remaining half of my stock of all kind —*

I appoint Anthony & Ambrose Rucker my executors to this my last will & testament. I do hereby revoking all former will by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day date above written.

Test: Rich. Hobson, Jr.

Ambrose (X) Rucker

Rawley Ruther

his mark

Francis Franklin

It is my desire that my son Garland Rucker take my two old Negroes Ned and Lucy; and lastly it is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last will & testament, to all intents and purposes in writings whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day and date above written. (Same signature and witnesses as in the Will.)