

RECORD OF WILLS.

Will of James Eagon

In the Name of God Amen the 30th day of October in the year of our Lord 1737, I, James Eagon of Cape Fear in Bladen Precinct being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefor calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain this my last will and testament: That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Impimus: It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my debts and funeral Charge be payed and Ratified.

Item: I likewise constitute, make and ordain my well beloved friend William Cary my only and sole Executor of this my last will and testament to receive all my lands and all other he the said Cary when payed all debts is to return the rest of any there is unto my dearly beloved wife and daughter. I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, Wills, legacies and Executors by me in any ways before this time made, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

James Eagon

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said James Eagon as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers, Viz:

Thomas Lock

William Bartram

Arthur Daniel

W^m Carolina } March Court 1738
Bladen Prov.

Here are to Certify that this instrument of writing Containing the last will & Testament of James Eagon was proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Lock, Esq. that he saw William Bartram & Arthur Daniel sign a Ordinance thereto at the same time and that the said James Eagon was at that time of sound and disposing memory as also W^m Cary, Executor appeared and took the Oath as by law appointed. Witness: Rice & Hillers, Cks. L^y issued Nov^r 1738.

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Will of Catherine Edwards

In y^e Name of God Amen this Twenty second Day of May in y^e year of our Lord 1755 I Catherine Edwards of Bladen County in North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to Almighty God & calling unto mind y^e mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my soul into y^e hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend it to y^e Earth to be decently buried in a Christian like & decent manner at y^e discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at y^e General Resurrection I shall receive y^e same again by y^e mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise & dispose of y^e same in y^e following manner & form.

Impimus: I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Robert Edwards y^e plantation I formerly lived on Containing one hundred & fifty acres of land with y^e appurtenances thereto pertaining and all my stock of Cattle to be equally divided between Stephen Hollingworth, Valentine Hollingworth & Robert Edwards, my beloved sons and all my debts at Cape Fear I leave unto my son Robert Edwards and all my stock of horses & mares I give unto my grandsons John Hollingworth, Samuel Hollingworth & Isaac Hollingworth to be divided among them at y^e discretion of their father and all my pewter knives & forks with other my household goods to be equally divided between Valentine Hollingworth & Robert Edwards excepting two iron pots to Robert and all my wearing apparel to Ann Sutton, my daughter, one gold ring, one English Half Crown and some other small pieces in a purse I leave to my son Robert. And what Cattle I have here to be equally divided among my Daughter Ann's Sons and what money I have due from Valentine Hollingworth which is one Guinea one Pistole and twenty six shillings & 6^p I will be equally divided between Ann Sutton & Robert Edwards my bed & furniture at Cape Fear I leave to Robert Edwards & my bed Clothe here to Ann Sutton and I do hereby make & ordain Robert Edwards & Valentine Hollingworth my Executors of this my last will & Testament allowing this only to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Catherine Edwards

Signed, Sealed & declared in y^e presence of

James
Jeremiah
Ann
Mark

Bladen County } The within will of Catherine Edwards was proved
October Court 1755 } by the oath of Edward in open Court.