

349 In the name of God amen
I Edward I Morton of the county of Stokes
being of sound mind and memory and knowing that
it is appointed for all men to die do make and
ordain this my last will and testament in the
following manner and form (viz) First I bequeath
my soul to God that gave it and my body to the use
to be decently buried at the discretion of surviving
friends and as to my worldly goods or Estate with
it both please God to bless me I dispose of in the
following manner and form (viz) First I desire
all my just debts to be paid and all standing debts
collected Item I give and bequeath to my beloved
son Rufus Morton and his heirs for ever all my right and
title and interest in the tract of land on which I now
live to hold and to keep forever lying and being on
both sides of the Hallow Road containing eighty eight
acres more or less I designing the lands of Solomon
Spainham B B Moring and others Item - I give
all the residue of my Estate to my said son Rufus
be it of what nature or kind soever as horses
cattle stock of hay &c. house hold and kitchen furniture
crops of grain plantation utensils and &c to hold
and keep forever my son Rufus is to maintain and
support my wife Susan Morton and take care of
her as long as she shall live Lastly I appoint
my beloved son Rufus Morton Executor of this my last
will and testament and do utterly revoke and
disannul all other wills previously made and do
ratify and appoint this to be my last will and testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 14th day of December in the said
eight hundred and sixty
signed sealed and published at the bar of the
by the Testator in presence of E. C. Car Co. I Morton

June Term 1861

The execution of the Last Will and Testament of
Edward I Morton of which the foregoing is a true
copy was duly proven before me in open court by the oath
of H. C. Car and J. C. Car the subscribing witnesses
present and sworn to be true and correct

Wm. M. Car

I Mary S. Matthews of the County of Stokes 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
hereinafter named shall provide for my body, a decent burial, suitable
to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expen-
ses, together with my just debts, howsoever made to whomsoever
owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands
as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Item. I give and devise to my daughter Eliza, my negro woman
Ruth and child Etta, to her and her heirs, But should the said
woman Ruth have another child, for that child to go to my son
Calvin, and should Ruth have more children, my will is for
Eliza and her heirs to have them, my will further is for my
daughter Eliza to have my bed & furniture, one bed and furniture,
one set of silver knives & forks, and one large set and one
small set silver spoons & any of the furniture about the house
she wants.

Item. I give and devise to my son William
H. Matthews my negro girl Esther, one bed & furniture.

Item. I give and devise to my son John P. Matthews five
dollars, & to the wife of my son John T. Matthews my negro
woman Moriah.

Item. I give and devise to my son
James E. Matthews and Hugh M. D. Matthews my negro man
Jim, and all of my interest in my Father George D. Matthews last
Estate.

Item. I give and devise to my son George D. Matthews
my negro boy Jim.

Item. I give to my son Calvin Matthews
one bed & furniture and the five mules, if my executor does
not have to sell him to pay debts.

Item. My will is that
the remaining part of my Estate after paying my debts be
divided between my sons, James E. Matthews, Hugh M. D. Matthews,
and Calvin J. Matthews, provided, that Calvin does not receive
a negro from the increase of my woman Ruth, should Calvin
receive that increase then to be divided only between James
E. and H. M. D. Matthews.

Item. I further will that the
remaining portion of my household furniture be divided
among his children after Eliza takes her part.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty
friends, H. C. Car my lawful executor to all intents 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, hereby revoking
and disannulling all other wills and testaments
by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 14th day of December in the said
eight hundred and sixty

Mary S. Matthews

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of December in the said
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