

Amount brought over
1st cow and 8 shoats

£ 125 11 2

7 shoats

3 0 0

3 pigs and oven

3 3 0

64 Barrels Corn at 9 1/2 p Barrel

1 1 0

4 attacks oats 25 bushels in each

2 1 0

13 Geese at 2/6 each

7 10 0

Negro Feller Bst.

1 13 6

Little Bst.

3 0 0

Tom

9 0 0

Jimmy

10 0 0

Hanner and Susan

5 0 0

Sponer

75 0 0

Roady

60 0 0

Fanny and Lizy

70 0 0

Isack

75 0 0

James

30 0 0

Stephen

18 0 0

Viney

15 0 0

Fanny

4 0 0

Tobias and Shucks

60 0 0

Blade Stacks

2 2 0

5 1/2 p Land

2 8 0

Supposed 800 weight of Pork at 3 1/2 p Hundred

0 15 0

C. Receipted

£ 857 9 8

One Hoghead Tobacco pressed and apared off about 900 weight
We the under signed Commissionary have agreable to order appraised the Estate
of John Matthews Dec'd in Current money as above stated this 28 Jan'y 1809

Brunswick County Court February 27th 1809

Robert Haskins

This Inventory & appraisment of the estate of John Matthews may Richard Coleman
returned by Samuel Matthews his adm'r & ordered to be recorded & C'd. P. Graham
Clerk

Teste

His bet. Wells CTS

John Betts
Wills

In the name of God amen I John Betts of the County
of Brunswick and parish of Methuen being very Sick and Weak in Body, but of
perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given to god for the same: but calling into mind
the mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed for all mankind once to
die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first
of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty god who gave it
and my body to be buried in a decent christian like manners at the discretion of my
executors: nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God. And as touching worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god
to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following
manner & form after all my just are paid. I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife
Elizabeth the tract of land whereon I now reside together with the following negro
& white slaves & also negro males & Fanny & her daughter negro females on that day

conditioning that the said Elizabeth my wife shall maintain and support my three daughters Nancy, Franky & Polly, but should either of them prefer living else when the sum of Forty Shilling be allowed each & to be paid by said wife Elizabeth a ^{reasonable} part of the stock of every description: such as a yoke of Plow, & other of the Cattle kind, hoes &c. as may be sufficient for their comfort - the residue to be at the disposal of my Exec. & Admin. except the use of all the furniture except as may be hereafter named & such things as my Exec. & Admin. may deem proper to be sold, which shall be devolutionary with them. The same being bequeathed and made over to the said Elizabeth during her natural life or during widowhood & to be considered as her own: but in case of on abandonment from widowhood or death - a sale the property to take place as soon as convenient and equal division to take place between my three Daughters, Nancy, Franky & Polly hereafter taken notice of - I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy negro boy named Betty - the first choice of leather Beds &c. proportionable part of the Estate as above described. - I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Franky one negro boy Stephen the second choice in Beds and a proportionable part of the Estate as above described - I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly one negro boy Hattie the third choice of Beds &c. the proportionable part of the Estate as above described. - It is my will and desire that my Exec. & Admin. make sale of the following negroes in so many as shall be sufficient to do so - It is intended that when I die I have a sale of the property bequeathed to my wife after her death or marriage that the land is also embraced in - Lastly - I nominate and appoint my friend Wm. Mason (mediator) Elizabeth Betty my wife Executor & Executrix of this my last will & Testament working all things - In witness whereof the same is her writ on the 4th two former pages & attested this 9th Feb^y 1800. Given the word immorally in the 26 line in first page intended before signed

J. H. T. n. e. f.

John Drummond Jr.

John Nicholson

John White Jr.

John Betty



Brunswick County Court February 27, 1809

This last will & testament of John T. n. e. f. was proved by the oaths of John Nicholson & John White Jr. witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and on the motion of William Mason one of the executors therein named he having made oath thereto and together with Thomas Parham & John Cox his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars with condition as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form liberty being ~~granted~~ the executors therein named to join in the said probate when she thinks fit

End

John H. H. H. H. H.