

50 and Nancy Hawkins; Provided nevertheless
my dear beloved wife Nancy Hawkins
should not intermarry with any person
and should she do so then it is my
will that equal distribution be im-
mediately made I desire my beloved
wife Nancy Hawkins to be my
Executrix.

So far as these witnesses (Jesse
Hugh Martin & Elizabeth Martin)
recollects in understood relation
to the foregoing statement is true
I sworn before

J. A. Martin
May 11. 1854

Stokes County June term 1854

The execution of the Nuncupative
will of William Hawkins Dec^d of which
the foregoing is a true copy was duly
proven in open Court by the oath of
Hugh Martin and ordered to be
recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams C
J. Mrs. J. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen
I William Rutledge of Stokes County and
State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect
memory blessed be God do this twenty fourth day of
August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & thore make & publish this my last will
& testament in manner following that is to say
first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth all my personal property with lands
and all that appertains thereto during her natural
life After her decease my estate must be divided
amongst my children in form following that is to say
I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Johnson thore
Slaves named Frank Hannah young & Roger also I give
and bequeath unto my son Wm Rutledge eight Shillings also
I give and bequeath to my son Peter Rutledge one Negro
boy named Lewis also I give and bequeath to the last
born of my son Benjamin Rutledge one Negro named
Charles also I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin
Rutledge Eight Shillings also I give and bequeath to my
Daughter Sarah Twenty pounds hard money to be paid
her by my sons Ben^m & Elijah in this manner Benjamin
must pay five pounds out of his share part & Elijah
fifteen pounds to be paid her in payments of five
pounds each annually also I give and bequeath to
my Daughter Mary two Slaves named Chan
& Hannah (whom she has got) also I give and
bequeath to my son Elijah Rutledge five Slaves

51 named Sam Holly Anthony Hannah & Ben
also Hannah increase from the above date
likewise my land house and household furniture
stock and every thing belonging to the plantation
whereon I now live And I hereby Ordain
my son Elijah Executor of this my last will
& Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day & year above
written.

Wm^{his} Rutledge

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the
said Wm Rutledge as his last Will & Testament in
presence of us —

Alex^r Moore }
Wm Merritt } Jurats
Wm Moore }

Flores county June term 1804

The execution of the last will & Testament
of William Rutledge Dec^d of which the foregoing
is a true Copy was proven in open Court
by the oaths of Alex^r Moore Wm Merritt &
Wm Moore Subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered
to be recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams C
J. Tho. Armstrong Clk

In the name of God Amen Daniel Thornton 51^W
of Flores County and State of North Carolina being
in health of body and mind thanks be given
unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my
body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this my last will
& Testament, As touching such worldly estate wherewith
it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give
and dispose of the same in the following manner &
forms. First that my well beloved wife Mary have
one third of my moveable estate by her freely to
be enjoyed during her widow hood & I also give to my
eldest son Joseph the sum of Ten pounds & my second son
Eleayton the sum of Ten pounds and my third son John
the Sum of Twenty pounds my youngest son Doughty
one hundred acres of land to be taken of from the
South end of my Dwelling plantation so as for it to
take in what is called the old orchard & Spring &c
Now I have three Daughters living which I have
given their portions unto but to keep them in remem-
brance of me I give to each of these Five Dollars
a piece their names is Mary Sundry and Content
Wootman & Elizabeth Sundry also it is my will
that my Grand Daughter Mary Sundry should have
a feather bed and one cow and it is also my
will that my plantation should be sold and mortgaged
and all my Just Debts paid and after the wife
has rec^d her third the remaining two thirds