

## Mat(t)hews Associated Wills of VA, NC, SC, GA and TN

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James Matthis Sr. of Halifax County, NC [misabeled as Thomas Matthis Sr.]

To grandson Charles Mathis, 100 acres on Hawtree [Creek] in Halifax County

To son Thomas Matthis, slaves Peter and Cook and my part of the water mill

To brothers and sisters of Thomas Matthis (names not given), £40 each

To son Thomas Matthis all my moveable goods and chattels to be equally divided amongst brothers and sisters of Thomas

Wit: Edward Collins Sr., Edward Collins, Jr., Rachel Phillips

Extr: son Thomas Matthis

Dated: 26 Feb 1759

Rec: Court of Mar 1762

*Note: "Matthews" is spelled multiple ways in this will especially with regards to the spelling of the last name of Thomas. No attempt is made here to repeat each variation. The above summary is made from a microfilm of the original will found at <http://familysearch.org>. In Margaret Hoffman's book on Halifax County deeds she incorrectly attributes this will to Thomas Matthis. See [http://southernmatthews.com/1700s\\_childrenofjames.html](http://southernmatthews.com/1700s_childrenofjames.html) for a discussion on the witnesses to this will and their possible relationship to James Mathews Sr.*

Joshua Stap of Northampton County, NC

To sons-in-law Thomas Tomlinson and Thomas Mathews, 1 shilling each

To son Joshua Stap Jr, all the rest of my estate real and perishable

Extr: son Joshua

Wit: Vinson Vaughn, Sarah Ragland

Date: 2 Nov 1759

Rec: May 1765

*Note: Probably the father-in-law of the Thomas Matthews on page 9, below.*

Thomas Davis of Halifax County, NC

To son Frederick, land

To son Thomas, land and plantation

To son Goodwen [Goodrum], land and plantation

To wife, use of plantation

To son Dolphin, land

To son Archibald, land

To son Orindatus, land

To nephew Dioclesian Davis son of [brother] Lewis Davis, slave

To daughter Sally, slave

Date: 19 Sept 1764

Rec: Court of Jan 1765

*Note: The wife of Thomas Davis Sr. was Hartwell Hodges who married James Drake after her husband died. This will makes note that all 7 of Thomas's children were under age when his will was written. The will of Hartwell Hodges Davis Drake mentions her daughter Sarah Ward. Sarah Davis, daughter of Thomas, was first the wife of Repps Mathews and second Francis Ward. Francis was awarded guardianship of the children of Repps. The guardianship is dated around the time that he probably married Sarah.*

Thomas Mathis of Halifax County, NC

To daughters Frances Coleman, Sarah Hill and Milly and son Charles Mathis, money besides what they were possessed with before

To son James Mathis, slave (Will)

To daughter Milly Mathis, 10 shillings, etc.

To son Isaac Mathis, 160 acres more or less, lying over the creek, part of the old survey

To son Thomas Mathis, remainder of the same survey above

To son Benjamin Mathis, home plantation being 150 acres more or less

To wife (name not given), 3 Negroes (Cook, Rachel, Hannah); after death of wife Cook goes to Isaac, Rachel goes to Thomas, Hannah goes to Benjamin

After death of wife: slaves Dinah and Daniel go to Isaac; slaves Nell and David go to Benjamin

To son Isaac my mill and an equal part to Thomas and Benjamin when they come of age

To son Thomas slave Peter when he comes of age; slave Nats (or Kats?) to son Benjamin when he comes of age.

To son James, bed and furniture

To son Isaac, bed, furniture and my still and he is to pay all of my debts

To son Thomas, bed, furniture

To son Benjamin, bed, furniture after wife's decease

The residue of my estate to my three youngest sons, Isaac, Thomas and Benjamin

Wit: William Pullen, Isaac Mathis, Thomas Mathis

Extr: sons Isaac and Charles

Date: 15 Oct 1764

Rec: Court of Apr 1765

*Note: This Thomas is the second son of James and Jean Mathews. James Mathews, father of Thomas, left him a slave named Cook in his will. As seen above this same slave was passed on to Thomas's wife in his own will. Note that the summary above slightly clarifies the abstract given in Margaret Hofmann's book on Halifax Co wills.*

Isaac Mathis of Halifax County, NC

To son Samuel Mathis land and plantation whereon I now live and slave Liddy

To son Reaps [Repps] Mathis land and plantation whereon he now lives

To sons Robert Mathis and Peter Mathis 180 acres each

To son Robert slaves Patt and Toney

To son Peter slave Phillis

To wife Mary Mathis during her natural life slave named Cube

At wife's death Cube and her increase to be equally divided between 9 of my children: Thomas, Jean, Isaac, Reaps, Mary, Sarah, Robert, Peter and Samuel

To sons Robert, Samuel and Peter bed furniture etc. each

To daughter Susanna Humphris [Humphries] 5 shillings

Wit: Isham Rosser, John Lee

Extrs: son Isaac Mathis and son-in-law Samuel Davis

Dated 27 Jul 1767

Rec: Court of Aug 1768

*Note: This will is for Isaac Mathews Sr, father of the Isaac Mathews who moved to Edgefield County, SC. The Robert Mathews of Wilkes County, Georgia who is put forward as the son of Isaac had a slave named Toney (amongst others) in his estate papers which is identically named in Isaac's will and devised to Robert.*



Thomas Matthews of Northampton County, NC

To wife Martha, all of my estate unless she marries or dies

To son James, land at death or marriage of his mother

To son Chilborne, land that James was to have received should he die underage

To son Lawrence, ditto

Extr: wife Martha

Wit: Thomas Short, George Ragland

Date: 20 Apr 1761

Rec: Mar 1770

*Note: The will mentions that his sons James and Chilborne were underage as of 1761 (his son Lawrence may have been underage as well) so he might not have been that old at the time the will was written (40s or early 50s?). If this is the case then he might have been a son of Thomas Charles Mathews. The Moses Mathews who left a will in Halifax County in 1815 was possibly a nephew.*

Robert Read of Essex County, VA

[Note: will found in Brunswick County will books]

To brothers John & Lewis Read, land, plantation

To sister Anner Read, Negro

To sister Mary Read, Negro

To sister Susannah Mathis, Negro

To brother Jno, horse and gear

To brother Lewis, horse

To sister Anner, breeding mare

To sister Mary, mare fold

To William, son of James Quarles

To Thomas, son of William Read

To Catherine, daughter of Thomas Manning

To Betty or Elizabeth, daughter of William Mathis

To Molley Read, daughter of Thomas Read

To my friend James Quarles, £5

} £5

Rest of estate to be divided among John, Lewis, Anner & Mary Read

Extr: James Quarles

Wit: Hugh Williams, Richard Ramsey, John Quarles

Dated: 25 Sep 1766

Rec: 24 Jan 1774

*Note: Robert Read's sister, Susannah, married William Mathews, a son of Charles Mathews of Brunswick County.*

James Mathews of Halifax County, NC

To wife Ann Mathews, sufficient maintenance upon the plantation where I now live during her life or widowhood

To son Richard Mathews, land and plantation whereon I now live being 250 acres, 100 acres on S side of Little Fishing Creek, slaves Amible, [Cesar?] and Joan, still, my riding horse.

To daughter Susanna Mathews, slaves Pompey, Sall and Dark; 233 acres joining William Pulley and Isaac Deans line

To granddaughter Delilah Mathews, slave Patt

To son-in-law William Pulley and grandson Thomas Pulley, 10 shillings each

To James Mathews, Susanna Matthews, Jeremiah Mathews, Richard Mathews, and Delilah Mathews, my horses, cattle etc. to be divided equally by two men

Wit: William Hall, William Cleves, John Cleves

Extrs: my sons James and Richard

Date: 12 Nov 1773

Rec: Court of Feb 1775

*Note: This James is James Mathews Jr. son of James and Jean Mathews. This will is 3 pages long with pages 1 and 2 being front and back of one page. This will is the first page of the will book in which it is found and apparently there was some type of damage to several pages in the front of the will book resulting in most of the right side of right facing pages missing a significant portion of their sheet and hence the left facing pages are missing portions as well (since the pages are written front and back). The result of this is that most of the top four lines of page 1 are missing however this is in the boilerplate section of the will and hence contains no genealogical information. Significant portions of the top five lines are missing on page 2. This missing section may be important since it clear from the readable text that James Jr. devised at least one slave each to two people, but who these people were is a mystery. Perhaps they were either James III or Jeremiah since neither of those two sons are mentioned as receiving specific items in the will, or it is possible that there were one or two unknown children that James Jr. had that are mentioned here. On page 3 most of the first four lines are missing and a small portion of the fifth line, however this section is also most likely boilerplate language as the bottom line of page 2 starts with the naming of the executors of the will and nothing from the remaining portion of the first four lines of page 3 indicates that anything further was being devised in the will.*

Charles Mathis of Chatham County, NC

To son Edmond Mathis slave boy Anthony, horse, etc. in case he lives to return from the wars, if he never returns all to be sold and divided among other children

To son Britton Mathis, horse, furniture

To daughter Liddea Mathis, horse furniture

To daughter Milly Mathis, 2 cows, furniture, £5

To sons Lewes Mathis and Laban Mathis the land and plantation I now live on to be equally divided between them at their mother's death

To sons Elisha Mathis and Ely Mathis , a slave boy named Dread to be divided between them when the youngest comes of age, bed and furniture to each

To the child my wife is big with £40 to be held in trust

To my wife [Jane] Mathis remainder of estate which is to be split amongst children at her death except for Edmond

Wit: Jos. Brantley, Matthew Ramsey, Perron Ferrou

Extr: Abner Hill and Isack Mathis

Date: 13 Feb 1777

*Note: Charles is the son of the Thomas Mathews who died in Halifax County (will recorded Apr 1765). Abner Hill who was an executor was his brother-in-law who married Sarah Mathis, Isack [sic] Mathis was his brother.*

John Floyd of Northampton County, NC

To daughter Mary Matthews daughter of Ann Matthews, 1 horse & 3 head of cattle

To brother Jesse, 2 axes etc.

Remainder of estate to daughter Mary Matthews when she arrives at age 18 or marries

To brother Jesse estate should Mary Matthews die

Extr: James Vinson

Wit: Thomas Sisson, Henry Vinson, William Pully

Date: 18 Jul 1778

Rec: Sept 1779

*Note: I have no idea who this John Floyd is, but he mentions a daughter Mary who was the daughter of Ann Matthews so it appears she may have been born out of wedlock and he never married her mother, Ann.*

Hubbard Quarles of Brunswick County, VA

To son Moses all land, 2 Negroes, desk

To daughter Ann Matthews, Negro

To granddaughter Betsey Matthews daughter of Isaac Matthews, Negro

To daughter Molly Matthews Negro which is to go to daughter Betsey Matthews upon death of Molly

To daughter Cibil Thompson, 3 Negroes

To daughter Caty Lanier, Negro

To granddaughter Polley Lanier, Negro

Rest of estate to be divided among all my children

Wit: Hugh Williams, John Read, Lewis Read

Extr: son Moses Quarles

Date: 9 Jun 1779

Rec: 23 Oct 1780

*Note: The Ann Matthews mentioned above is the Susannah who married Isaac Mathews of Edgefield County, SC. Most people with Mathews trees do not have a last name for that Isaac's wife, however, this will offers acceptable proof to me that she was a Quarles. The will names Isaac Mathews and for this time period there was only one Isaac Mathews in the area: the Isaac who would move to Edgefield County in the late 1780s. Molly Matthews may have been the wife of William Matthews, son of Charles Matthews.*

Charles Mathis of Brunswick County, VA

To son Drury Mathis, 50 pounds to be paid to each of my two grandsons, John and Charles Conneley, sons of George Conneley

To son Drury Mathis, all land and plantations

To my other children, rest of estate to be divided equally

Extr: son Drury and son-in-law Matthew Bishop

Wit: Hugh Williams, William Tarpley, John Tarpley

Date: 27 Nov 1780

Rec: 26 Mar 1781

*Note: Charles was a son of James and Jean Mathews who remained in Brunswick County, VA.*

Reaps [Repps] Matthews of Halifax County, NC

To sons Oroondatis Matthews and Mark Matthews, 1 horse each

To wife Salley Matthews, slaves named Will and Wink and at her death slaves to be equally divided among children

To children Oroondatis, Nancy, Mark, Hartwell, Betsey and Salley, residue of estate to be equally divided

Wit: Arthur Davis, Joseph Ward, Samuel W. Cilley

Extrs: Arthur Davis, Goodorum Davis

Date: 25 Feb 1781

Rec: Court of Aug 1782

*Note: His name should be Repps and not Reaps. His wife was Sarah Davis, daughter of Thomas Davis and Hartwell Hodges. After Repps died Sarah had another son, John, and it appears that John was fathered by Francis Ward. Sarah remarried Ward and he was awarded guardianship of her children. When Francis died he named John as John Ward alias Mathews". No other child of Repps was named directly in the will. This strongly implies to me that John was fathered by Francis Ward.*



Luke (x) Matthews of Brunswick County, VA

(noted that he was of Meherrin Parish)

To daughter Angelica Walker, Negro and a mare

To daughter Hannah Matthews, Negro, a mare, furniture

To daughter Betsey Matthews, Negro, a mare, furniture

To daughter Lucey Matthews, Negro, a mare, furniture

To son John, Negro, a colt, furniture

To son Luke, Negro, horse, furniture

To son Isham, Negro, horse, furniture

To daughter Nancey, Negro, horse, furniture

To unborn (noted he thought wife was pregnant) child, Negro, horse, furniture

To [wife] Lucy, remainder of real & personal estate

Extr: wife Lucy Matthews, son-in-law Wilson Walker

Wit: James Frame, Daniel Baugh, Mark Steed

Dated: 6 Apr 1788

Rec: 23 Jun 1788

*Note: This Luke is the son of Charles Mathews from page 12.*

Arthur Davis of Halifax County, NC

Elders son John Davis plantation whereon he now lives containing 100 acres and slave Sion

Second son Benjamin Davis one still, etc and 150 acres in Nash Co. which I purchased of Archibald Davis

Daughter Sary Matthews 10 pounds

Daughter Martha Blount slave Patt and at her death sd negro to go to her daughter Sally Blount

Daughter Patience Davis slave named Patience

Son-in-law Joseph Blount 220 acres whereon I now live, slave Peter, etc.

Slaves James, Fanny, Jack and Amey to be used to pay off Chloe Blunt, Polly Blunt, Benjamin Blunt, Richard Blunt, and Joseph Blunt and remainder of money to be divided between them and my grand daughter-in-law Molley Garrett

sd Benjamin Blount 100 acres in Nash Co.

residue of estate to be divided between John Davis, Benjamin Davis, Sarah Matthews, Martha Blunt, and Patience Davis and my 3 grand children living in Ga.: Josiah Matthews, Patty Matthews, and Patience Matthews

Wit: Robert Green, Joseph Hadley, Ambrose Hadley

Extr: son John and John Harrison Sr.

Date: 2 Jun 1790

Rec: Aug 1790

*Note: The Davis family is tied very closely with the Mathews family, in particular Isaac Mathews Sr. Going back to the early 1700s we can find the elder James Mathews living next to a John Davis who may be either the brother or uncle of this Arthur Davis. Arthur's had a Mathews son-in-law who married his daughter Sarah. While Arthur was a witness to the will of Repps Mathews and Repps married a Sarah who had children with names common to the Davis family (Orondates and Hartwell) it seems far more likely that Repps married the Sarah Davis who was a daughter of Thomas and Hartwell Davis. Arthur mentions his three Mathews grandchildren living in Georgia. My current thinking is that the Sarah Mathews named in this will was the mother of those children and that she was possibly the wife of Peter Mathews, brother of Repps. A relative, Marriott Davis took guardianship of the male children of a Samuel Mathews in Halifax County in 1797. A Samuel Davis (son of John Davis who was possibly Arthur's brother) married the daughter of Isaac Mathews Sr., Sarah Mathews.*

Susanna Mathews of Edgefield County, SC

To granddaughter Nancy Mathews one Negro girl named Chania

To granddaughter Elizabeth Mathew one Negro boy named James

To grandson Lewis Mathews a Negro boy named Samuel

To daughter Martha Mathews a Negro wench named Darkess and all her increase

To son-in-law Mosses Mathews one Negro named Dompny

To said Nancy Mathews one bed and furniture

To said Elizabeth Mathews another bed and furniture

To daughter Martha Mathews another wench named Sarah to her and her heirs forever

Wit: Lewis Mathews, Moses Mathis, Isaac Matthis, Beverly Borroum

Extrs: son-in-law Moses Mathews and his brother Lewis Mathews

Dated: 29 Dec 1790

Rec: Court of Mar 1792

*Note: This appears to be the mother-in-law of Moses Mathews of Edgefield County. If her last name was Mathews it begs the question as to who her husband was. Moses and Martha Mathews did not have a son named Lewis who is documented outside of this will. Their daughter Cebell is estimated to have been born about 1788, yet she is not named as a grandchild here. So, this implies that Cebell was born after this will was written. If that is the case then this leaves a gap of several years between the births of Nancy and Elizabeth (whose birth dates are documented with precision) and Cebell which leaves enough room for a son Lewis. Since Lewis is not named in the 1810 equity case brought by Martha Mathews then it must be assumed that Lewis died young.*

Drury Mathis of Brunswick County, VA

To wife Sarah, 1 bed and furniture, horse, negro girl Dilce, land and plantation for her widowhood

To sons born and unborn, all of my land

To rest of my children born and unborn, rest of my estate to be equally divided

Extr: brother Luke Mathis, neighbor William Tapley

Wit: William Quarles, John Connely, Ch Haskins

Date: 21 Dec 1781

Rec: 28 Apr 1795

*Note: Drury was the son of Charles above*

William Pullen Sr. of Halifax County, NC

To wife Charlotte Pullen, Negroes etc. and 200 acres whereon I now live, land to go to two youngest sons, Willie Pullen and Ricky Pullen, upon her death

To rest of my children Cloe Pullen, Leroy Pullen, Chancy Pullen, Clary Pullen, William Pullen Jr., Ludwell Pullen, Charlotte Pullen, Eaton Pullen, Willie Pullen, and Ricky Pullen, rest of my estate to be divided

To son Eaton, one Negro

To eldest son Leroy, one horse etc. and the land joining Benjamin Car and Mary Corbin

Wit: Reuben Moore, Sol Broom

Extrs: wife, son Leroy and John Mathews

Date: 25 Aug 1794

Rec: Court of Feb 1795

*Note: William was the husband of Charlotte Mathews, daughter of James Mathews Jr.*

Thomas Pace of Halifax County, NC

To wife Cebell Pace land and plantation and Negroes etc. to raise my youngest children Hardy Pace and James Pace

At her death the estate to be divided between my 7 children Mary Ward, Elizabeth Powell, Martha Pace, William Pace, Nancy Pace and the said Hardy and James except for the land

To son William Pace 300 acres in Nash County, Negroes etc.

To son Hardy Pace land after his mother's death Negroes etc.

To son James Pace home land and Negroes

Wit: Benjamin Carr, William Car

Extrs: my wife and Benjamin Doles

Dated: 17 Mar 1795

Rec: May 1795

*Note: This will alone is the best piece of evidence to tie the Edgefield County, SC line of Isaac Mathews to the Halifax County area beyond dispute. The prominent and very detailed Equity Court case [see Misc court docs] of 1814 in Edgefield County mentions the daughter of Isaac Mathews of Edgefield County as:*

*...daughter[s], Cabell Matthews, who intermarried with Thomas Pace, now deceased, and since with Benjamin Carr, resident of the State of Georgia.*

*Note that Benjamin Carr, named in the Equity Case, is a witness to the will of Thomas Pace. We know that Hardy Pace did settle in Georgia as his place of burial is known as well as his family bible which is extant. I have not yet taken the time to look for Benjamin Carr in Georgia, but I have no doubt records can be located. To further tie things up neatly there are land transactions that mention Thomas Pace and Isaac Mathews in the same document from Halifax County.*

Edmund Matthews (Mathis) of Hancock County, GA

To wife Dicey, land and plantation, etc.

To son James, horse, bed and furniture, land and plantation after death of his mother

To daughter Elizabeth Lord, bed and furniture already in her possession

To daughters Dicey, Nancy and Sally, bed and furniture as they marry or come of age

Wit: Charles Goss, John Lord, John Colbert

Extrs: wife Dicey Matthews, brother Elisha Matthews

Dated: 25 Dec 1804

Rec: late 1805

*Note: This is the son of Charles Mathis whose will was recorded 1777 in Chatham County, NC (not to be confused with the Charles who died in Brunswick Co, VA). Estate returns show that daughters Dicey and two that had married Charles Meredith and William Williams all received their legacies 20 Jan 1816 so this is probably the date that the last one married or the youngest came of age. Georgia marriage records show that Sally married William Williams 11 Jun 1815. No marriage record has been found for Dicey or Nancy, but presumably Nancy was the daughter who married Samuel Meredith.*

Ann Matthews of Halifax County, NC

To son Guilford Matthews 1 Negro boy

To sons Willie Matthews and Isaac Matthews \$20.00 each

Residue of estate to my 7 children: Fanny Matthews, Elizabeth Matthews, James Matthews, Nancy Matthews, Temppy Matthews and the said Isaac and Willie

Wit: Dempsy Ellen, — —?

Extr: Marriot Davis

Date: 13 Jun 1805

Rec: Nov 1806

*Note: Ann was the wife of Samuel Mathews, son of Isaac Mathews Sr. I am virtually certain that her last name was Davis.*



Clybron [Claiborne] Matthews of Chatham County, NC

To wife Mary Matthews, use of all real and personal estate as long as she continues my widow or death

To sons Wiley and Lewis Mathews, upon death of wife land to be equally divided between them

To son Rencher, 5 shillings

To daughter Lucreasy Ham, 5 shillings

Extrs: wife Mary and son Britain

Wit: James Brantley, Anthony Armstead

Date: 6 Oct 1797

Rec: Nov 1806

*Note: This appears to be the Claiborne who was a son of the Thomas Matthews who died in Northampton County, NC in early 1770. That Thomas named two sons Claiborne (called Chilborne in the will of Thomas, but presumably the same person) and Lawrence in his will. Later deeds in Chatham County mention a Claiborne and Lawrence Matthews.*

William Matthews of Halifax County, NC

Lend to wife Polly Matthews residue of estate after debts are paid to raise and school my 5 children:

Tabby Matthews, John Matthews, Sterling Matthews, Peggy Matthews and Isham Matthews

Wit: Gideon Matthews, Moses Ellen

Extr: my friend Isham Matthews

Date: 9 Apr 1812

Rec: Aug 1812

*Note: This is the brother of Gideon Matthews (one of the witnesses) and son of Richard Mathews.*

Jeremiah Mathews of Baldwin County, GA

To son William, Negro man Davy

To daughter Sally Grimsley, Negro girl Milla

To daughter Christian Parker, Negro girl Penny now in her possession

To son Abraham Mathews, Negro boy Daniel

To son Josiah Mathews, Negro boys Harry and Toney

To son Rhese Mathews, Negro boy Isham

To daughter Rebecca Mathews, Negro woman Peggy

To daughter Polly Mathews, Negro girl Dicey

To daughter Cebel Mathews, Negro boy Wyatt

To daughter Nancy Mathews, Negro girl Lucay [sic]

To wife Polly Mathews, three Negros Beck, Hannah and Charity and Negro man Tom to go to Nancy Mathews upon her death or marriage

To my three sons Abraham Mathews, Rhese Mathews and Josiah Mathews all my land to be divided equally

To my three daughters Cebel, Polly and Nancy Mathews all my furniture to be divided equally once wife takes her choice of beds

To wife three cows and calves

Remainder of estate to be divided equally among all my children

Wit: Polly Mathews, Mathew Mathews, Hardy Herbert

Extrs: son Josiah Mathews and cousin John Mathews

Proven: Jan 1814

*Notes: Jeremiah was the son of James and Ann Mathews. He moved to Georgia sometime in the early 1790s. The interesting part of this will is who his "cousin" John Mathews and Mathew Mathews were. According to Val D. Greenwood in "Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy" the word "cousin" did not always mean what it does today. He states that prior to 1750 the word generally meant a niece or nephew or could even mean any relation outside the immediate family circle. So, by the time of this will did cousin mean what it means today? If not, then John would have likely been his nephew via Jeremiah's brother James. If cousin means cousin by today's standard then I can only assume this John is a son of his uncle Mathew Mathews as all other children of Jeremiah's uncles Thomas, Isaac, and Charles are accounted for I believe. I have theorized that Jeremiah's grandfather also had another son named John Mathews who is never explicitly named as a son anywhere*

*that I have seen thus far. It is possible that "cousin" John is one of his sons. Jeremiah's uncle Mathew Mathews has always been the most anomalous person in this family to me, even more so than the theoretical uncle, John Mathews.*

Gideon Mathews of Halifax County, NC

To wife Charlotte Mathews Negroes, etc. and the use of my plantation to raise my fore [sic] children:

Anne Mathews, Baldy Mathews, James Mathews and John Mathews.

If wife dies, wastes property or abuses the children, part lent to her to be divided among children.

Isham Mathews named guardian of children

Wit: Eaton Pullen, Willie Pullen

Extr: Isham Mathews

Dated: 17 Feb 1815

Rec: May 1815

*Note: Son of Richard Mathews and brother of William (above).*

Moses Matthews of Halifax County, NC

To wife 1/3 of land and a child's part of perishable property

To grandson James Lunsford Matthews land and plantation whereon I now live after death of wife and 40 acres out of the tract I bought of Henry Aaron

To William Heptinstall to hold in trust a child's part of all real and personal estate for both Lucy Turner wife of Turner Williams and Alice Turner wife of James Turner and at death of each one the same to go to their children

To daughter Nancy Matthews and Judith Mabry wife of Green Mabry and Martha Aaron wife of Henry Aaron a child's part of my estate to each

Grandson is to continue living with my wife and she is to take good care of him

Wit: Thomas Burgess, Thomas Clayton

Extr: William Hepinstall

Date: 28 Dec 1814

Rec: Feb 1815

*Note: Moses may be a part of the Thomas Charles Mathews (TCM) family. Deed records indicate that in the early to mid 1700s TCM was living near to Halifax Town which is where Moses is later shown to have lived. This family needs to be explored more.*

James Mathews III of Morgan County, GA

To son John Mathews, Negro man Toney, Negro boy Orrin and \$150 cash

To son Timothy Mathews, Negro man Daniel, Negro Tom and \$150 cash

To grandchildren Jesse Butt, Sally Butt, Nancy Butt & William Butt, Negro man Isaac to be equally divided between them

To son Jesse Mathews, Negro men Tom & Woodley

To son Isham Mathews, Negro man Harry & 100 acres in Halifax County, NC

To Suky Mathews, widow of son James Mathews, and her four children, a Negro woman Patt & her son Mason & all her children younger than Mason, a Negro man Quom, a Negro boy Israel to be equally divided

To daughter Patsy Hill, a Negro boy Lunsford & a Negro girl Rosetta

To son Charles Mathews, 202 ½ acres where I now live, Negro man Ben, Negro boy Martin, a desk and bed

To daughter Peggy Furlow, Negro man Davy, Negro boy Alsey

To my 3 granddaughters Garrenton Watts, Phinata Watts, & Perrisade Watts, Negro woman Rose, Negro girl Hannah & 202 ½ acres where Ludwell Watts now lives to be equally divided when youngest child is of age

To daughter Hannah Walton Dawson, a bed and bureau

Balance of property to be sold & equally divided between John Mathews, Timothy Mathews, Jesse Mathews, Isham Mathews, Patsy Hill, Charles Mathews, Peggy Furlow (& my four grandchildren Jesse Butt, Sally Butt, Nancy Butt, & William Butt to receive one share in place of their mother Clary Gibson). Also my four grandchildren Charles Mathews, Nancy Mathews, Caroline Mathews & Sucky [sic] Mathews to receive one share in place of their father James Mathews.

To daughter Betsy Watts, \$20

Wit: Wm Gilbert, Richard M. Gilbert, Instant H. Gilbert  
Extr: sons John Mathews & Timothy Mathews

Dated: 26 Sept 1814

Rec: 6 Feb 1815

*Note: James Mathews III was the son of James Mathews Jr. whose will was recorded in Halifax County, NC Feb 1775. James III moved to Georgia sometime between 1802 and 1809 along with most of his children. His son Isham, whose will is also included in this document, remained behind in Halifax County, NC where he was a successful politician.*

Mary Mathews of Halifax County, NC

If son James Lunsford Mathews should die before he arrives at lawful age or without heirs her undivided 1/3 portion of late husband's (James Mathews dec'd) estate is to be equally divided between her 2 youngest brothers: Joshua Daffin and Darius Daffin.

Wit: Everit Stewart, Darius Daffin

Extrs: Richard Doggett, Robert Joyner

Date: 27 Nov 1810

Rec: May 1819

*Note: Daughter-in-law of Moses Mathews above.*



James Mathews of Edgefield County, SC

To daughters Ann L. Hunter and Elizabeth L. Hunter, \$1 each

To son Thomas, Henry, James and John, \$1 each

To wife Dinah, remainder of estate both real and personal

To children Abraham, Samuel and Eleanor to receive equal share of wife's share upon her death

Wit: Lydia Lamar, R. Hamilton, Wm T. Wise

Extrs: wife Dinah, Abraham Mathis, James Hunter

Dated: 6 Jul 1819

Proven: 20 Aug 1819

Ref: Edgefield County, South Carolina Wills 1787-1836 by James E. and Vivian Wooley, 1991

*Note: Son of Thomas Mathews/Mathis Sr. who died in Halifax Co, NC in 1765.*

William Mathis of Montgomery County, TN

To wife Sally property to remain with her until son John comes of age

To children John W. Mathis, Wilson J. Mathis, James Mathis, Sally Mathis and Martha Mathis property to be equally divided once John comes of age

After John's coming of age balance to remain with wife for schooling and care of children until they each come of age

Land I now live on, being 220 acres to remain with wife for her lifetime and at her death land to be sold and money equally divided among children

Wit: Randolph Ramey, Isham Trotter, James Allen

Extrs: wife Sally Mathis, Benjamin Orgain Sr.

Date: 5 Feb 1824

Rec: Apr 1826

*Note: This William was one of the youngest sons of Drury Mathews of Brunswick Co, VA (see his will above). William is also found in Brunswick Co chancery cause 1807-014 which can be found linked here:*

*[http://southernmatthews.com/orig\\_records.html](http://southernmatthews.com/orig_records.html)*

Lucretia Mathews of Mecklenburg County, VA

To children John, Samuel, Matthew Mathews and Polly Stiths, Negroes, etc.

To Lucy Mathews, daughter of Matthew Mathews, bed and furniture

To Nancy Mathews, daughter of Matthew Mathews, cattle

To Elizabeth Mathews, wife of son Matthew, balance of household items, money

Wit: L. G. Worthington, David A. Walker, R. H. L. Bailey

Extr: Capt. Drury Pennington

Dated: 14 Mar 1830

Rec: 16 Aug 1830

*Note: Lucretia was a daughter of Charles Mathews whose will was recorded in Brunswick County 26 Mar 1781. Her husband was John Mathews who was part of an unrelated Mathews family from Dinwiddie Co, VA.*

Thomas Mathis of Hancock County, GA

To daughter Sally Chappell Negro named Anthony

To daughter Dorothy Minter Negro boy named Peter

To daughter Nancy Mathis Negro boy named Tony(?)

To son Gabriel Mathis Negro girl named Maria and \$50

To orphans of son John Mathis Negro girl named Dilly and \$50

To daughter Martha Cox Negro boy named Martin and \$160

To daughter Eliza Hunter Negro girl named Rhoda and \$175

To children of daughter Polly Boland Negro girl named Juda, \$100 and land

To orphans of son Charles Mathis \$350

To orphans of son Robert Mathis \$350

To son-in-law John Boland \$20

Wit: William M. Boyer J.P., Stephen Pearson, Solomon Robinson

Extrs: Gabriel Mathis, Elisha Mathis, John M. Minter

Dated: 2 Jun 1824

Proven: 4 Jan 1830

*Note: This Thomas was a son of Charles Mathews who died in Chatham Co, NC ca. early 1777. A link to a copy of the original will of Thomas and his estate papers can be found here: [http://southernmatthews.com/orig\\_records.html](http://southernmatthews.com/orig_records.html).*

Hardy Matthew of Edgefield County, SC

To Micajah Matthew \$200 in trust for the use of my daughter Sibby [Cebelle] on condition she does not return to her husband John Sawyer. If she does return to him money is to be returned to executor to be divided among my other children.

To grandsons Larkin & Joel, the sons of my son Isaac deceased, when they arrive of age to have a horse, saddle and bridle each

To the daughters of my son Isaac deceased, Harriet, Mary and Nancy, when they are of age or marry, a cow and calf each

To the rest of my children Micajah, Moses, Nancy and Henry and their heirs forever the remainder of my estate

To last four children named an equal share of my property to be divided by three impartial men appointed by executor

Wit: George Pope, James S. Pope, Thomas H. Pope

Extr: my nephew Bud Cade Matthews

Dated: 13 Nov 1829

Rec: 31 Oct 1831

*Note: Hardy was a son of Isaac Mathews and Susannah Quarles Mathews.*

Ref: Judgment Roll 95 in Office of Clerk of Court of Edgefield, S.C.

Drury Mathews of Edgefield County, SC

To children William, John Pope, Susanna Pope and Mary Ellen after all debts are paid and certain items sold off, money that remains

To wife Mourning Matthew, Negroes, livestock, household items [too many to list here]

Wit: L. F. Rimer, Richard M. Todd, Albert King

Extrs: wife, brother-in-law John Pope, nephew James Solomon Pope, Susannah Pope and Mary Ellen

Dated: 1 Sep 1828

Proven: 7 Jan 1831

*Notes: This will was fairly long so I left the majority out. Items left to individuals named were only a few of the things that were bequeathed to them in total. Drury was the son of William Mathews who lived near him in the Cambridge area of what is now Greenwood Co, SC. William was a son of the Charles Mathews who died in Brunswick Co, VA in 1780 (see above for his will).*

Lewis Mathews of Abbeville County, SC

To daughter Temperance Paine, one Negro

To daughter Catherine Mathews, two Negro girls

To wife Elizabeth, remainder of estate both real and personal after all debts paid

Wit: Williamson Williams, James Mathews, Freeman Goode

Extrs: wife Elizabeth and step-son Lewellen Goode

Dated: 14 Oct 1824

Proven: 12 Jan 1832

*Note: Lewis was a brother of Drury Mathews on the previous page. The wives of Lewis and Drury were sisters although Lewis's wife had been previously married to Garland Goode (note mention of step-son Lewellen Goode being an executor).*

Mourning Mathews of Edgefield County, SC

To daughter Susanna Pope slaves, tract of land

To daughter Mary Ellen King, wife of Albert King, slaves, land, new Testament [family bible?]

To children of my stepson William Mathews deceased, Lewis, Sarah Freeman, Elizabeth, John, Mary Ann, Nancy and Susanna proceeds from the sale of 4 slaves

To daughter Susanna Pope household and kitchen furniture and remaining personal property

Wit: James Mathews, Thomas Payne, Thos. Lake, W. M. Armstrong

Extrs: son-in-law James S. Pope, daughter Susanna Pope

Dated: 4 Jul 1846

Rec: ??

*Note: Mourning was the widow of Drury Mathews whose will is given a couple of pages above. Notice how James S. Pope went from being a nephew in Drury's will to a son-in-law in Mourning's will.*



Isham Matthews of Halifax County, NC

To son Thomas P. Matthews Negroes and land on southwest side of Fishing Creek adj Peyton P. Hervey and Eaton Pullen.

To wife Martha balance of lands for life

To son Thomas reversion [assume upon death of Martha] all my lands and my mill

To granddaughters Sarah F. Ward, Mary E. Ward, and Caroline V. Ward Negroes and furniture

To son Thomas and daughter Sarah B. Nicholson and grandchildren Sarah F. Ward, Mary E. Ward, and Caroline V. Ward balance of estate to be divided

Wit: John Lee, Eaton Pullen, Littleberry Vinson

Extrs: son Thomas, friends William Brinkley, Mark H. Pettway

Date: 2 Apr 1845

Rec: Nov 1847

*Note: Isham was a son of James Matthews III and the only child of James to remain in North Carolina (the rest moved to Georgia).*

Drury Matthews of Montgomery County, TN

To children Thomas Matthews, William Matthews, Cinthia Morris, Eliza Jones, Buckner Matthews, James Matthews, Drury Matthews, Mary Barnes and Betsey Matthews to share in all property real and personal

To heirs of Thomas Matthews who departed this life April last entitled to his share

To grandson David Jones, only heir of Eliza Jones who is also deceased, a portion which is to revert back to other heirs should he die without children

To son James Matthews \$30 to make him equal with the other children, he never having received a bed nor cow and calf from me

Wit: T.H. Batson, W.C. Batson, C. Batson

Extrs: William C. Batson, William Matthews, Drury Matthews

Date: Oct 6, 1847

Rec: 6 Dec 1847

*Note: This Drury was a son of William Mathews and Susannah Reade. William is speculated to have been a son of a John Mathews who lived in the area of Great Creek in Lunenburg Co. John's relationship to the James Mathews Sr. family is unknown, but he was definitely related as proven by yDNA testing.*

James Mathews of Montgomery County, TN

To wife Caroline Mathews all personal and real estate

To three youngest children M. Jennie Mathews, Laura Mathews and Samuel Mathews  
same to be equally divided at wife's death

Wit: James Wyatt, Daniel Mills

Extrs: ?

Date: 30 Mar 1885

Rec: 15 Jun 1885

*Note: Son of Drury Matthews above.*