

I, Isham Matthews of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say

Item - That my Executors, herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenss, together with my just debts, but not to whomsoever owing, out of the monie that may first come to their hands as a part or partell of my Estate

Item - I give and devise to the said Thomas P. Matthews the following <sup>part</sup> to wit, all my lands on the South west side of Fishing Creek adjoining my Mill, The said Creek, Peyton W. Harveys and Calons <sup>part</sup> Also the following <sup>part</sup> Charles Jordan and the said James and Mourning With all the <sup>part</sup> ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> now have or may have during my life him and to his ~~heirs~~ heirs forever. Item - The balance of my <sup>part</sup> both real and personal I desire to be kept together during the Natural life of my beloved wife, Martha for the support of herself and family (and to be under the care of my son Thomas P. Matthews and at his Death I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas P. Matthews all my lands that I possess including my mill with all its <sup>part</sup> fixtures

Also the following Negroes, to wit, Miller George and his wife, Nancy Mack with Jack, and his trailer Matt with all their tools, also my Negro woman Penny with all her own Children and her Grand also my two negro Women Bay and Abance with all their children also my two negro boys Williard and Caswell I also give and bequeath unto my son Thomas P. Matthews my two stiles apple mills and all my carts, also my waggon or carts and wheels and log wheels also my desk and book case with all my books of every description I also give unto him half of my stock of horses oxen and Cattle hogs and sheep - I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter F. Ward my Negro girl Patsy also one bureau one bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary E. Ward my Negro girl Rode also one bed and furniture and one bureau

Item I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Caroline W. Ward my two negro girls Gray and Gaster and one bed & furniture

Item The balance of my property of every description not herebefore sayd I wish to be equally divided between my son Thos P. Matthews daughter Sarah B. Nicholson and my grand children Thos Ward, Brook Ward, Mary E. Ward, and Caroline W. Ward

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Mark H. Pittway & William Brinkley and my son Thomas P. Matthews my lawful Executors 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 reading and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore

In witness whereof I the said Isham Matthews do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Isham Matthews

and State of Virginia, signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Isham  
 Matthews to be his last will and testament in presence of us who  
 at his request, and in his presence do subscribe our names as  
 witnesses thereto  
 Eaton Puller  
 John Lee  
 Littleberry Watson

Halifax County Court } Then the foregoing paper writing purporting to be  
 November Term 1827 } the last will and testament of Isham Matthews  
 was offered for probate and the same being duly proven by the oath  
 of Littleberry Watson & John Lee two subscribing witnesses thereto was ordered to be  
 recorded. Whereas Thomas Matthews one of the executors named  
 therein was duly qualified  
 Witness Myself Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Lewis Turner Brewer of Halifax County and  
 State of North Carolina being sick and infirm but of sound and dis-  
 creet mind and memory do this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year  
 1838 make and publish this as my last will and testament in manner  
 following as follows viz First I bear to my mother Francis Brewer during  
 his life all the tract of land I now live on my two negro girls  
 Matilda and Harriet all my house hold and kitchen furniture  
 one cow & milk sufficient to support herself and family one year  
 one cow and calf one sow and pigs or shoats all my sheep  
 This property she is to have during his life time  
 Secondly I give to my Sister Abigail Kelly ten dollars in money  
 Thirdly I give to each of the children of my Brother Thomas Brewer  
 now and are sold in money  
 Fourthly I give to my Mother Cary and Sister Brewer and Sister Wiley all  
 the above named property leave to my mother after her death and the  
 balance of my (property) estate after my just debts are paid I give to  
 my two Brothers Cary & Sipe and Sister Wiley  
 Fifthly I nominate and appoint my Brother Cary my only  
 executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof  
 I the said Lewis Turner Brewer have hereunto set my hand seal the day  
 and year first above written  
 Signed sealed and acknowledged  
 by the said Lewis Turner Brewer as his last will  
 and testament in presence of us  
 W<sup>th</sup> Witnesses  
 Lewis Turner  
 mark

Lewis Turner Brewer (Clerk)  
 mark

Halifax County Court } Then the foregoing paper writing purporting to be  
 November Term 1827 } the last will and testament of Lewis Turner  
 was offered for probate and the same being duly proven by the oath  
 of Thomas Cary and two other witnesses thereto was ordered to be  
 recorded. Whereas Thomas Cary the executor therein named was duly qualified  
 Witness Myself Clerk

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