

Wilson Rutlands Will

In the name of God amen. I Wilson Rutland of Northampton County and State of N. Carolina being sick & low but of perfect mind & memory thankbe given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and declare this my last will & Testament and as touching such worldly estate wherewith God has pleased to bless me, I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Melba Rutland then Negro named Phillis long & have during her Natural life also one Dick & one Chazy also the plantation whereon I live on and all the land lying on the North side of Rocky Swamp during her natural life provided he is to support my son Aaron Rutland & give him sufficient schooling until he comes to the age of maturity — I do give unto my beloved wife Melba Rutland one Bed & Furniture, one Table two Chests four low Dressers two Chairs twenty head of hogs five head of Sheep three plow two does two grubbing hoes three waxing does two Iron pots two Dishes seven pair Saws & Hogs two pair dishes & two pair Brooms &c. Having wholly to her the King for ever —

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Charity Rutland two Negroes named Stephen and Henry, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf & a few fowls to her & her heirs forever also I do unto my Daughter Charity one small room of my house during the time that she may live single —

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Aaron Rutland one piece of land lying on the North side of Rocky Swamp, which Land I purchased of Henry Cotton also one Negro Boy named Will two Cows & Calves two Sows & Piggies one Saddle & Bridle to him this Will for ever — also one Bed & Furniture —

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Aaron Rutland all the Land that I have but my wife after her Death also two Negroes named Lucy & Isaac one Dick & one Chazy to him and his heirs forever after the Death of my beloved wife & also one bed and furniture —

Fifthly I make and order my Friend William Granberry my Exor to this My last Will & Testament in Writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10 day of June 1802

Wilson Rutland Exor

Signed Sealed & Ackd
In presence of us
Penny & Thomas

Northampton County
September Court 1802

The Will of Wilson Rutland last aforesaid

William Granberry duly sworn by the oath of Henry Towner a Justice of the Peace & is to be certified & recorded — whereupon William Granberry the Executor therein named was duly qualified Witness

Wm. Towner Secy

Mary Branchs Will

I Mary Branch of N. Carolina being Weak in body but of sound Memory and perfectly in my senses do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows (Cry)

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jordan my Negro by the name of Rachel, and my Boy Mose to her the heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Branch all my right and title to the Land whereon I now live & the log house & have lately purchased for him Fifty head of Hogs & fifteen head of Cattle, my negroes Ben & Aggy and all my Dwelling house hold furniture & Fifty Barrels of Corn to him his heirs & assigns for ever —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Branch my Negro John & my Duck house & young of Day Hens & Hiding Chaw to her & her heirs forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sally Branch my Negroes Jany & Charles and my Black Cat a filly, to her the heirs forever —

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Christian my Negro Winney & a Bay filly & fifty pounds Virginia Currency to her & her heirs forever —

Item I leave my Land in Virginia to be sold by my Executors hereafter mentioned to the best advantage and the Money equally divided among all my living children, a given able young husband to each —

It is my will and Desire that all the here aforesaid part of my Property of every kind be sold and after the payment of my Just Debts to be equally divided among all my legal mentioned Children, I do make & approve all will & gifts here to fore made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 10 day of October 1802

Witness
Joseph Little
Joshua Little
Mary Little

Mary Branch & a seal

Northampton County
Sept Court 1803

The foregoing Will of Mary Branch was proved by the oath of Joseph Little Justice of the Peace & being duly certified & recorded to be true & correct

Witness E. Haynes Secy