

William Rivers

Wills

In the name of God amen I William

Rivers of the County of Brunswick being Sick and weak in Body
 but of Sound Mind and Memory do make and Order this to be my last
 will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me made. I my
 will and desire is that after my decease my Executors should sell to the
 highest bidder the whole of my Estate except my land and Negroes
 and of the Money arising from the Sale together with the Sale of
 the Crop if any be hand to pay all my just debts. I give the whole
 of my Estate of every kind whatsoever after my just debts are paid to
 my two Sons Am and William to be equally divided between them when
 they come to the Age of Twenty one and if either of my Sons should
 die before they come to the age of twenty one years my will & desire is
 that the survivor take and possess the whole of my Estate for me. I my
 will and desire is that if Aaron Brown the Grand father of my two Sons
 to whom I commit the care and guardianship of them during his life & till
 they come of age should happen to move to any of the Western States that
 he should sell my tract of land for the best price that may be had
 and to purchase ~~land~~ ^{land} in the west where he may think most profit with the
 money for them and if such purchase should be made for the land to be
 equally divided between them when they come of age and that the said
 Aaron Brown if he shall move to the west to live give away with him
 the whole of the Negroes and what ever Estate I may have to be hand
 out at private Sale for the benefit of my Children till they come of
 age and that the said Aaron Brown or in case of his death the guardian of
 my two Sons apply ^{as much} ~~as~~ ^{he} profit of my Estate as well as my
 Son in a proper Manner. I my will and desire is that if Aaron Brown
 should not remove to the west that my Executors sell out my land and
 hire out my Negroes till my Son comes of age and that my Executors
 the guardian of my children in whose hands the Business may be to
 hire out my Negroes privately and to such Masters as they think will
 treat them in a human Manner lastly I appoint my friend Aaron Brown
 Jacob Miller Jr Executors of this my last will and Testament. Signed sealed
 and delivered this 4th Day of March 1809

Benj Trotter

Daniel Williams

John Mitchell

William Rivers Seal

Brunswick County Court March 29. 1809

This last will & Testament of Mr Rivers and was proved by the oaths of
 Benjamin Trotter and John Mitchell witnesses who swore to be sworn
 on the motion of Aaron Brown one of the Executors therein named being
 made oath thereunto according to law and together with Benjamin Trotter &
 Herbert Hill his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty
 of Tenor Thousand dollars with condition as the law directs and is
 granted him granting a probate thereof under form thereby law

Among the other accounts to give in the said probate when he thinks fit
 End

Robert Hill 186

Saml Bragg has apprs

In Inventory & Appraisement of the

Estate of Saml Bragg and taken on the premises this today of
 December 1816

Negroes.

Will.

Sarah

abram

Else

Nancy

Anthony

Simon

Milky

Charles

Jordan

Rachel

Betty

Grace

Chatham

Lall

Hanna

Nancy

Household fur

1 Bed & furniture

1 ditto ditto

1 Mans Saddle 79/ 1 Wom^s ditto 42/

1 Flax Wheel 18/ 2 Flax Harkles 15/

400^{lb} Seed Cotton

1 Chest of Tanned Leather 30/

1 Taw hide of Flays & hamp 20/

1 Curtain Bedstead & furniture

1 Bed & furniture

1 Trunk ditto

1 Bed & furniture

1 Trunk 3/ 1 Candle Stand 3/

1 Stelling Chair 32/ 1 W^{ts} Table 10/

51 0 0

30 1 0

41 0 1

5 0 0

31 1 1

121 0 0

100 0 1

75 1 0

121 1 0

91 0 0

91 0 0

90 0 0

50 0 0

41 0 0

31 0 0

11 0 0

25 0 0

10 0 0

9 0 0

3 14 0

1 13 0

11 13 4

1 18 0

1 6 1

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18 0