

The last Will and Testament of Blake B Rutland

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In the name of God Amen I Blake B Rutland of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind but infirm in health and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills heretofore made by me

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my desire that all my Just debts be paid

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Selamious Rutland the whole of my Estate both real and personal with the exception of such as may be hereinafter named to be kept together for the support of herself and children now living with her untill my son William Turner Rutland shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years but should my wife find that she can not control or manage my negroes as she would wish and so as to make them profitable to my Estate then it is my desire that my Executors herein after named hire my said negroes out to the best advantage and the proceeds be appropriated to the support of my wife and children above referred to and when my said son William Turner Rutland shall arrive to the age of Twenty one then it is my Will and desire that the whole of my property both real and personal be equally divided between my wife and <sup>all of</sup> my children with the exception of my son John Henry Rutland but should my son William Turner Rutland die before he arrives at the age of Twenty one then I desire that my Estate should still be kept together for the purposes above named untill the date at which he would have come to age had he lived

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Henry Rutland my negroe girl Selia or Delor provided that he will give to my Executors hereinafter named a full complete and final receipt in full of all demands against my Estate as an heir or distributee but should my said son refuse

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refuse to receive said negroe girl upon said Terms then I will and desire that said negroe girl (Selia or Seler be included and disposed of with my other negroes as set forth in item second and then and in that event it is my Will and desire that at the general distribution of my Estate my said son John Henry Rutland shall receive an equal share of negroe property with my wife and other children but no share or portion of any other property having already given him off more than sufficient to make up his distributive share of all but the negroe property

Item 4<sup>th</sup> Should my Wife not be able from the proceeds of my Crop to pay the debt which I owe for my negroe boy Joe It is my Will and Desire that said boy Joe be sold to the best advantage and the money appropriated to the payment of said debt and should the amount received for said negroe not be sufficient to pay said debt then I desire that the balance be raised out of my Estate

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint and constitute my beloved wife Margaret Elizabeth Rutland and my beloved son Lawrence Green Rutland Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed declared and published by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this September 22<sup>d</sup> 1851

John b Royal  
C B Jones  
Prob<sup>t</sup> B Davies

W B Rutland

Recorded 8<sup>th</sup> March 1852