

Georgia
Burke County

In the name of God Amen. I William Rogers of said County
and State, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, I do hereby
testify & declare, this instrument, to be my last will and testament.

1st I do give and bequeath to my son William Rogers the following property
viz the slaves Jesse, Solomon, Leroy & Maria, and that part of my Spikes
tract of Land, lying on the North side of Boggy Gut Creek to him & his
heirs forever.

2^d I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Bush, the wife of John
Bush, the Negs slaves, Cain, Little Ben, Rose, and her child, together with
the Danner tract of Land lying in the State of South Carolina to her
heirs forever.

3rd I do give and bequeath, unto my son Jeremiah, the following Negs
slaves, Jim, Ben, Ersey, Burke Co. Ga Wills 1855-1858
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my Dickerson tract of Land, lying on MacBean Creek.

4th I do give and bequeath, unto my wife Polly Rogers, the following Negs
slaves viz, John, Sally, Peter & Manning; also the tract of Land, on which I
now live, lying in said County on Savannah River, for and during the
term of her natural life. The property given in this item of my will &
that in the last foregoing item, given to my son Jeremiah, I do give &
bequeath in trust to my executors herein after named, to my said wife
& said son during the natural life of my wife, to be kept together and
worked for their mutual benefit & after the death of my said wife, the
whole or entirety of said property, shall vest in & remain in my said
son & his heirs in fee simple forever.

5th I do give & bequeath unto my wife Polly my said son Jeremiah & Thomas Rogers
at all kinds, my house hold & kitchen furniture & plantation tools

6th I do give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Rogers, the following negro
slaves viz. Joby, Grady, Henry, Teas, Harry & Patience together with the
balance of the Sparks tract of land, lying on the South side of Boggy
Creek, together with the mill tract, lying on the South side of Boggy
Creek, all said lands lying in Burke County, to him said Thomas & to
his heirs forever.

7th I do give & bequeath unto my sons Thomas & Jeremiah my negro slave
Robbin & I do hereby direct that said negro slave be sold & the net pro-
ceeds of the sale be equally divided between them.

8th The remainder of my property, whether real, personal or mixed, of which
I may die possessed, I do hereby give & bequeath equally to my ^{said} sons
Thomas and Jeremiah Rogers.

9th I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends John Joublin & Edward
Ketcher Executors of this my last will & testament & trustees for that
portion of my Estate bequeathed unto my wife Polly Rogers & my son
Jeremiah Rogers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto attached my name & affixed my
Seal this 11th Day of December 1856.

Signed, Sealed, published and
declared as the last will of
William Rogers, who signed
the same in the presence of
the witnesses, they signing
the same at his request
& in his presence & in the presence of each other
Thomas Cassanova
Robert Allen

William Rogers

Seal

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I Personally, appeared before me John R. Sturges, a Justice of the
Peace, for said County, Thomas Moore Berrien, who being duly sworn, saith
he was the retained Counsel for John Joublin & Edward Ketcher the Executors
in the foregoing copy of the last will & testament of William Rogers late
of said County deceased; that as counsel he has been frequently compelled
to examine the original will & the record thereof; that the foregoing copy
is substantially a true copy of said original last will, and that this deponent
presented the original will, as counsel, for the Executors, for probate, that
the said will was proven, before the Justices of the Superior Court of
said County, sitting as a Court of Ordinary, ordered to be recorded and
was recorded, and that both the original & record as this deponent has
been informed & believes have been destroyed, by fire, in the burning of
the Court house of said County, on the night of the 24th January
1856

Subscribed before me
9th May 1857

John R. Sturges J.P. R.C. Co.

J. M. Berrien

Georgia
Chatham County 3 Personally appeared Robert A. Allen who being duly sworn
that he was a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of William
Rogers, late of Burke County and State of Georgia aforesaid deceased, that
he does not recollect distinctly enough to state who were the other sub-
scribing witnesses of whom there were two others beside himself at least.
The deponent further saith, that the annexed copy will, is to the best of
the recollection, memory & belief of this deponent substantiating a true
copy of the last will and testament of said testator William Rogers
Sworn to before me
this 29th day of May 1857.

Robt. A. Allen

James McHenry
Notary Public Chatham County
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Georgia
Burke County 3 Personally appeared Thomas Connaham being duly sworn
deponent and saith, he was one of the subscribing witnesses to the
last will and testament of William Rogers, late of said County, de-
ceased, that as he recollects John Smith and Edward Hatcher were the
Executors appointed by said will, he does not recollect who were the
other witnesses, but thinks Edward Hatcher & Robert A. Allen were two of
them and deponent thinks probably another that he believes the
annexed paper writing is a true copy of said last
will and testament. is in fact a true copy of said will and
that this deponent was one of the witnesses, who testified and to see
will before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County sitting
as a Court of Ordinary

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Sworn to before me
21st May 1857.

Thos Connaham

Thos Morris Barriew
Notary public 3 Seal

Georgia
Burke County 3 To the Honorable Edmund Gaillard ordinary for said County
The petition of Thomas Rogers Sheweth, that William Rogers
late of said County, deceased, departed this life testate, that the will
of said William Rogers, was duly proven & recorded, & that the original
will together with the record thereof, were destroyed by fire, in the burn-
ing of the court house of said County, on the night of the 24th Jan-
uary 1856, that the annexed copy will is a true copy of said lost orig-
inal will, he therefore prays this honorable Court, that the said annexed
copy will be established in the stead and place of said lost original
will & as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Barriew & Jones, propetors

It appearing to the Court that the original last will & testament of Wil-
iam Rogers late of said County deceased, was duly proven & recorded
the honorable the Court of Ordinary for said County, that said orig-
inal will & record were destroyed by fire in the burning of the Court
house of this County, on the night of the 24th January 1856 & that

Original Will. It is on the petition of Thomas Rogers and of the
legalees and on motion of Attorneys for Plenary ordered that
the aforesaid copy will annexed to this petition be substituted in
the stead and place of said original last will as aforesaid, that being
so established it be put on record in the book of wills for this
County and that said established copy will with the other papers
in this proceeding be placed on file in the Clerk's office of this County.

Recorded 11th July 1857.