

# **James Rodger**

**Born:** 1797 in Renfrewshire, Scotland

**Emigrated** to Argentina on the S.S. Symmetry in June 1825

**Died:** 1 April 1849, in Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

## **Last Will and Testament**

I, the undersigned, James Rodger, a native of Renfrewshire, Scotland but latterly and at present resident in Buenos Ayres, South America, being in my sound mind, and the full enjoyment of all my mental faculties, although in a very delicate and precarious state of bodily health, do hereby make the following disposition of all my worldly property; declaring it to be my last Will and Testament, and revoking, as null and void, every previous disposition, Will, deed or power, that may be at variance with the provisions of the same.

My wish is that all my property existing in this country should be divided equally, one half to my lawful and well beloved Wife, Euphemia Bryce Rodgers, and the other half in equal proportions to each of our six surviving Children; but as the sale or subdivision of the property would in my opinion, be prejudicial to all the parties interested, I hereby will and appoint the following:---

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Immediately after my death, an Inventory shall be taken, and a valuation made of all my property, that is of the farm "New Caledonia", in the District of San Vicente, with it's houses, plantations, live stock, furniture and everything else, therein contained, constituting property.

2<sup>nd</sup> After deducting from the amount of said valuation, the sum or sums that may be requisite for discharging all my lawful debts, defraying the expenses of my present illness, paying my funeral expenses etc, the one half of net proceeds shall be the share belonging to my said Children; and their respective portions shall be paid to each, on his or her attaining the age of twenty one years, and as a guarantee for their respective shares, no part of the same shall be sold, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of, till all these claims have been settled.

3<sup>rd</sup> All Minors shall continue living with their Mother, the use or interest of their respective shares being understood as an equivalent to her for their maintenance and education; and if any of them die before attaining the age of twenty one years, said share or shares shall be equally sub-divided among the survivors.

4<sup>th</sup> When all these claims have been settled, the property of “New Caledonia” aforesaid shall belong wholly and exclusively to my said Wife, Euphemia Bryce Rodgers.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my lawful well loved Son, James Rodger, all my rights to and interest in a house, situated at the Bacdy Of Wear (Bridge of Weir), Renfrewshire, Scotland, has descended to me by inheritance from my Father, James Rodger, now deceased.

6<sup>th</sup> I here by appoint and constitute my said Wife, Euphemia Bryce Rodger, James Brown, Farmer, Quilmes, James Lawrie, Blacksmith, Buenos Ayres, the Trustees and Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I subscribe the present, in Buenos Ayres, this Ninth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty nine, in presence of the undersigned Witnesses.

James Rodger

Gilbert Ramsay, Witness

Henry Harrath, Witness

Thos Kidd, Witness

William Grierson