

70 In the name of God Amen. I James Matthews of the County of
Stokes in the State of North Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of
perfect sound mind & memory, for which I bless God and thank him
my human Frailties and that is appointed for all men come to die. Do
make and advise this to be my last will & Testament. That is to say
first of all I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God nothing doubting
but that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by his
mighty power and my body to the Earth to be buried with Christian decency
by my executor and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bless
me with in this life I give & bequeath in manner & form following
viz I give and bequeath unto my son Sandy Matthews my home tract
of land when I was in on Townfork County State of Virginia containing
two hundred forty ~~seven~~ eight acres together with six hundred acres of the land
which I purchased of Charles Beazley & began at the west end of said tract
and one hundred acres of land on Blue Creek like the property of John
Thompson also nine hundred & odd acres of land in the hands of
John Griffith in the State of Virginia together with one Negro fellow
named Dick and Anahy his wife & their increase after my decease
Also a negro boy named Stepan now of the age of four years. I also
give and bequeath to Joseph Hollimsworth in trust for his son James
Beazley six hundred acres of the land purchased of Charles
Beazley to include the Mansion house known by the name of the
New Chimney also one negro woman named Fena & her increase also
one negro woman named Sillas unto Aquilla Hollimsworth daughter
of Joseph & Mary Hollimsworth Also I give & bequeath a negro woman
named Rachel to this son Sandy Hollimsworth & her increase. His
mother Mary Hollimsworth to have the use of said woman until her
son Sandy comes of age, should he die in infancy the said negro to
be sold the price divided amongst his surviving brothers & sisters —
Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Betsey James one negro girl
named Anne in trust for her eldest daughter & should her eldest
daughter die in infancy the woman & her increase to be sold & the
price to be divided amongst all her surviving children Also
to my daughter Betsey one negro girl by name Neoby in trust

for her children but she her self to have the use of said woman & her
increase during her life and at her death to be sold and the amount
in money of such sale to be divided amongst all her children Also
I give & bequeath unto my son Sandy Matthews in trust for all my daughter
Betsey's children nine hundred acres of land known by the name of
the Walnut corn in the lower end of Powell's Valley to be sold to the best
advantage — Also I give & bequeath unto Joseph Hollimsworth in trust
for the children of my son William Matthews six hundred acres of
land being the balance of the tract purchased of Charles Beazley
to be laid off on the East end of the said tract to be divided as the
children & an agree should they not agree to be sold and the purchase
money to be equally divided amongst them all and I will that both
the increase go to the children of my said son William Matthews as
also a woman he has in his possession by the name of Jenny —
also I will & bequeath to my son Sandy for trust for my the children
of my son John Matthews & Polly Martin his wife viz James & Nancy
to James two hundred acres of land on Panther Creek in Stokes
County and to Nancy two thirty hundred acres of land on Ambush
at the East end of the great Pee Vine, State of Virginia, all the
education what ever of the said two children to be at my expense
exclusive of the above legacy Also I give & bequeath to my son John
Matthews four hundred acres of land lying on the waters of the
little Yadkin — Also I give and bequeath unto Abdiel Braunum
two hundred & thirty five and a half acres known by the name of Blackburns
with a good horn bridle saddle & he is to receive a liberal education at
the expense of my estate. Also I give & bequeath unto Ervin Braunum
three hundred acres of land like the property of James Coffey and
a horn saddle & bridle & to be liberally educated at the expense of
my estate — Further I will to my son Sandy a negro man named
Frank also I will a negro girl ~~named~~ by the name of a girl to
my daughter Betsey & her children forever Also I give & bequeath
unto Abdiel Braunum & Ervin Braunum a girl by the name of
Bounty in the possession of Ervin Braunum with her increase
for the use of her children — I will a negro boy by the name
of Stephen to James Matthews son of Sandy Matthews.