

made and I declare this only to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I do put my hand & affix my seal this 7th day of June 1780.

Signed and sealed and acknowledged } Simon Edwards
in the presence of

Michael Groover
Simon Spight
Richard Reynolds

State of North Carolina. Jones County Court Dec^r Term 1781

Then was the within being the last Will & Testament of Simon Edwards dec^d. duly proved in open Court by the oath of Simon Spight one of the subscribing witnesses and John Allen esq^r one of the Executors therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law.

Order that Letters issue accordingly

Test Lth Fuller C.C.

In the name of God Amen I John Stephens of Jones County being in a weak and low state of health but of sound mind and memory hath called to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die so make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first of all I resign my soul to God who gave and commit my body to the Earth of which it was made at first to be buried in a Christian like manner and as for those worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I leave in form and manner following.

Item I leave to my wife Elizabeth Stephens the use of all my Estate during her natural life in a peaceable and quiet Possession and when ever it shall Please God to take her out of this Transitory life it is my Will and desire that my son Joseph Stephens and

George Stephens do divide my Land equally between them and as for the rest of my Estate it is my Will it should be equally divided between them and the rest of my heirs and Viz^t Joseph, George, Bessie, Mary, Rachel, Nancy, Sarah except one Silver candle Stand & one feather Bed & Furniture which I give unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Harris and lastly I do nominate and appoint Joseph Stephens, George Stephens and my wife Elizabeth Executors & Executrix of this my last Will & Testament revoking all other former Wills and acknowledge this my last Will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of March One thousand seven hundred and eighty two in presence of

George Hendry Sen^r

Joshua Dennis

George Hendry Jun^r

John Stephens

Jones County Court March Term 1782

Then was the within Will duly proved by the oath of Joshua Dennis one of the subscribing witnesses and Joseph & George Stephens the Ex^{rs} therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law

Test Lth Fuller C.C.

March 15th Anno Domini 1782
In the name of God Amen I George Clark of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and following Viz^t First I recommend my soul to God my Creator & my Jesus Christ our Great Redeemer and humbly pray that with grateful sense & acknowledgments of all the mercies

of this life I may receive thought and comfort in the
 hour of Death from a lively and assured hope of a blessed
 immortality with the Saints in Light, my Body I com-
 mit to the Earth with decent burial at the discretion
 of my Exec^{rs}. I declare named and desired of my
 substance in manner following, to (wit) my will and
 desire is that all my just debts be first paid by my
 Executors. —

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
 the Plantation whereon I now live with the Mill and
 every improvement thereon during her natural life
 and also I give unto my loving wife all my lands
 on the head of the Beaver Dam during her natural
 life, my will and desire is that my lands on White
 Oak be sold by my Executors and the money arising
 from such sale remain in the hands of my Exec^{rs}
 for the use of my wife and children my will and
 desire is that my part of the Right now on the stocks
 be sold by my Exec^{rs}. —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother Eliza-
 beth Clark of Virginia two hundred and ninety acres
 of Land lying on the south side of Great Rich Branch
 -with County in Virginia) to him his heirs and af-
 fairs forever, my will is that all my Slaves with the
 remainder of my Estate not before bequeathed be and
 remain in the hands of my Loving wife until my
 eldest Daughter Elizabeth Clark shall arrive to age
 or marry which ever shall first happen, then my will
 and desire is that all my Slaves and all my personal

shall be equally divided between my Loving wife Mary
 and my two Daughters Elizabeth and Ann Clark.
 Item The Plantation whereon I now live and all my lands
 The head of Beaver Dam in the County of Loud, after the
 death of my loving wife Mary I give and bequeath unto
 my two Daughters Elizabeth and Ann to them their heirs
 and assigns forever to be equally divided between them
 and I do hereby appoint my loving wife Mary Clark and
 my Friend Andrew Blanchard Executors of this my
 last will and Testament and touching all former wills
 by me made, I renounce them to be my last will and Tes-
 tament.

Signed Sealed and Published
 in the presence of us

James H. Gray

Wm. Williamson, Elizabeth Clark

State of Virginia, County of Loud, June Term 1788.
 Then was the Last Will & Testament of George Clark do-
 duly proved in Court by the Oath of James Gray and
 William Williamson who swore that the adjoining in-
 strument of writing was signed sealed & Published in the
 presence of the said George Clark at his last will & Testa-
 ment and that he was of sound mind at the signing
 of the same Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue

James H. Gray

At the same time Andrew Blanchard of the Es-
 tate named Qualified as such a executor to said

James H. Gray