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1805
John Rutledge

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[names bolded for genealogical purposes]

Cowan County St of N. Carolina Decbr 24th of 1804

I **John Rutledge** of the State & County aforesaid being indisposed in body but of a sound mind, calling to mind my mortality do make & ordain this my last will and test: to be as following.

That my **wife** live on my land during her widowhood, and that she have her bed & cloathes and one boy mare & her saddle the mare to be put to a good horse the colt if any thereof to be given to my **son Able**.

My will is that my **son Isaac** have my black coat & waist coat

That my **daughter Margaret** have her bed and cloathes & her spinning wheel & her saddle.

That my **daughter Susanah** have her bed and cloathes her spinning wheel & her saddle.

That my **daughter Ann** have her bed & cloathes & the price of a saddle out my estate & the price of a spinning wheel

My will is that my **son Able** have my black horse and my saddle with all my land & cloathes except the above said

My will is that my **daughter Prudence** have a bed & cloathes & a spinning wheel, and saddle given her out of my estate.

My will is that my three youngest milk cows be kept for the use of the family & all the hogs & sheep & one beef for this winter provisions.

That all the pots & pewter casks & barrels and all water Vessels be kept for the use of the family

That all things not mentioned by sold and all my debts paid & the remainder or such a part as may be sufficient to move the house up to the other side of the spring

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If there by any pluseth let **Abel & Prudence** be scooled
out of the same, and each of them have a Bible given to them
If any remained to be equally divided amongst my legates
I do hereby appoint **A. Champbel & my wife** executors
Of this my last will hereby disannulling all & every other
Will or wills made by me in witness hereof I have here
Unto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.
Signed, sealed and delivered
In presences of
Arch McCahey jus
Nancy Parson

John Rutledge (seal)(signature)

Thoughts upon reading:

1. The date of the Will is December 24, 1804, but it is recorded in the 1805 probate record, implying his death soon after the Will was written.
2. John's wife's name is not mentioned; John's children are: Able, Isaac, Margaret, Susanah, Ann, & Prudence. Able and Prudence are possibly youngest since he is providing for their schooling.
3. John wanted all of his daughter's treated the same in that each have a bed, clothes, spinning wheel, and a saddle.
4. Who is A. Champbel who John appoints as executor? Is that Campbel? Is he related?
5. There is a spring on their land and he wants them to be able to move the house to the other side of the spring.