

I George Rutledge of the county of Gaston and State of North
Carolina Being of sound mind and memory but considering
the uncertainty of my Earthly Existence do make and declare this
my Last will & Testament in manner and form following
that is To Say first that my Executors hereafter named Shall
provide for my Body a decent buriall Suitable to the wishes
of my Relations & friends and pay all funeral expences to
= Thus with my last debts however on to Whomsoever owing out

of the money that may first come into their Hands, as a part
or parcel of my Estate. also I Give and Bequeath unto my Beloved
wife Rachel Rutledge the plantation whereon I now Live containing
four hundred acres with all the profits of the same or as much
as will make her a comfortable living to have and to hold to her
her the Said Rachel Rutledge for and ^{= the term of} during her natural life
and at her death to be equally Divided amongst my Children
according to value and John Dorr my Grand Son also I Give
and Bequeath unto my Beloved wife one Negro Girl named Peggy about
Forty years of age and one Boy named Mily about seven years of
Age also her Bed and Bedding her Bureau and as much of
the Stock of every kind as will be sufficient for her Support
also the use of as much of the Household & Kitchen furniture as she may
want also I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Peggy and only her bed
and Bedding her chest & Bureau at her own Disposal I Give and
= unto my said wife one horse or two if necessary
also I Give and Bequeath unto my said daughter Dorr one dollar also I Give and Bequeath unto

also the use of as much of the household & kitchen furniture as he may
want also I give and Bequeath unto my D^d wife Fanny and my son
and Bequeath her Chest & Bureau at her own Disposal I give and
— and my said son one horse or two if necessary
also I give and Bequeath unto Valentine Dear one dollar also I give and Bequeath unto
my three Grand Children Valentine Dear Children John Louisa and Lina
the whole part of my Estate to be Equally Divided Between D^d Children
my Will and desire is that the Residue of my Estate be Equally
Divided and Paid over to my four Children in Equal ^{and every} proportion
= one Share and Share alike to them and Each of them their
Executor or administrators and assigns absolutely forever
I do hereby constitute my two Sons James & Robert Rutledge
and my Son in Law John S. McGinnis my Lawful Executors
to all intents and purposes to Execute this my Last will &
Testament according to the true Intent and meaning of the
Same and every part and clause thereof in Witness Whereof I the
said George Rutledge do hereunto set my hand & seal this 17 day of
April 1850

Signed sealed published and Delivered by the George Rutledge ~~Dead~~
said George Rutledge to be his Last will &
Testament in presence of us who at his Request
in his presence and in the presence of Each Other
do Subscribe our names as Witnesses Thereto
Michael Blominger
John B. Smith

State of North Carolina Gaston County Superior Court of Law
Held Term 1850 The Execution of the foregoing Will was duly
proven in open Court by the Oaths of Michael Cloninger & John B Smith
Subscribing Witnesses to The Same

Ordered by Court that This Will be Recorded

J. H. Lewis Clerk of 1850

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Robinson of the County
of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of Body but of
perfect mind and memory thank to god Calling to mind the mortal-
-ity of my Body and knowing that is appointed for all men once
to die I do make and ordain This my Last Will and Testament
that is to say principally and first of all I Give ^{& comma} my Soul to god that gave
it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian
Manner and as Touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in This life I Give and devise and dispose of the Same in
the following manner & form First I order my funeral Expenses to be
paid out of my Estate I Give to my Son Wm Smith Robinson one dollar
to my Son Samuel M Leary Robinson one dollar to my Son Edmund Robinson
one dollar to my Daughter Susan Torrance one dollar to each of my daughters
Marinda Gross and Chelam Twenty five cents to my Daughter Harriet
Robinson I Give and Bequeath the plantation now which I now live containing