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The last Will
& Testament
of Mary Rowland
Beecher

To all to whom these presents shall come know ye that I Mary Rowland Beecher
County. Now in my perfect senses and Memory. Notwithstanding my last Will & Testament
which is recorded in the County Court aforesaid in the Execution of which it was stipulated
and agreed. That provided I myself whose hand & seal is hereunto Perfectly & subscribed
should at any time in my Natural life. Think proper to revoke or disallow any part
of such last Will and Testament. That such Revoking or disallowing should stand good
and effectual in law. Now so it is upon mature deliberation. I do hereby Revoke and
Disallow of so much of my last Will and Testament as shall enslave two negroes, To wit,
Will & Betty his Wife. after my decease, but in every respect to receive emancipation
forever from any of my heirs or legates claiming or holding them the said Will and
Betty in slavery. If the said Negroes as aforesaid are hereby accordingly Emancipated
According to law. as above said. it is further my Request and demand of my heirs &c
that should the said Negroes or either of them survive after my decease. That they have
out of my Estate one fourth part of the dead provisions on hand to support them
Also a Cow &c &c. Also the mare I have now in possession. except her present being
in foal which if it comes to maturity is the Emolument of my Grand Daughter Lucy
Byars. Also the said Negroes are to receive and possess the Chain of the Iron Working tools &c
I possess now to the end that due Justice may be to the Slaves above named in the
Premises aforesaid. I do hereby constitute and Appoint George Rivers & William
Turner my true and Lawfull Attorneys touching the premises aforesaid. To Act
and do every thing that may or can be lawfully done touching the same.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixt my seal
this 17th day of December 1789

Signe Seald & Deliv^d. in presence of
John Salmon }
John Redd }
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Mary M Rowland. L.S.
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