

George Williams died. Vizt Samuel, Charles, George & William and that the Money that shall
belong to the said Children be immediately put into the hands of some substantial Person who will
take the same on Indent giving Security to pay the Children both Principal and Interest as they come
of lawful Age. Lastly nominated and appointed my son William Williams my whole & sole Executor
of this my last Will and Testament declaring this and none other to be my last Will
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 11th day of September A.D.
1761 Signed, Sealed and declared In presence of us George Cradup, Susilla Cradup
John Warrord, Jane Williams (Wife)

Halifax County Superior Court 1761 The Will was exhibited in open Court in full
and duly proved by the oath of John Warrord one of the subscribing Witnesses thereof who has felt
did say he saw Jane Williams Sign, Seal and acknowledge the above last Will and Testament
and that he likewise saw George and Susilla Cradup the other two subscribing Witnesses, sign
the said Will as Witnesses thereto whereupon William Williams the Executor named in the said
Will was duly qualified by taking the oath approved by law and on Motion ordered he read the
Last

John Warrord Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Edwards of Halifax County
in North Carolina being sick and weak of Body yet of perfect Senes and knowing thanks
to God for the consideration that I have and have in uncertain Fortune and ordain this my last
Will and Testament Vizt I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it me and my Body
I leave and leave the Earth at the Discretion of my Executors, as far as my worldly Estate I give to my wife Susilla
and dispose of the same in the following manner. Vizt I give and bequeath to my Son
John Edwards the Plantation that I had of my Brother Henry Edwards, with one hundred Acres
of land belonging thereto be the same more or less. Also I give and bequeath to my Son
John Edwards the one hundred and fifty Acres of land
lying on Sleep Creek it being bounded by Mrs. Withers to the east, more or less to him his heirs
and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my Son Brown Edwards the
Plantation whereon I now live with one hundred and twenty five Acres of land belonging
thereto be the same more or less to him his heirs and assigns forever. I give and
bequeath to my Son Jacob Edwards the Parcel or Piece of Land I sold to John Moore and took it
again containing the hundred and fifty Acres of land belonging thereto be the same more or less
lying Between Edwards's line and Thomas Harris's and Abraham Whitehead's line and his

Know all men. Here I Give and bequeath to my Wife Lidea Edwards one Cow and calf, Item
I Give and bequeath to my three Boys Vizt. John Edwards Brown Edwards, and Jacob Edwards
and my two Daughters Vizt. Mary Edwards and Martha Edwards all the Rest and Residue of my
Estate to be equally divided between them and my Will is that either of them should die
without Issue and under the Age of Twentyone Years that the Survivors or Survivors of the
said Children should inherit and divide the said Estate that belonged to them by their
Latter bequest. Item it is my Will that my three Children Vizt. John, Brown, & Martha
that John should live with his Uncle Britaine Edwards and Brown with his Uncle
Nathan Brown and Martha with Aaron Coldmond, Lastly I appoint John
Whitaker Senr, and Robert Whitaker and Joel Lane Executors of this my last
Will and Testament, and do hereby invest them with Authority and Power to sell
the moveable part of that Estate and the money so derived themselves equally among the said
Children as quick as possible after my bequest and do impower them to take the Personal
Estate in their own Possession, the Child then come to the Age one by one and divide these several
portions of them should be brought and have out the said sum every four years day and
the money so arising be returned to the said Heirs of the Children to be applied to the
Instructing of their Education and to hereby be amended every other former Will and
Testament and do ratify and confirm this and nothing in my last Will and Testament. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifth day of April, in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four. Samuel Edwards *Test*
Signed, Sealed, published, and declared in the presence of us Jesse Sligo, William
Sligo, Britain Edwards, John ^{his} _{man} Harre.

Halifax July 9th 1764 This Will was
exhibited in open Court, ore oath and duly proved by the oaths of Jesse Sligo Wm Sligo
and Britain ^{Witnesses} three of the subscribing witnesses that do shew that both did say they
saw Samuel Edwards the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be his
last Will and Testament and that they likewise saw John Harre the other subscribing
witness, sign the said Will as a witness thereto, whereupon. Wm Whitaker Senr, Robert
Whitaker and Joel Lane the Executors named in the said Will were duly qualify-
ed by taking the Oath by Law appointed and on Motion ordered to be recorded
Test J. P. Sligo J. P. Allen

In the Name of God Amen. I Give these Dear Graces of Halifax Town