

Matthews, John

1816



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In the Name of God am I John Matthews of the County
of Lincoln and State of North Carolina being weak and
infirm in body but of perfect Mind and Memory
thanks be unto God for the same and calling to
mind the uncertainty of this Life ^{that appointed by God} do make and
ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner
and form following that is to say I recommend my
Soul unto the hands of the almighty that gave it and
and my body I bequeath to the Earth from whence it
was taken to be buried with a decent Christian burial
at the discretion of My Executors here after named and
not touching such worldly Goods as hath pleased God to
bless me with in this Life I do give and bequeath them
in manner and form following for after all my just
debts are discharged I do give and bequeath to my ex-
ors William James Nathan Thomas Joel and Isaac
my lands that I now live upon to be divided in the
following manner first it is my will that my son
William shall have that part which he now lives upon
to be divided between him and Nathan it being a piece
of Land formerly the property of Miller Ross and I am
the said piece of Land to be equally divided so as both
William and Nathan may have Water nearby it is my will
that my son James shall have my Dwelling house with
the improvements joining ~~there to~~ there to the whole piece
to be divided into four parts the first running a short line
half way through the Middle from the West to East the South
quarter to my son James and the North Quarter to my
son Thomas and after such Division the other half to
have a line run through the middle from North to South
the West quarter to be Joels and the East quarter to Isaac
and it also My will that all my stock of horses Cattle
hogs and Sheep all my house hold furniture of all
kinds and all the Moveables together with all my
plantation tools shall be sold at public sale after my
decease and the Money arising there from to be equally
divided between my three Daughters Elizabeth Polly
and Ann it is my will that my friends Peter Little
do turn over

and Jacob Little be the Executors of this my last
will and testament Making void all other wills and
testaments by me formerly made and now existing
and conforming this to be my only last will and testament
in which those of the said John Matthews hath here
unto set his hand and seal this 22nd Day of February 1816

Signed Sealed by the testator
him self as his last will and
testament in the presence of
Jus.

John Matthews
his
mark

John Little

John Little Junr Executor sworn
Jacob Little Sworn

The Judge W. B. B.

John Matthews
last will &
testament

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State of North Carolina
Lincoln County July 23rd 1816

The foregoing will was pronounced
open Court by the Court of Jacob Little & John
Little Junr being appointed Executors thereof come into
open Court & qualified according to Law.

The Judge W. B. B.