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John Rutledge
1775

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(names bolded for genealogical purposes)

May Court)
1775)

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

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 Turnbull** 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)

Evan Ellis)

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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my Estate — Lastly I order and appoint my two Brothers John Rosebrough
and William Rosebrough and Ordain them to be my Lawful Executors and,
I do hereby Disannul all other former wills and Testaments and do make this to be
last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal
the day and Year above Written.

Witness present
John Little

David Hendrey

Samuel^{his} Rosebrough
Mark

And I further I leave and Bequeath unto my three Brothers
John Will & James all my wearing apparel this being done before Signet,
May Court 1775. } In the name of God Amos I John Rutledge of Rowan
County in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak of
body but of perfect mind & Memory Thanks be given to God calling to mind
the Mortality of my body & that it is Appointed for all men once to Die,
do 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 Almighty God,
that gave it me and my body I recommend to the to be Buried in a decent
and Christian like manner at the Discretion of 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 as touching such
worldly Goods as it shall please God to bless me with I give, Devise
and Dispose of in Manner and as followeth: Item I will and Bequeath
unto my well beloved Wife Eleanor one Rowan Mare, and four pound & five
pence Money due to me from Robert Dobson & a remaining Part of a Bond,
being fifteen pounds Ten Shillings Pennsylvania Money upon
Robert Rosebrough Pennsylvania and also all my Beds & Bedding & 2 bedsteads
& one large large Chest and three Chen Pote & one Linning Wheel and 1 pound of
Cotton Cards and all my spindles and all my other Household Goods and also,
one Black and White Cow and calf, and five head of Hogs, and half the
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before mentioned Orphan Money to be paid out of price of it & the over plus
I Desire that my Son John Keep for his Should. Item, I give and Bequeath
unto my Son James Twenty Shillings proc. Money to be paid by my Executor
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Shillings proc. to be paid as before. Item, I give and Bequeath unto
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Whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do disallow
and disannull and make void all other wills and Bequest made or done hereto-
fore by me. Ratifying & allowing this only to be my last Will and Testa-
ment, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this
12 Day of September 1774.

N. B. I will & Devise & Give and the Head of ~~Carter~~ Young cattle
be sold and the Expense of my funeral to be paid out of the price of them
Signed Sealed published and pronounced in the presence of us.
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James & Milson }
Evan Ellis }
John F. Rutledge }
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January 18th 1775
In the Name of God Amen
A Henry Watts of North Carolina Rowan County Quaker, be
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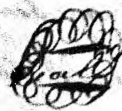
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do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament principally &
first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God
that gave it me and my body I recommend to the to be Buried in a decent
and Christian like manner at the Discretion of beloved Wife and friends
Nothing Doubting but the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
The same againe by the mighty power of God; and as touching such
worldly Goods as it shall please God to bless me with in I give, Devise
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& one large large Chest and three Iron Pots & one Linning Wheel and 1 pair of
Cotton Cards and all my powder, and all my other Household Goods and also,
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Wife & friends Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive
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And also all my bed & Bedding & 2 Bedsteads one large Chest & three Iron Cots & one tinning
Wheelband & Pair of butter pans and all my Caster and all my other House hold Goods and also
one black & white Cow & half of five head of hogs & half the Indian Corn now growing
And what I have there is and one large bible & after her decease this bible to be Delivered
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Shillings Groe money to be Paid by my Executor I term I will & bequeath to my beloved
Daughter Susanna twenty Shillings Groe to be Paid as before I term I Give & bequeath
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Pair of shoes & 2 Mitts & 10 mooth bore Iron Guns Give to my son John 1 white Coat &
Jacket and 1 pair of boots and all by Desire my son John to let my Wife ^{know} & knowledge of the same
And find her bread till her 1st Spring I term I constitute and appoint my beloved son John
Nutledge my Whole & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament & I Do Disallow &
Disavow and make Void all other Wills & bequests made or done heretofore by me
That I Give & Allow this only to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 12 Day of September 1774
At N. B. I Give Devise & Give three head of young cattle befitting the Expense of my Funeral
To be Paid out of the Price of them
Signed sealed Declared Published & Pronounced in the Presence of us

Morgan Morgan
James Wilson
Evan Ellis
John Nutledge
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