

In the name of God Amen. I Matthew Wilkase of the County  
 of Rockingham & State of North Carolina, being in my ordinary  
 health of body & of a perfect mind & memory & knowing that  
 it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make & ordain this  
 my last will & testament, and as touching my worldly estate  
 wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give  
 & dispose of them in the following manner & form as follows -  
 First of all I call up all my just debts to be paid. Item it  
 is my will & pleasure that my beloved wife Jane shall  
 hold all the plantation where I now live during her  
 natural lifetime & at her decease it is my desire that my  
 son Matthew shall hold the said place, Item it is my  
 desire that my son William shall hold my negro boy  
 named Francis together with a horse named Jack, &  
 further it is my will & pleasure that my son John may  
 have one negro fellow named Richard & likewise two  
 cows & two helpers. Item it is my will & pleasure that  
 that my son Christopher shall have one negro man  
 named Henry together with one house & lot & garden.  
 Likewise my clock & settles it is my desire that my  
 daughter Mary may have after her mothers death  
 one Negro woman named Elizabeth & one feather bed  
 & part of two blankets & combed together with one cow  
 & calf. Item it is my will & pleasure that my daughter  
 Lucy may have one negro woman named Nancy home  
 by several trees with four cows & also two further  
 beds & their furniture Likewise two settles & a bureau  
 with ten shelves & a desk & likewise ten looms & the  
 tools belonging belonging to her. And further it is my desire  
 that my grandson James may have one negro woman  
 named Elizabeth home going fifteen years old from  
 her birth & further it is my will & pleasure that my wife & heirs  
 that my beloved wife Jane Wilkase have one negro woman

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Named Rebecca & one little black mare & like wise all  
The remainder of my property of every kind that hath  
not already been bargained away both household &  
Kitchen furniture of every kind, likewise my passing  
utensils of every kind & all the rest of my property of every  
kind too tedious to mention further to do with it as  
I am shall think proper and it is my desire that my  
wife shall pay all my debts and I do hereby consti-  
-tute & appoint my two sons William & Matthew my  
sole executors to this my last will & testament, desirous  
abstaining all other former wills, Ratifying this as other  
to be my last will & testament; In witness whereof  
the said Matthew Matteson hath hereunto set his  
hand & affixed his seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May in the  
Year of our Lord 1824 -- Signed sealed & delivered  
To be his last will & Testament in the presence of us  
who in the presence of each other have hereunto  
affixed our names as witnesses.

Matthew B Matteson }  
Matthew Matteson } Matthew Matteson   
James Matteson }

The last Will & Testament of George Wolf living weak  
in body but sound in mind & knowing that it is appointed  
for all men soon to die, I therefore dispose of my property  
as follows, first that all my funeral debts shall be paid &  
my body buried in a Christian Manner at the expense  
of my Estate, After all my funeral debts shall be paid out  
of my property or estate, I do will & bequeath all my  
property of both kinds either real or personal to  
my beloved wife Mary Wolf who was born Mary Robins  
in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand this  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 1824 --