

John Rogers will

In the name of God amen I John Rogers of County of Halifax
& State of North Carolina do make & ordain this my last will &
Testament as follows (viz^t)

1st I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Rogers Two Cows &
Calves & Two Pigs & Lambs to Her and Her Heirs forever —

2nd I desire that my Negro Pate also such part of my stock of Cattle
&c. as can be well spared at the discretion of my Executors may
be sold at six or nine Months hence —

3^d I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Eliz^a Rogers the money arising from the
sale of the above mentioned Negro Pate, also the sum of Twenty five
Dollars to Her and Her Heirs forever. —

4th I desire that my Executors shall purchase for the benefit of my Estate the
remaining two thirds, or two Lots yet unsold of the Land belonging to
the Estate of the late James Hopkins deceased, on Condition however
that my Executors shall not give more than Two hundred Dollars for
both said Lots, or one hundred Dollars for either —

5th I Give and bequeath to my son John that lot of land I bought of
James Hopkins; and in case the above mentioned Two other Lots of land
be bought as above specified in the foregoing Clause my Desire is
that my said son John shall purchase them also; but if said
Land in the whole, or in part cannot be bought as
above specified my Desire is that the said sum of Two hundred
and Dollars or the remaining balance thereof should only be
Lot be purchased; shall be put to Interest for the use & benefit

Let be secured, shall be paid to Interest for the use & benefit
of my said son John, to him & his heirs forever —
6th Whereas I sold to John Chase a certain Negro man named
Kingston my Desire is that my representatives shall confirm and
establish the aforesaid sale of said Negro under the Penalty of
each Default in this case forfeiting his or her Legacy to him
or them devised in This Instrument —

7th My Desire is that after such part of my Estate as can be well
spared be paid agreeable to the Requisition contained in The same
Clause hereof The Money thence arising shall be put to Interest for
the use & benefit of my Daughter Elizabeth, to her & her heirs forever —

8th I Give and bequeath to my son John my Cott commonly called
Major to him and his heirs forever —

9th My Desire is that my Daughter Mary shall receive so soon as she
becomes of Age or intermarries, my Mare called Jan, and Bed &
furniture Three cows & Calves, two Ewes & Lambs, and one sow and
Pigs, to her and her heirs forever —

10th after the decease or intermarriage of their Mother I give and
bequeath my lands not already mentioned to be divided between
my two sons Joshua and Darius, in the following manner, that is
to say, to my son Joshua The part whereon I now reside bounded
by a line beginning at a white Oak corner, Carters and

389 Horn's corner Thence partly along a branch opposite my swan-
ing House, Thence by direct course along a valley to Atkins's
line — the other part of my ^{2d} lands I give and bequeath to my
said son Darius to him the said Joshua and Darius and their
Heirs forever —

It is my will and Desire that my still & Cedar Casks shall
always remain on and appertain to this part of my said lands
whereon I now reside. —

12th I Give to my wife Mary Daffin for and during her life-
hood all my lands above mentioned and all other parts of my
Estate not herein ^{expressly} mentioned, in order to support her and her
Children; but at her decease or intermarriage which shall first
happen my will and Desire is that my said Property thus
lost and its increase shall be equally divided amongst my
Children Mary, John, Joshua, Darius, and Deborah, or the
Survivors of them at that time, to them and their Heirs forever
Lastly, I constitute and appoint my wife Mary Daffin my
executor in Law John Rogers, and my Neighbour Burce Shelton
Exors. of this my last will and Testament —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed
my Seal the fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord
one Thousand Eight Hundred & Three.
signed sealed published & { John Daffin Seal

love and its increase shall be equally divided amongst my
children Mary, John, Joshua, Darius, and Delilah, or the
survivors of them at that time, to them and their heirs forever
Lastly, I constitute and appoint my wife Mary Daffin my
exec in law John Rogers, and my neighbour Burnes & Shelton
Exors of this my last will and Testament —
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed
my Seal the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord
one Thousand Eight Hundred & Three.

signed sealed published &
declared in the presence of

John Daffin

C. Moore.

Wm Hoopes

Peter Turner

Halifax County Va

Now Testimony 1803 Then This will
being exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of
Peter Turner a witness thereto and on motion Craved to be Recorded
whereupon Mary Daffin the Executor and John Rogers one of the
Executors therein named came in and was duly qualified thereto

Testimony S. J. Langley

In the name of Roger Daffin