

Signed, sealed and delivered as my last Will and Testament,
in presence of

David Kofs
Alexander Foster,

a true copy

Town: Dumbibin

City of Police,

New Hanover County }
July Term 1782

The within attested copy of the last Will and Testament of Andrew Ronaldson was exhibited in Court, and Jonathan Dumbibin esq, being duly sworn, deposed that it contained a true copy of the original last Will, Testament, and that the original Will was lost together with many of his own papers.

Thos: MacLaine. City

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Rogers of the County of New Hanover, and Province of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body, but in my perfect senses and aware of the mortality of man, thought proper to make this my last Will and Testament. First then I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be interred at the discretion of my friends in sure and certain hope of the resurrection at the last day according to the promises of the Gospel.

Item 1st. After all my lawful debts is paid, I give and bequeath unto my two beloved sons Thomas and James Rogers all and singular my real estate, to be equally divided between them, viz, my old plantation, my mill land and appurtenances and all other lands and my possession; which they are to possess at their arrival at the age of twenty one years; and as my son Thomas is ten years older than James, he is to possess his own part of the mill and lands but not to have it divided until James arrives at full age.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughters Mary Simpson, Ann Rogers, Theresa, Sarah, Elizabeth, Beliah and Tabitha Rogers, all and singular my moveable estate, viz, negroes, cattle of all sorts and furniture; only observing it is my desire that my negroes be given unto my daughter, Mary, and be valued more than their equal part, they are to pay the overplus to the estate, and if less, an equal portion is to be made good to them.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Rogers during her life, one feather bed and furniture and one negro man

also a sufficient quantity of land for a plantation on some convenient part of my land, where it will be least prejudicial to my sons, to be dissected by my Executors, and after her death to be returned the land to my sons as before dissected, and the negro and bed and furniture to my daughters.

Item 4th. I leave all the management of my estate unto my trusty friends, viz, I leave my beloved wife Elizabeth Rogers Executors and to have the sole management of all my estate by and with the advice of Frederick Simpson, Thomas Devand Timothy Bloodworth whom I appoint Executors to assist my wife by their council and advice, and particularly to act in dividing justly and equitably all my estate between my children, observing my directions as above as near as possible, though not to be exactly confined thereby, but to pursue impartial justice in the division of my estate between my children, who is to be properly educated according to their abilities, and receive their estates when at lawful age. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of July 1773.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged
before us

Thomas Rogers Esq^r

James Bloodworth

James Portenut,

New Hanover County,

October, Term 1782

The within last will and Testament of Thomas Rogers was exhibited to Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of James Portenut, a subscribing witness thereto. At same time Timothy Bloodworth and Thomas Devand qualified as executors to the said will agreeable to law.

Thos. McClaine. Ck