

James Mathews Will

I

Mathews  
in Body

be given unto you.

Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally Ye of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty Power of God. and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith It has pleased God to bless me in this life I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in the following manner I Give - First I give and Bequeath unto my Wife Ann Mathews a sufficient Maintenance upon the plantation where I now live during her life or Widowhood Then I Give & Bequeath unto my son Richard Mathews the said plantation & improvements where I now live being 250 Acres of Patent Land also 100 Acres of Patent Land on the South side of Little Fishing Creek to him & his Heirs for ever - Then I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Susanna Mathews Two hundred & thirty three Acres of Land joining Mrs. Welles's land & Isaac Brainerd to her & her Heirs for ever - And I Give & Bequeath

Boy named  
 was to him &  
 & Requeth  
 one Negro  
 and one Negro Girl  
 named Peggy to him & his heirs for ever —  
 Item I give & Requeth unto my Daughter  
 Susannah Mathews one Negro fellow named  
 Humphrey, one Negro woman named Nell, & one  
 Negro Girl named Sarah to her & her heirs  
 for ever — Item I give & Requeth unto my  
 son Richard Mathews one Negro fellow named  
 Amable, one Negro fellow named Caesar and  
 one Negro woman named Jean to him & his heirs  
 for ever — Item I give & Requeth unto my  
 Grand Daughter Delilah Mathews one Negro  
 Girl named Pats to her & her heirs for ever —  
 Item I give & Requeth unto my son Richard  
 Mathews the Mill and my riding Horse  
 to him & his heirs for ever — Item I give &  
 & Requeth unto my son in Law William Pully  
 the son of Ten Shillings Virginia Money, also  
 unto my Grand son Thomas Pully the son of  
 Ten Shillings Virginia Money. — Item I  
 Give & Requeth the Houses, Cattle, Hogs &  
 Household Goods that I am possessed with  
 to be equally Divided by two Men, to James  
 Mathews, Susannah Mathews, Jeremiah Mathews  
 Richard Mathews & Delilah Mathews to them  
 & their heirs for ever — I do Ordain Constituted  
 & appoint my el. Richard Mathews

to  
 I do  
 all & every other  
 Requests and  
 named Mills & Request the  
 this, and no other to be my last Will & Testament,  
 In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and seal the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November in  
 the Year of our Lord ~~1773~~ 1773  
 James Mathews & seal - Signed sealed  
 published pronounced & declared by the said  
 James Mathews as his last Will & Testament  
 In the presence of us who in his presence and  
 in the presence of each other have hereto  
 subscribed our names.

Wm. Hill

Wm. Jones

John Blew & a mark

Kalijaw Pt. Adm. Court 1775

This Will was Exhibited in Open Court by the  
 Court on Oath, & duly proved by the Oaths of William  
 Blew & John Blew two of the subscribing  
 Witnesses thereto Whereupon James Mathews one  
 of the Executors named was duly qualified and  
 on Motion Ordered said Will be recorded.

Test.

Jos. Mansford C. J.