

James B. Cheek Will
 State of North Carolina } Count of Hoke and
 Hoke County } Quarter Session July Term
 1855

The foregoing last Will and Testament of
 James B. Cheek deceased is duly proven in
 open Court by the oath and examination of
 Margaret A. Richardson and John Morrison and
 ordered to be recorded and filed and prob-
 ated the Executor is duly qualified by taking
 the oath required by Law

A. H. McNeill Clerk

Jacob Matthews will

I Jacob Matthews of the County of Hoke 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 and testament in manner and
 form following that is to say -

First that my executor and executors, hereinafter named,
 shall provide for my body a decent burial
 suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends
 and pay all funeral expenses to gether with my
 just debts howsoever bound to whomsoever owing
 out of the monies that may first come into their
 hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I will and desire that my Negro Slaves, Trust,
 Levey, Alfred, Jerry, Alice Rachel, Elizabeth
 Lewis, Caroline, and Nell remain with my beloved
 wife on the plantation whereon I now live
 and that each one of my children have their
 Negro Slaves hereinafter willed delivered
 over to them by executor and executors
 hereinafter named, when called for or
 demanded by them or their legal representa-
 tives

First To Sarah Jane Keith wife of William Keith
 I give and bequeath my Negro Slaves, Martha
 Headline, Lydia, Simon and Jim but upon
 the express condition that they be and remain under
 the control of my executor and executors
 hereinafter named for the special use and benefit
 of said Sarah Jane, and at her death
 they and their increase be equally divided among
 her children share and share alike

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Matthews
 my Negro Slave Alfred to him and his heirs
 forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Cole
 wife of Thomas Cole my Negro Slave Dianah,
 Alice, Dilee, Simon, Aaron and Alfred to her

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Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Matthews my negro slave Mico and her two children Masha and Josephine and Rachel and her child Richard with their increase to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John G. Matthews my negro slave Jerry to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joel G. Matthews my negro slave Lura to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary de wife of Henry G. Epton my negro slave Leary, Elizabeth and Nell with their increase to her and her heirs forever, said negro slave Leary to remain in the full possession of my beloved wife Catharine during her natural life

Item I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary de wife of Henry G. Epton the sum of two hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my executor and Executors herein after named, out of any money that may come into their hands as a part or parcels of my estate

Item After the death of my beloved wife Catharine my will and desire is that my ~~estate~~ hereafter named, I.e. all my household and kitchen furniture plate tinware tools and my stock of every kind and description all to be sold on a careful credit and after paying all my just debts out of the proceeds of said sale the remainder to be equally divided among my children to-wit, Thomas Matthews Sarah Jane Keble Margaret wife of Thomas Keble John G. Matthews Catharine Matthews Joel G. Matthews

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Mary de wife Henry G. Epton Sarah and Susan alike

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son Thomas Matthews all the land to which I have any right or title lying on both sides of the North pond of Lewis Creek on the North East of a dividing line line run and marked Beginning on a white oak stump four white oaks and a maple pointers on the West bank of said creek about sixty yards below the bridge, running North Eastward and thence again Westwardly three chains and fifty five links to a stake three pine pointers a corner of ten acres containing one hundred and seventy six acres more or less to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever

Item I give and devise to my son Joel G. Matthews all the land to which I have any right or title lying on the South West side of the before mentioned dividing line including my dwelling house containing two hundred and four ten acres, more or less to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever, but to be under the control and use of his mother during her natural life

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Catharine and my truly born Son Thomas Matthews my lawful Executors and Executor to all intent and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof thereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Jacob Matthews do hereunto set my hand and seal this eight day of May A.D. 1855

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jacob Matthews to be his last will and testament in the presence of } Jacob Matthews, Joel
us who at his request and in }
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Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Leahanne Matthews my negro slave Mlee and her two children Maucha and Josephine and Rachel and her child Richard with their increase to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John G. Matthews my negro slave Jerry to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joel A. Matthews my negro slave Lina to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary de wife of Henry G. Epton my negro slave Leary, Elizabeth and Nell with their increase to her and her heirs forever, said negro slave Leary to remain in the full possession of my beloved wife Leahanne during her natural life

Item I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Leahanne de wife of Henry G. Epton the sum of two thousand dollars in money to be paid to her by my executor and Executors herein after named, out of any money that may come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item After the death of my beloved wife Leahanne and my will and desire is that my ~~estate~~ ^{beneficial} names, all all my household and kitchen furniture plate silver tools and my stock of every kind and description all to be sold on a careful credit and after paying all my just debts out of the proceeds of said sale the remainder to be equally divided among my children Towin, Thomas, Matthews Sarah Jane Keith Margaret wife of Thomas, Leale John G. Matthews Leahanne Matthews Joel A. Matthews

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Leary de wife Henry G. Epton Share and Share alike

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son Thos. Matthews all the land to which I have any right or title lying on both sides of the North prong of the river back on the North East of a dividing line line run and marked Beginning on a white oak stump four white oaks and a maple pointers on the West bank of said river about sixty yards below the bridge, running North Eastward and Thos. degen, Westwardly, three chains and sixty five links to a stake three pine pointers a corner of ten acres containing one hundred and seventy six acres more or less to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever

Item I give and desire to my son Joel A. Matthews all the land to which I have any right or title lying on the South West side of the before mentioned dividing line including my dwelling house containing two hundred and fourteenth acres more or less to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever, but to be under the control and use of his mother during his natural life

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Leahanne and my truly sons Thomas, Matthews my lawful Executors and Executor to all intent and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof thereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Jacob Matthews do hereunto set my hand and seal this eight day of May A.D. 1855

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jacob Matthews to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in

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his presents do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto
Hugh Leach
Norman McDonald

~~The execution of the foregoing paper
writing as the duly proven and
legal the oath of Hugh Leach and
Norman McDonald who being duly sworn
say that in the presence and by the request
of Jacob Matthews it~~

The Execution of the foregoing paper writing
was duly proved in open Court at July
Term 1855 of Morris County Court
by the oath of Hugh Leach and Norman
McDonald who being sworn say that
in the presence and by the request of
Jacob Matthews the testator therein named
they signed said paper as witnesses and
that at the time they witnessed the same
at which it was signed by said Matthews
as his last will and testament he was
of sound and disposing mind and
memory whereupon the Court ordered
said paper writing to be admitted to
probate in common form as the
will of Jacob Matthews recorded and
filed among records of the Court
A H McNeill clerk

Nancy Morris Will

December 10th 1854

In the name of god amen Knowing
the uncertainty of life and the certainty of
death I make and declare the foregoing
paper to be my last will and testament
First it is my will and desire my body
shall be decently Buried
Second it is my will and desire that my
funeral expenses be paid
Thirdly it is my will and desire that all my
last debts be paid 1st and lastly it is my
will and desire that my Daughter Sarah
Morris have all the property that I die in
possession of to it stock of every kind house
hold and Kitchen furniture all monies
together with every article of property I
have at my death I now revoke all other
wills by me made a declare this paper to be
my last will and testament I have here-
unto set my hand and seal the above men-
tioned date

I further nominate and appoint D. Gaster
my executor

Witness
Peter Morris
John M Gaster

Nancy ^{her} Morris
mark

North Carolina Morris County of Pleas and quarter
Term 1855

The foregoing paper writing is offered as the
last will and testament of Nancy Morris and
is duly proved as such by the oaths of Peter
Morris and John M Gaster witnesses thereto &
admitted to probate in common form by the
Court and ordered to be recorded and filed
among the records thereof and D Gaster is
qualified in Court as executor to said will
A H McNeill clerk