

State of N^o Carolina } Know all men by these presents
Hyde County } That I Edward B. Rouse of the
County and State aforesaid being very sick and weak
in body but in perfect mind and memory Thanks be to
God for the same Collingto mind the volatility of my
body and 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 first I give & Recommend my soul into the hands
of almighty God and my body to be Buried in a
Decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but I shall Receive the same by the hand of
almighty God as touching such worldly estate as I have
been pleased God to bless me with in this life I give &
Dispose of in the following manner & form -
First I give and Bequeath the manor plantation where I now
live out to my wife Jemima Rouse during her natural life and
no longer after her death to my son John Jasper Rouse
to live and his heirs forever -
Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Jemima Rouse
yoke of Oxen and cart during her natural life and no longer -
Thirdly I give to my wife Jemima Rouse one negro woman by name
of Hannah to help her increase during her natural life
after her death to my Daughter Emory to her & her heirs
forever - Fourthly I give and bequeath to my
wife Jemima Rouse a Carpet-tobacco with all the
furniture during her natural life and no longer -
Fifthly I give and bequeath to my wife Jemima Rouse
winter feed of sheep during her natural life and no
longer also one feather bed & furniture one cow and calf
to her during her natural life - Sixthly I give to my
wife Jemima Rouse one Black wheel table also one
linen and wooling wheel during her natural life
my will and desire is that all the perishable property that
I have before give away to my wife Jemima Rouse by
Legacies after her death to be equally divided amongst
all my children name by John Jasper Rouse Emory
Rouse & Santhey Brothington Rouse to them and their
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his heirs forever - I give to my son John Jasper Rouse twenty
five acres of Land It being the land fell to me by will of
William Richard Jasper Dec^d also two negro Boys by the name of
Adam and Jacob one Run down & better one pure silver time bodder
all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs forever
I give to my Daughter Emory two negroes one boy and girl by the
name of Charity and Lily to her and her heirs forever also half a
Dugan silver table spoons one pair sugar Tongs to her and
her heirs forever. - I give and bequeath to my son Santhey
Brothington Rouse two hundred & fifty acres of Land one
measure bay joining the house of Jeremiah Taylor Dec^d and
there also four hundred and seventy three acres & a half
in Burnetts Swamp entered by my father Santhey Rouse also
two negro boys by the name of Isaac & David to him & his
heirs forever. - all the property that I have not already
give away both within Doors and without to be sold to pay
my Just Debts and the Balance if any to be Equally divided
amongst my three children namely John Jasper Rouse Emory
Rouse & Santhey Brothington Rouse to them and their heirs forever.
I do hereby ordain and appoint Jemima Rouse & my Brother
Santhey Rouse Executors to this my last will and testament
acknowledging this and no other to be my last will and
testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this twenty ninth day of July Eighteen hundred
threes 1803

In presence of
Jesse Allen
Thomas Rouse
E. Bell,

Edward B. Rouse

Hyde County Nov: term 1803.

This last will & testament of Edward B. Rouse
was Read into Court & proved in due form by the
oath of E. Bell an evidence Thereto
Let be Recorded.

Test. Ben. Thompson Clk.

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