

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Matthews of the parish of Southam  
and county of Hampshire hereby make and publish my last will and testament in manner and form following  
I give and bequeath It is my will and desire that my body be decently interred at the  
discretion of my executors hereafter named and as to what worldly estate  
it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and bequeath them in manner  
of force following.

I give unto my beloved mother Elizabeth Matthews the wife of my negro  
woman Fanny with her future increase during the natural life of my  
said mother and after her decease I give and bequeath to her said Fanny together  
with her future increase unto my sister Elizabeth Blackley Matthews  
I also give and bequeath unto my 5<sup>th</sup> sister Elizabeth Blackley my negro  
girl Annie and all my wearing apparel.

I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Matthews my negro boy Daniel  
also my horse coll.

I give and bequeath unto my brother James, Beveridge thoughton relig.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Jennell my prayer book & saddle.

I give and bequeath unto my mother all the rest of my estate not above  
given also all monies I may be entitled to either by the will of my  
father or the will of my mother.

then or the will of my grandmother Catherine Blaisley

It is my will that my estate be not appraised

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my tender mother Elizabeth M. Lawrence and my uncle Thompson Swann whole & sole executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all will by me formerly made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

Signed sealed published and declared to be  
the last will & testament of Catherine  
M. Lawrence in presence of

Catherine M. Lawrence S.S.

B. B. M.  
her M.

Samuel Steger

Bliz. C. Davenport

B. B.  
her M.

At a court held for Cumberland county 26<sup>th</sup> February 1776.

This last will & testament of Catherine M. Lawrence deceased was proved by the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded with on the motion of Elizabeth M. Lawrence executrix therein named who made oath according to law certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security whereupon she together with Thompson Swann her security entered into bond according to law.