

In The Name of God Amen I Thomas Matthews of Amherst
County being in perfect senses Mind Memory do make & Ordain this my
Last Will and Testament in the Manner and form followinge
Inprimis I commend my soul to god hoping through the Merits
of Iesus Christ to obtain Eternal life after my Just Debts paid
& Funerall Expenses my will and Desire is that my Daughter Sarah
Matthews should have one Bed and furniture that she now claims and
Also that my Daughter Elizabeth should have one Bed and furniture that
she now claims and two cows known by the Name of horse & my Desire
is that my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Matthews should have the use of all my
Estate both Real and Personal during her life Except what is above
mentioned but at her Death It is my Desire that my Two Daughters
Sarah and Elizabeth should have Fifty Acres of Land each they
Please to make choice It is my Desire that my Two sons John and
Thomas should have all the Rest of My Land Equally Divided between
them and their heirs forever and that my moveable Estate Except bed
should be Equally Divided between my Two sons John and Thomas
my Two Daughters Sarah and Elizabeth and their heirs forever I appoynt
my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Matthews Executrix to this my Last will &
Testament Ratifying and Confirming this my Last Will & Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day
of August 1783

Test James Turner

John Turner

Stephen Turner

Thomas Matthews ES

At a Court held for Amherst County the 6th Day of June 1785
This Last Will and Testament of Thomas Matthews Deceased was this day
Presented in Court by the Executrix therein named and Proved by the oath
of James Turner and John Turner Witnesses thereto whereupon the said Executrix
with James Turner her Security Entered into & Acknowledged Bond in
the Penalty of Three Hundred Pounds Took the Oath Required by Law
and the said Will is Ordered to be Recorded

Test. Wm Loring Clk