

Walter's Grant
 August 25th 1812. Then His Will was Exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oath of
 Richard White one of the subscribing Witnesses thereof. Execution ordered to be granted
 thereupon from Herbert & Piddell Carlisle the Executor & Executrix therein named came
 into open Court. Where duly qualified to the Same
 Witness W.S. Brown CC

In the Name of God Amen I William Matthews of the County of
 Halifax & State of North Carolina being weak & low in health but in perfect mind &
 Memory, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, in order to dispose of my whole
 Estate which I thank God to be in the full possession of, I do make Ordain this to be my Last Will
 & Testament in the Names Herein Following that is to say, first, His my Will that
 my old mare & all my Stock of Sheep be sold, as much of my other Hacks & Personal
 Property, such as can be most conveniently spared from my family, as will raise
 money together with the debt's that are due me, to pay all my Just debts. Then I do give
 my beloved Wife Polly Matthews the balance of my Stock of all kinds together with all
 the House hold & Kitchen furniture & plantation utensils with the whole use of my Chan-
 celry for her to raise & School my five Children, Sally Matthews, John Matthews, Sterling
 Matthews, Peggy Matthews & Isham Matthews, but her death, whenever she should find in
 Conscience maintaining my children above mentioned or either of them a Suffer, them they
 be abused, then it is my Will & desire that the value of my Property both Real & Personal
 be sold & Equally divided among my five Children above named & I should give Wife
 Polly Matthews full power to be respectful in schooling my Children, Sally, John, Sterling,
 Peggy & Isham it is my Will & desire that my Executors who I shall hereinafter as-
 sign, have them School'd that he sell such part of my Property, that can be
 best spared to raise money sufficient to give my five Children reasonable Education.
 I nominate & appoint my friend Isham Matthews Executor to this my Last Will &
 Testament, In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand & fixed my Seal
 this the 9th Day of April A.D. 1812

Proved & sworn to before me in presence of
 Gideon Matthews, Thos. J. Allen
 Halifax County
 August 25th 1812. Then His Will was Exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the Oath
 of Gideon Matthews one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereof. Execution ordered to be granted
 thereupon from Isham Matthews the Executor therein named came into open Court
 and was duly qualified to the Same.

William Matthews
 Witness W.S. Brown CC

It is my wish that Richard Gyris & Robert Johnston should retain
 possession of my Books & papers which are in Halifax & to collect
 the debts which are due me & to pay the different demands which
 are against me & whatever surplus there may be remaining to
 remit the same to my mother but should there not be a sufficient
 collected from my estate for my horse to be sold to discharge the same
 should it be otherwise I wish him also to be sent to my mother - It is
 also my wish that you sell my manum & Shop Materials
 Gideon Matthews
 Witness W.S. Brown CC

William Matthews Will

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