

In the name of God Amen

I, James Dowey of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 1811.

Make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say,

First after all my just dues are paid and particularly a bond held by my son Robert Dowey bearing date the 26th day of April in the year of our Lord 1809, in fifteen hundred and fifty dollars it is my whole and sole desire that it should be paid.

I will and bequeath the remainder of my estate to my beloved wife Mary Dowey, unto my beloved son unto my beloved daughter Robert Dowey and Nancy McKay, to be divided amongst the three above named persons.

And hereby make and ordain my worthy friends David Lloyd and my son Robert Dowey Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said James Dowey have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Delivered by the said James Dowey the Testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

William Simpson } James Dowey (Seal)
James Simpson }

I acknowledge that the within will may be admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of James Dowey who has subscribed his name within first of February 1812.

Witness.

David Lloyd.

Mary Dowey.

In the name of God Amen.

I Charles Edwards of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say:-

First

I give and bequeath two hundred acres of land on Back head Swamp including the plantation one but head of, to James Edwards four hundred and thirty five acres of land including the plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided between Charles Edwards and John Edwards, only Lydia my wife to have her dower in the plantation her life time or during her widowhood, one brown ox to John Edwards, one red brindled ox to Charles Edwards, the plows and iron tools to be equally divided between the three boys, one feather bed some small furniture to Elizabeth Edwards, one feather bed and some small furniture to Lizzie Edwards, one feather bed and some small furniture to Susannah, one feather bed to Lydia during her life or widowhood and then to Charles all the land belonging to me on the west side of Bear Swamp to be sold and equally divided between James, Elizabeth, Charles, John and Susannah the household furniture to be equally divided between the aforesaid six children.

Lydia to have her dower during her life or widowhood, one shot gun to James and two guns for both the other two boys, one sorrel mare to Charles and her first colt to John.

All the stock of cattle and hogs to be sold and equally divided between the six children and Lydia to have her part during her widowhood except twenty five dollars in money to be taken out of the cattle for Mary Reeves her life time and then to go to her daughter Sarah the bed and couch one pillow that I lent to Mary Reeves at her death to go to her daughter Sarah.