

In the presence of God before August the 15th day in the year 1795
I Matthew Rogers of North Carolina the undersigned of County of Surry
being in a sick & low condition but in my right mind & memory
knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I do make in
the first place that all my ~~present~~ ^{former} debts & charges be paid
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella one bed & clothes
to be at her disposal, likewise all household furniture & tools
of every kind to be at her disposing for her own use & that of
clothing & schooling of my children, likewise my wages
if they can make any thing by keeping her on the plantation
let it be done if not let her be sold & equally divided be-
-tween my six children, my horses & cows & sheep & hogs to be
for the use of my family in general & as they grow up and
otherwise provided for let them have a horse & saddle or
a cow or such things as the circumstances of the family
will admit without distressing them that they be
behind, the one half of my land to my son Jamz the other
half for the use of my widow & the rest of my family, it is
my desire that this be so managed & carried on as my
her nature at her or her husband & as my children grow
up if they prove stubborn or disobedient let such be bound
to some trade such as they shall choose but let care be
taken that it is to one that will teach them something
of their duties that they owe to God & man, I give to my
grand daughter Daisy Rogers eight dollars it being
I intend to give the heirs of my son James Rogers &c.
I give to my daughter Jean Carson eight dollars or as
low it being all I intend to give her or her heirs, I give
to Rebecca Crull two sheep, and I do appoint Isaac
Navy of North Carolina & William of North Carolina and
Isabella my beloved wife to be Executors & Acceptors of this
my last will & Testament & do disallow, disannul and
disannul all former wills & Testaments in any sense be-
-fore this time made & do confirm this as my last will
& Testament & signed sealed pronounced & declared in the
presence of us the subscribing witnesses this day & year before
James Miller
William Davis
Matthew Rogers