

In the Name of God Amen Richard Rouzee of St. Ann's Par-
ish in Essex County being of sound & disposing mind & Memory & con-
sidering the uncertainty of human life do make & Ordain this to be
my last Will & Testament.
I desire that all my just debts be paid. Item I Give the
Whole of my Estate both real & personal to my beloved wife Apphia
Rouzee during her Widowhood, the educating & maintaining my three
Children vizt. Sarah Thimbleby Rouzee, Harriett Rouzee, & Apphia
Rouzee until they arrive to the Age of eighteen years or
Married, at which time I direct my whole Estate to be divided into
three equal parts, & that my beloved wife Apphia Rouzee have one third
of my whole Estate during her life, the other two thirds to be divided

all my children above named are without office lawfully begun
of these body then I give the negroes of my wife's estate
increase to her to dispose of as she thinks proper. It is my desire
that an inventory of my estate be taken by some appointed by my
Executor hereafter mentioned & a return thereof made to my wife
as when no dues be made, unless it should appear that there is not
money sufficient due to my estate to discharge my debts, then and
only then have full power to sell what they shall think most pro-
per to discharge my debts. Lastly I constitute my brother William
Rougee, William Quantenry, Gray, Esq. & my second wife Appie
Rougee Executors to this my last Will & Testament in testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th day of Jan-
-uary 1789
Signed & sealed in presence
of my friends
William
Rougee
Quantenry & Ramsay
witness

9th day of Jan-
-uary 1789

between my three Daughters, I have desired to
I Apphia pushed up of her My desire is
all my children above named die without issue lawfully of all that
of their body - then I give the negroes I got by my wife with all that
increase to her to dispose of as she thinks proper. It is my desire
that an inventory of my Estate be taken by men appointed by me
Executors hereafter mentioned & a return thereof made to Court & that
no sale be made, unless it should appear my debts, then will
money sufficient does to my Estate to discharge my debts, then will
I shall have full power to sell what I constitute my Executor William
Apphia to discharge my debts. Lastly I constitute my beloved wife Apphia
Rouge, William Apphia, & my beloved wife Apphia
Rouge, Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 15th day of Dec-
-brary 1789
Witness in presence

J. Rouge

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between my three Daughters, Sarah Trantler, Rouze, Harriet Rouze
& Apphia Rushrod & H. Rouze. Item My desire is that should
all my Children above named die without issue lawfully begotten
of their body then I give the negroes I got by my wife with all their
increase to her to dispose of as she thinks proper. It is my desire
that an inventory of my Estate be taken by men appointed by my
Executors hereafter mentioned & a return thereof made to Court & record
=ed & that no sale be made, unless it should appear that there is not
money sufficient due to my Estate to discharge my debts, then my
Exors shall have full power to sell what they shall think most pro-
-per to discharge my debts. Lastly I constitute my Brother William
Rouze, William Trantler of Gray Eaters & my beloved Wife Apphia
Rouze Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th Day of Fe-
-bruary 1789

Signed & sealed in presence

Wm. Gray

Rowze

Thomas & Ramsay

J. Rouze

Rouge, William, Son of John, and
Rouge Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 9th day of Fe-
bruary 1789

J. Rouge Seal

Signed & Sealed in presence

Wm. Gray

Rouge

Francis & Ramsay

marks

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 18th day of
April 1791. This last Will and Testament of Richard Rouge was presented
into Court by Apphia Rouge the executrix therein named which was
proved by the oaths of William Gray and Francis Ramsay two of the
subscribing Witnesses thereto and also by the Oath of the said executrix
and ordered to be recorded, Whereupon a certificate was granted to the
said executrix in order to her obtaining a Probate of the said Testa-
ment in due form.

Test
John Lee Clerk

Pursuant to an Order of Essex County Court dated October Court 1790