

inwrote at my hand and did this the 26th day of
December A. D. 1858
Signed sealed published and declared
to be my last will and testament in
the presence of each other and at
the request of the said John Blood
Nathl Moody
J. B. Taylor

John Blood (Seal)

March Term 1861

The last will and Testament of John Blood deceased
(of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open
court by the oath of Nathl Moody and J. B. Taylor the subscribing
witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

I Isabella Rutledge of the County of Stokes and State
of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and
knowing the certainty of death, do make, establish and
ordain this my last will and testament viz,
Item first - I will and bequeath to my two grand sons
Martin Rutledge and Irvin A. Rutledge the tract of land
upon which my son John Rutledge now lives, and adjoining
the lands of Benjamin Cole and John Popper and others containing
one hundred acres more or less, but the land must be sold
by commissioners appointed by the County Court, and the help of
the valuation thereof my said grand sons Martin & Irvin A.
Rutledge must pay to the heirs of my son Burgis Rutledge deceased
and my grand sons aforesaid in consideration of the above bequest
some eight and other din supporting my son John Rutledge &
his wife Isabella Rutledge during their natural life -
Item second - I will and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my two sons
John Rutledge and Benjamin Rutledge the tract of land lying bet
of and adjoining the lands of Benjamin Cole deceased, Charles Smith
and others containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less to be
equally divided between them there and their heirs and it is my

wish and desire that my sons James and Benjamin should build
upon, and improve the said lands for the use and benefit of their
children, and upon their coming to lawful age must be equally divided
between them or their heirs
Item third - I will and bequeath to my two sons William Rutledge,
and Irvin Rutledge the tract of land upon which I now live -
containing fifty acres more or less, and also a tract of fifty acres
purchase of Joseph Sigmore both of said tracts lying on the waters
of Heston Creek, and adjoining the lands of Michael Kiser and others
and likewise all of my personal property; both the land and personal
property to be equally divided between them there and their heirs
Item fourth - I consider that I have paid to, or for my son Abraham
B. Rutledge from time to time more perhaps than either of my other heirs
will get, and therefore will him nothing
Item fifth and last - Having full confidence in my two sons
William and Irvin Rutledge, I hereby constitute and appoint them
Executors to this my last will and testament

Given under my hand and did this the first day of November
A. D. 1859
Signed and sealed in presence of
Jas H. Hill
Neddy R. Carrell

Isabella Rutledge (Seal)

March Term 1861

The execution of the last will and Testament of
Isabella Rutledge (of which the foregoing is a true copy)
was duly proved in open court by the oath of Jas H. Hill
and Neddy R. Carrell the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered
to be recorded