Last Will and Testament of John Edwards deceased.

North Carolina }
Nash County } April 25, 1877.

In the name of God. Amen.

I John Edwards, being of sound disposing mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of life do this day make & declare this my last will & testament which is as follows;

Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Mary J. Edwards all my lands which is about one hundred eighty acres more or less to have & to hold her life time or widowhood and then after her death the said land is to belong to my son Atlas B. Edwards.

Item 2nd my will is that my daughter Eliza shall have a bed & furniture and a Bureau that she now claims.

Item 3rd I give to my son Atlas B. Edwards my blased face filly.

Item 4th I will my beloved wife Mary J. Edwards all my household & kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed off to have during her life time and after

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Item 4th I will my beloved wife Mary J. Edwards all my household & kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of to have during her life time and after her death it shall be sold & divided among all my children share & share alike.

Item 5th my will is that my Executor sell all my personal property not otherwise disposed of & pay all my just debts and the balance of the money be divided between all my children share & share alike.

Item 6th my will is that my son John W. Edwards, act as Executor to my will & I hereby appoint as such with full power to act as prescribed by law.

I this day declare this to be my last will, declaring all former wills by me made to be null & void given under my hand & seal this 25 day of April 1877. Published & declared by the testator to be his last will in the presence us who subscribe our names as witnesses.

Calvin Thomas
G. W. Thomas

John Edwards [Seal]

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Last Will and Testament of John Edwards dec'd Con'd

State of North Carolina }
Union County } 10 August 1877.

Then was the foregoing Paper was offered for Probate in open Court by John W. Edwards the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof was proven by the oaths of Thomas R. G. W. Thomas the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Probate Court that the foregoing Paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of John Edwards dec'd and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed And the said John W. Edwards the Executor therein named was duly qualified as such by taking the oaths as prescribed by law. This 10th day of August A. D. 1877.

G. W. Flow P. J.