

A copy of the will of John Rogers of Charles City County is preserved among the papers in the suit of Bond et al vs. Smith & filed in Henrico Co., Va., County Court Indel Chancery Cases, file 1-2, 1881-1886, box 79-13, at the Virginia State Library.

In the name of God amen I John Rogers of Charles City being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament first principally and first of all, I recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God who gave it & as to my body I recommend it to the ground, to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath been please God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in manner and form following.

I give I lend unto my loving Wife Martha Rogers two negro men (i.e.) Jonathan & James during her natural life.

I give and bequeath unto my son Kirkland Rogers one negro boy (Will) and one half of the Tract of Land I now live on together with one Feather bed & furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son John Rogers one negro by name Sam, and the other half of the Land I now live on, to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Betsey Whitt Rogers one negro Girl named Mourning & one Feather bed & furniture to her and her heirs for ever.

I give unto my Daughter Dorcas Rogers one negro Girl named Hannah to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rhoda Rogers one negro Girl named Nancy, to her & her heirs forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Rogers one negro Girl named Willey & one negro boy named Jerry to him & his heirs forever.

I give I further lend two negro Women viz^t Venus and Sall (not yet willed) to my Wife Martha Rogers together with the plantation utensils & the Household & Kitchen furniture during her natural life and after her decease I give (or leave) the whole of her bequeath'd Estate to be equally divided between my Children hereafter mentioned

Vist Kirkland Rogers, John Rogers, Betsey Whitt Rogers,
 Dorcas Rogers, Rhoda Rogers & William Rogers.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughters Mary Whitt,
 Lucratia Haden, Annes Hamblett & Nancy Minge one Shilling
 sterling each, and Lastly I leave my Friend Edward
 Mogan Executor and my Wife Martha Rogers Executrix of
 this my last will & Testament. Revoking and making Void
 and null all other former Wills by me made & Rattifying
 this only to be my Last Will & Testament Witness my
 hand and seal this thirteenth day of April one Thousand
 Seven Hundred & Eighty Eight. Sign'd seal'd & acknowl-
 edged in Presents of

Luke Towler
 Benjamin Morriss
 Daniel Adkins

his
 John X Rogers (Seal)
 mark

In another hand at the bottom of the final page of the
 will is entered: Mrs Howard Mrs Beverage authorized Mr.
 Daniel to sell the negroes. Mrs. B had no authority.