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In the Name of God Amen Peter Rogers of the  
 tion parish in the County of Halifax being in a low state  
 of health but in perfect Sense and Memory do make  
 constitute and ordain this my last will and testament  
 in the manner and form following that is to say  
 I first I desire that all my just debts to be  
 paid out of such Part of my Estate as my Executors here  
 after named shall think best and most convenient.  
 Item I give and bequeath unto my son Armistead Rogers  
 my Great Mill on Colman's Creek together with one heere  
 and Acres of Land whereon the Mill stands provided that  
 he shall let his Mother Elizabeth Rogers have half the pro-  
 fits of the said Mill during her Widowhood, I also give my  
 said son one Sorel Mare a Mans Saddle a Rifle Gun &  
 my sword to him and his heirs forever.  
 My will and desire is that the two hundred and thirty and  
 of Land which I purchased of John Paulson should be sold  
 towards paying of my debts.  
 My will and desire is that all the rest of my Land not before  
 named should be Equally divided as they can Agree on  
 amongst all my sons when they youngest comes to Age other  
 wis my wife with the consent of my Executors may  
 sell the whole of it if they think proper.  
 Item I send to my loving wife Elizabeth Rogers all my  
 moveable Estate during her Natural life or Widowhood  
 which shall first happen all my Slaves and moveable  
 Estate of Every kind Except the Specific articles above  
 mentioned, also the use of my plantation on Colman's Creek at  
 the Expiration of her Natural life or Widowhood.  
 I desire that all the Negroes and personal Estate that may then  
 Remain shall be Equally divided amongst my Children that  
 shall be then living  
 And I will and desire that my said wife do have my Child-  
 ren Educated in the best Manner that the Circumstances  
 of my Estate will admit of without Inconveniency I also  
 desire that Alexander Paulson shall have six months Schoo-  
 ling at the Expence of my Estate this Expence of schooling I  
 Expect to be paid out of the Profits of my Estate.  
 In case my son Armistead Rogers should die without a law-  
 full Begotten Heir of his body I desire the estate given him  
 shall be sold to the Highest bidder, after the death or decease  
 of my wife and the Money arising by such sale to be Equally  
 divided amongst my Children that shall be then living.  
 And lastly I do appoint my wife Elizabeth Rogers together  
 or with Nicholas Hopson James Colman & Michael

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Murphy to be Executors of this my last will and testament: Revoking and annulling all and every will and Wills by me heretofore made in writing whereof I the said Peter Rogers have hereto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 22<sup>th</sup> day of January 1785

Signed sealed published  
In the Presence of

Peter Rogers

J. G. G. G.  
John McMichael  
Henry McMichael  
David McMichael  
Mark

At a Court held for Halifax County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1785 this will & Testament of Peter Rogers deceased was Exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Rogers & Nicholas Robinson two of the Executors therein named and the same was proved by the oath of two of the subscribers hereto and the same was ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Esq<sup>r</sup> who made oath thereto according to Law Certificate is granted thereon for obtaining probate hereof in due form they giving Security and thereupon they together with William Robinson (Esq<sup>r</sup>) George Wiley & Moses Fontaine their Securities entered into and Rebound by 13 and for the same as the Law directs whereupon the Deputies by Robert Williams their Assignments entered a Carnatt against the proof of the foregoing will  
J. G.

Test: Geo. Carrington C. C.

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