The Last Will and Testament of Rasco Lipsey

State of North Carolina } In the Name of God. Amen.
Jones County } I Rasco Lipsey sen’ of the county and State

aforesaid being weak of Body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God for the
same do this 13th day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& seven make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner following viz.

First I recommend my Soul to the Clemency of Allmighty God that gave it me & my Body
to be interred in a decent Chrisian manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after
named nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again through the Mighty Power
of God. & as touching Such worldly Estate as hath pleas’d God to bless me with I give &
bequeath the same in manner following. to wit.

Item. I will that the part of my personal Estate not herein after particularly devised be sold
and my Just debts paid from the n’ proceeds thereof, & from the residue I will that my Son
James Lipsey receive one hundred Dollars to him his Heirs & assigns for ever.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Sarah during her natural life The Plantation &
improvements whereon I now live, also the plantation tools, one mare by the name of
Lark, three Cows & calves one yoke of Stears twenty head of hogs, my Beaufet &
Crockery, the spinning and and [sic] weaving machines my Kitchen furniture, two feather
Beds bedsteads & furniture, my Negro Boy Bob. the foregoing I lend my wife during her natural life.

Item. My will is that my Ex^a lay off & allot to my wife & daughter Bathsheba for their years support thirty Barrels Corn out of the Corn made on this side of the river, the whole of my Peas & a sufficient quantity of Fodder, also one thound pounds Pork.

Item. I give & bequeath to my three Grand sons John & Rasco Barrus, & Amasa Lipsey son of James Lipsey one hundred dollars each to be levied & paid them as herein after directed to them their Heirs & assigns for ever.

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally Barrus one Horse or mare out of my Stock to the value of eighty five or ninety dollars, two Cows & calves to her & her Heirs for ever.

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Bathsheba Amyet after the death of my wife The land & improvements whereon I now live, the Cattle which have come of a heifer Calf that I formerly gave her & every of the increase, one Horse by the name of Braddock, one Bed & furniture, my Beaufet & Crockery The foregoing I give & Bequeath to my said daughter Bathsheba to her her H^s & assigns for ever.

It is to be understood that the Legacies left my daughter Bathsheba (except the Cattle, Horse, Bed & furniture) my wife has a life Estate in.

Item. My will is that at the decease of my wife my Negro Boy Bob shall belong to my daughter Bathsheba to her her Heirs & assigns for ever, she or they paying to my Grand sons John & Rasco Barrus & Amasa Lipsey son of James Lipsey one hundred Dollars each according to the Intent of the Clause directing such Legacies.
Item. I give & Bequeath to my son Amasa Lipsey one hundred dollars to him & his Heirs for ever, to be levied & rais'd after the death of my wife out of the sales of such other personal Estates that may then be remaining & not already devised. and the residue (if any) to be equally divided amongst my daughter Sally Barrus James Lipsey & Bathsheba Amyet, them their Heirs and assigns for ever.

I would state for the satisfaction of all concern'd that one half the corn made over the river this year belongs to the Heirs of John Amyet dec'd.

Lastly I nominate & appoint my Son James Lipsey Executor & my daughter Bathsheba Amyet Executrix to this my last will & Testament revoking all former wills by me made & confirming this my only last will & Testament

In witness I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal the day & year first above written

Sign'd seal'd Publish'd & declared }  
before us       } Rasco Lipsey [hand-written seal]

John Burnet
Polly Wood    Jnº Hyson

There was no sheet filled with the original indicating that it had been proved in court, and I did not have time at Raleigh to check the microfilm of court copies. Transcribed 2 November 1996 and thereafter from a copy of the original made on 16 October 1996 at Raleigh with corrections and suggestions by Pat Rogers Hall, 2 January 1997.

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