

North Carolina Probate Records  
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1816  
Abel Rutledge

Transcription by  
Cheryl Rutledge-Brennecke  
(names bolded for genealogical purposes)

In the name of God Amen. I **Abel Rutledge**  
Being in a sick and low condition but of sound mind  
and memory do ordain this my last will and testament

First, I recommend my soul to God in hope of  
salvation thru Jesus Christ.

Secondly, I recommend my body to a Christian  
Burial at the direction of my Executor.

Thirdly, I bequeath my land the plantation I live  
on to my honoured **mother**

Fourthly, I bequeath my best saddle and all my  
cloathing to my brother in law **William Gay**

Fifthly, my old saddle to my honoured **father in law**

Sixth, to my **brother Isaac Rutledge** and **each of  
my sisters** I will one dollar each

Seventh, all my money and property I will to me  
**Mother** to repair her house to pay my debts and funeral  
expenses and if any remains to be her own at her disposal

Eighth, I except from my mother on my bequests  
to her the power of giving or bequeathing to **Richard Miller**  
any part of my bequests to her, and if she does so this will  
as far respects her to be void and the property and Estate  
to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided among  
my other heirs mentioned.

Lastly, I appoint **William Gay** the Executor of this  
my last will and testament. Signed sealed and acknowledge  
this Twentieth of April one thousand eight hundred and  
sixteen in presence of

Geroge I Niblock

Lewis W. Cowan

Abel Rutledge (seal)(signature)

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Thoughts upon reading:

1. Able Rutledge has no wife or children, but his mother survived him. However, Able has a father-in-law, which infers that his wife has died.
2. Able owned land and a plantation.
3. Able's brother is Isaac Rutledge and Able has sisters.
4. William Gay is Able's brother-in-law. Internet research indicates Abel's sister, Ann, married William Gay, on Aug. 26, 1808. Internet research indicates that in 1806 Ann Rutledge, daughter of John Rutledge, was appointed guardian for two siblings, Abel and Prudence.
5. Who is Richard Miller? Able allows his Mother to dispose of the remainder of his estate, but disallows her from giving Richard Miller any of it. By doing so, he disinherits Richard Miller. Who is Richard Miller to Able?
6. The Will is executed April 12, 1816, and admitted into probate in May 1816, implying that Able died shortly after making the Will.

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