

I Matthew Rights of Salem Fifer County State of North Carolina being of perfect and sound mind and Memory and coming to mind the Mortality of Death do make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following -

My estate being at present so situated that it is in some points impossible to make a clear and prompt division of the same by myself I have to trust to the discretion of my executors herein after named that they will according to the best advantage of my family and estate take such steps as they seem to think for the best

1 The house which I at present occupy in Salem they can if it seems to be longer than my family has need for sell, if they obtain a fair value for that out such profits as may be not occupied by my family. In case of sale of the house they may purchase one of lower value

2 My plantation about 1 mile below Salem adjoining Matthews Road & others they can sell either at private or public sale & make adieu of consequences therefor to the purchaser the present times not being favorable to the sale of land I request them not to sell but for what is judged a fair value should the income of the rent of the plantation be full sufficient to be equal to the Capital Wielded thereon they can retain it and rent the same out on longer or shorter terms & if they can draw any benefits from said plantation for the estate by wood &c they shall do so, should however the land remain unsold (which might be the case) till my eldest son become of age then they shall divide the said tract between my two sons J. Zacharias and Constantine I. but this clause is in no way to hinder at any time a fair sale of said land. In case of the division each of my sons shall be bound to pay unto my daughter Susan B. the sum of one hundred dollars

3 Of the three slaves I possess my wife shall have the choice to keep the one she chooses as her property for ever and the others the executors may sell at private sale or rent them out for the benefit of my estate or act at their discretion as the circumstances may require

4 Of my household and kitchen furniture so much thereof as what is not necessary for my family my books & other effects shall be sold at public sale and the money arising from said sale to be expended in payment of my debts. The silver spoons

my wife had marked C.H. she shall keep likewise retain apparel of bedding for herself and the children and the German Family Bible and written or trade of my hand (Germann. Tringissen) as well as all Family papers to be left for my children all the rest and need not wanted by my family to be sold

5 Of the present small stock of goods grocery &c in my store I make this be so that my wife under the direction of my executors continue the business for the benefit & maintenance of my children and at the same time for the repayment of those capitals which I owe them

6 My Executors I truly entreat to collect all monies due me and pay all my just debts and settle all my accounts likewise the pecuniary affairs I have transacted for my mother and which at her request and my sincere wish I wish them to transact also a full account of their management of her pecuniary affairs by myself will be found in my books

7 The six shares of Cape Fear Bank Stock which I own my executors will act with to the best of their discretion as the prospect is gloomy at present

8 As to the other money which I have upon interest the interest thereof as well as the dividends of Cape Fear Bank Stock aforesaid shall be subject to the maintenance of my family and likewise the Capital shall be made use of for the maintenance and schooling of my children in case of necessity when my youngest son arriving at the age of twelve years then in that case an equal division shall be made of my estate between my three children Susan Elizabeth, J. Zacharias and Constantine I. and my wife Elizabeth into four shares each to have share & share alike as their sole property for ever but should my wife marry again, then in that case every thing shall be sold and a division made as aforesaid and my children placed under Guardianship -

9 As a compensation for several small monies rendered to me during my weakness I bequeath five dollars and a razor to John Hanes of Salem he having choice of all those razors which I own to take the one he likes best

10 I do hereby appoint my friends John H. Chasman and David Hickler Executors of this my last will and testament who I hereby empower to sell and convey my land and improvements

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They in their discretion shall find a sale to be the most beneficial
and transact all the business to the best of their skill and ability
for my estate -

11 I do hereby revoke all former wills confirming the to be my
last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have set
my hand & seal hereunto this twenty first day of March One
thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Signed sealed published &
declared by the testator in the
presence of us

Matthew Rights

John Steinbach
John Vogler

Stokes County September Term 1838

The last Will and Testament of all Matthew
Rights of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for
probate was duly proven by the oath of John Vogler in open Court
and ordered to be recorded
Matthew A. Moore c.c.
By Constantine L. Warner D.C.

In the Name of God Amen! I John L. Hansen in the
State of North Carolina Stokes County being at present in a low
State of health though of sound and perfect mind and memory
but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die do this last and
day of June in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& twenty eight Make ordain and publish this my last Will &
Testament, this is to say principally I part of all I recommend my
soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth
to be buried in a Christian burial - And as touching such
worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in
this world I give devise and dispose of the same in the following
Manner & form To wit
first It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid
and also all debts & duty justly coming to me shall be collected
second It is my will and desire that my wife Patsy shall have the
benefit of my mansion house & plantation, except the Rind tract

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and all the negroes together with the increase and such other property as
she may think necessary to carry on the farm sufficient for the support of
herself and the children remaining with her and also the negroes & one
any of the negroes should misconduct themselves she may hire them out
for her benefit all the property that my wife thinks that she can
 spare shall be sold by my executor at public sale on Tuesday
morning next and the money arising from such sale shall be
applied towards the payment of my just debts in case any money
might be remaining in the hands of my Executor after the payment
of my just debts I desire him to pay it over to my wife for the
support of my children -

third It is further my Will and desire that the tract of land
I bought of John Rich commencing at Henry Mills corner
in the field and running a straight line in the lane totalling in
the five a cre of meadow land and about seven a cre of
bottoms including the improvement and wood land (but not
including the fifty a cre of wood land I bought of John Rank)
shall be sold by my executor at the best private or public sale
fourth, I further Will and bequeath that after the death of my wife
the negroes shall be equally divided by two share holding by
a fair Valuation among all my six children to viz: Lewis
George, Elizabeth, Maria Louisa, Martha E, and Mary Rebecca
who enter married with Absolun Shelly (It is my request that
Nancy shall enjoy the benefit of the negroes during her life
& after her death to the legal heirs of her body) equally share & share
alike it is also my request that my son Lewis shall take the
Negro boy named Handy at the Valuation -

fifth & lastly It is my Will and desire that after the death of my wife
the plantation wherem I now live together with all the personal property
which may then be shall be sold at public sale for the most that
can be had and the money arising from such sale to be equally
divided among all my children share & share alike or before
mentioned and in case any of them are not of lawful age to
have their proportional part put on in trust until they do arrive
at lawful age And I make and ordain my worthy friend William
A Cook Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness
whereof I the said John L. Hansen have to this my last Will
and Testament set my hand and seal the day & year above written
Signed & sealed by the said John L. Hansen the
testator in his last Will and Testament in presence of us
who are foregoing set the time of the saying & writing thereof
John L. Hansen