

Gideon Matthews Will

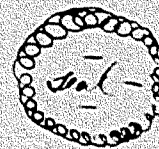
In the name of God Amen! I, Gideon Matthews of the State
of North Carolina and County of Halifax being weak and lame in bodily health
but in perfect sound mind and memory knowing it is appointed for all to
die in order to dispose of my worldly estate which it hath pleased God
to bestow on me I do this seventeenth day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifteen make and ordain
this to be my last will and Testament in the manner and form following
that is to say — First I bequeath to my beloved Wife Charlotte Matthews
the use of my plantation together with the balance of my other Lands do-
ring her natural Life in order for her to raise my fore Children (viz)
Anne Matthews, Baldy Matthews, James Matthews, and John Matthews; —
also I bequeath to my wife Charlotte Matthews my negro girl Charrity together
with my old mare and two cows and yearlings and two ewes and lambs
with all my corn and fodder and wheat and two sows and eight shoats and
all my plantation tools with all my house hold and kitchen furniture (ex-
cept such as here after Excepted) for the use of said property for my

cept such as heir after Exempted; For the use of said Property for my
wife Charlotty Matthews to keep together and raise my fore children above
mentioned and give them a reasonable education in schooling - and at the
death of my wife Charlotty Matthews or whenever she may be about to waste
the said property lent, or to cause the same to be wasted or to be removed or
about to be removed from this Contry or suffers my children before mentioned
to be wilfully abused - Then it is my will and desire that all the lent prop-
erty be equally divided among my fore children (viz; Anne Matthews
Baldy Matthews, James Matthews and John Matthews then it is my
will and desire that all the balance of my property not before lent
be sold and the money arising therefrom together with the Dets that are
due me - after paying my Just debts be equally divided between my
fore children above mentioned - Then I nominate and appoint my
friend Isham Matthews Executor to this my last will and Testament
I also nominate and appoint my friend Isham Matthews Guardian to and for
my fore children (viz; Anne Matthews, Baldy Matthews, James Matthews
and John Matthews. - - - - - As witnesses whereof

I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this day and date
above written. —

Signed in the presence of
Eaton Pullen — Just
William Pullen —

Jedion Matthews



Halifax County

May Term 1815 — Then this Will was exhibited in Open Court & duly
proven by the Oath of Eaton Pullen one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and
On Motion ordered to be recorded — whereupon Jedion Matthews the Executor
therein named came in and was duly qualified to the same — Witness;

R. C. P. Esq. —

Halifax Feb. 24. 1815 —

The last will of Mary Clark — I give and bequeath to Elizabeth
Clark & her heirs forever the whole of my stock consisting of one horse, six
head of cattle two sows and seven pigs — Likewise give and bequeath
to Elizabeth Clark & her heirs forever the whole of my household furniture
which I deem too tedious and unnecessary to mention —

Mar. 1815