North Carolina Probate Records 1735-1970 Rowan County, North Carolina Wills 1757-1778, Vol. A Page 196 John Rutledge 1775

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(names bolded for genealogical purposes)

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In the name of God Amen. I **John Rutledge** of Rowan County, in the Province of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind of memory, Thanks be given to God & calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament principally & first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of the Almighty God that gave it to me and my body I recommend to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the direction of my beloved wife and friends nothing doubting but the General Resurrection I shall receive the same. The same again by the mighty power of God, and at touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God bless me with, and I give, devise, and dispose of in manner and as followeth: Item, I will give and bequeath unto my well beloved **wife Elenor** one roan mare, and four pounds proc money due to me from **Robert Dobson** of a remaining part of a bond, being fifteen pounds ten schillings Pennsylvania money, upon Robert Rossberg in Pennsylvania, and also all my beds & bedding & a bed sheets & one large chest and three iron pots & one spinning wheel & one piece of cotton cards and all my bowls, and all my other household goods and also one black and white cow and calf, and five heads of hog and half their [not legible paper torn] corn now growing and what flax there is, and one large Bible [not legible paper torn] the Bible is to be delivered to her son William. I will and

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bequeath unto beloved son John Rutledge the land and improvements whereon I now live provided he will the sum of money I am indebted to Isaac Rutledge now living with John Turnbill where the sum is recoverable by law and if not the said land and improvements to be sold & the before mentioned orphan money to be paid out of price of it & the over plus I desire that my **son John** keeps for his trouble. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son James twenty schillings proc money to be paid by my Executor Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Susanna twenty schillings proc to be paid as before. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph my plough and my plough irons & all the tackling belonging thereto & one blue coat and jacket & two pairs of breeches & 2 pairs of trousers & 2 hats & 2 pairs of shoes & 2 shirts and 1 smoothbore gun. I also give to my son John to let my wife have privilege of the house, and find her bread til next Spring. Item, I constitute and appoint my son John Rutledge my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and I do disallow and disannul and make void all other wills and bequests made are done heretofore by me. Ratifying and allowing this only to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September, 1774. -----N.B. I will & devise 1 cow and their head of cattle be sold and the expense of my funeral to be paid out of the price of them. Signed sealed published & personally in the presence of us. Morgan Bryan) James Wilson (his mark John Rutledge (his mark))

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Thoughts upon reading:

- 1. Who is Robert Dobson? Who is Robert Rossberg in Pennsylvania? Are they related?
- 2. Pennsylvania money is specifically mentioned rather than British money. This is before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- 3. The Bible is to be delivered to "her son William." Is this her son from a previous marriage? Or is this his and her son with the last name of Rutledge?
- 4. Is John the oldest son since he inherited the land and is Executor?
- 5. Isaac Rutledge is living with John Turnbill. It does not say any relationship of Isaac Rutledge. Is that a father, son, uncle, or cousin?
- --There is an Isaac Rutledge who marries Jane Finney on April 15, 1760, and Jane's second husband is John Turnbill.
- 6. John's children are: John, James, Susanna, and Joseph. His wife is Elenore.
- 7. What is "proc" money. Is that the bond? Is that the "orphan money" mentioned? Who was orphaned?

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