

and declare in the presence of us Harry Maxwell, Hugh Maxwell.

Adam his son
make Bentley

State of N^o Carolina

Duplin County

April Term 1791.

There was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of Harry Maxwell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and at the same time James Maxwell one of the executors named in the said will came before the court and qualified according to law. Orderd that letters issue accordingly.

Jst. W Dickson C.C.

The last will and testament of Thomas Routledge junior my executor hereinafter named will pay all my just debts and see that my body is decently buried. First I give and devise unto Aaron Morgan my uncle my plantation situated in the County of Duplin, and on the lower swamp, in special trust and confidence, that he the said Aaron Morgan will apply the rents and profits arising therefrom to the support and maintenance of Thomas Routledge and his wife Mildred my father and mother during their natural life and when one of the survivor - as he or she may be the case may be, and after the death of the said Thomas and the said Mildred, I give and devise the said plantation to my three brothers (viz) Nicholas, Gabriel Morgan, and Edward Pearson to them and their heirs forever. Secondly - I give and bequeath unto Aaron Morgan my negro girl Clarissa in special trust and confidence, that he will apply the hire and profits arising from her labour to the support and maintenance of Thomas Routledge and his wife Mildred so long as they live and when one of them die to the

survior so long as he or she may live as the case may be, and after the death of the said Thomas and the said Mildred I give the said negro slave Clarissa and all her future increase to my three sisters (viz) Mariam South Pearson and Margaret Eleanor to them their heirs and assigns forever. I hereby order that my executor herein after named sell my negro boy John and all my stock of every kind I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Aaron Morgan executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Routledge junior have executed and published the same this twenty second day of January and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Signed sealed and published in presence of James H Morgan Thos L Wright.

Thos Routledge etc

Duplin County

October Term 1825.

There was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas L Wright one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Aaron Morgan the executor herein named came into court and qualified as such. Orderd that letters Issue.

Jst. Jas Pearson C.C.

In the name of God amen. I Solomon Rhodes of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being sick of body but in perfect mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I bequeath my soul to the hand of almighty God who gave it and body I commit to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my

surviving friends.— I have I give bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah my beds and all the furniture thereunto belonging. I leave my stock of hogs and cattle to be equally divided between my wife Sarah A Hodges and my daughter Rachel A Hodges. also my Household furniture and my desire is that my daughters divided to be sold at six months credit and when the money be collected that it be put at interest. I have I give and bequeath my plantation tools to my wife Sarah A Hodges. Lastly I constitute and appoint Joseph Thomas A Hodges Executor to this my last will and Testament given under my hand and seal the nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared in presence of Benjamin A Hodges. Joseph T A Hodges.

Solomon ^{his} A Hodges Seal
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In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Rogers of the State of N^e Carolina and Duplin County. Knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and testament first my will is that all my just debts be paid. 2nd My my will is that my beloved wife Nancy have all my Real Estate and perishable property I have an entry of land adjoining Richard Bradley that I wish my heiresto named Executors to manage for my wife. My brother mark Rogers has two hundred and ninety one dollars in his hands if in case he should die it it can be proved by thos Bennett and wife and Elizabeth Mc Gee and old W Whitehead I do nominate Peter Carlile and Thos Mc Gee and John Hunter as my lawful Executors. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th of February in the year of our Lord 1814. in the presence of Edward

Armstrong Penname Everett.

Stephen Rogers Seal

State of N^e Carolina

Duplin County

April Term 1814.

This was the within will proved in open Court in due form of law by the oaths of Edward Armstrong and Amiram Everett the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time John Hunter and Thomas Mc Gee two of the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

1st H^r Dickson Esq.

In the Name of God Amen the first day of January 1775. I William Rogers of the County of Duplin and province of North Carolina planter being in a weak and lost state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my well beloved wife. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of in the following manner and form. Imprimis I give and bequeath to comfort my dearly beloved wife all my lands and stock of every kind and all my household goods and working tools which at this time I am possessed with to be held or disposed of as she shall think right or me most fit for the