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Gray Edwards
Wills

In the name of God Amen I Gray Edwards of the County of
Annamick being weak in body but sound in mind & memory do make & declare
this my last will & Testament and bequeath my soul to almighty God in hope of
salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and as for my worldly goods I bequeath
I give & dispose of them in the following manner I give unto my beloved
wife Elizabeth all my estate after paying my just debts untill my deat. childe becomes
twenty years of age at which time I lent to my wife Elizabeth during her life
or widowhood Eight Negroes namely, Jacob Dick, Catib, Salt, Caty, Minny
Sarah & Ben and the land whereon I now live and the stock of all my
plantation Utensils and all the household & Kitchen furniture which I
am possid of and after the determination thereof for the same and the profits
arising therefrom to be equally divided between my seven children, Thomas
Matthe Gray William John Benjamin & Nancy I give bequeath unto
seven children as above named all the residue of my Negroes in the following
manner I give unto my son Thomas Edwards when he arrives to the age
of Twenty years one seventh part of the negroes which has not already been disposed
of for an equal division to be made of the said Negroes & for him to have choice
of proportions & furniture that he shall have a feather bed & furniture
which he arrives to Twenty years of Age which property I give unto him
and his heirs forever I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Martha &
Edwards when she arrives to the age of Twenty years one seventh
part of the negroes not already disposed of for an equal division to be made
and to take choice of proportions & one feather bed & furniture which I give
I give to her then her heirs forever and their increase I give & bequeath unto
my son Gray Edwards as soon as he arrives to the age of Twenty years one fifth
part of the negroes which has not been already been disposed of for an equal
division to be made for him to have choice of proportions & one feather bed
& furniture which I give to him this his forever & their increase I give
I give & bequeath unto my son William Edwards when he arrives to the age
of Twenty years one fourth part of the negroes not already disposed of for
an equal division to be made for him to have choice of proportions & one
feather bed & furniture which I give to him this his forever and
their increase I give & bequeath to my son John Edwards one third
part of the negroes which is not already disposed of one feather bed &
furniture when he arrives to the age of Twenty years for an equal

amount to be made for him to have choice of proportions which I give to him & his heirs
 forever & their increase I give & bequeath unto my son Benjamin Edwards when
 he arrives to the age of twenty years one half of the negroes not already disposed of
 for them to be equally divided and for him to have choice of proportions &
 one fourth of the furniture which I give to him and his heirs forever and
 their increase I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Edwards
 when she marries or when she arrives to the age of twenty years the balance of
 the negroes not disposed of & one fourth of the furniture to her & her heirs
 forever and their increase my will is that my wife Elizabeth shall keep all the
 negroes together until the children take them away by division or alienation
 and the children until they arrive to the age of twenty years and the said
 children should have a maintenance until then from the estate she has in
 possession and my will is that the debts due me should be satisfied and
 converted to the use of discharging debts against the estate my will is
 that if one of the children should die after the first division between my
 children their part of my estate or the part that would fall to them should be
 equally divided between all the balance of my children my will is that
 there should be an appraisement made of my estate but that there should be
 an inventory taken whereof two copies to be made one with Testament
 and John Beverly Beardslee & disavow all other Wills made by me & that my
 the Testator have the same affixed his hand and seal that the Six say of the Court
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven

Signed Sealed & Delivered
 in presence of
 Gray Edwards (Jr)

Jno Westmoreland }
 Benjamin Ingram }
 Elizabeth J. Westmoreland }
 the estate full the children to Georgia & whatever property is sold for the purpose
 of moving to Georgia shall be sold for the purpose of replacing the same in the state
 of Georgia
 Gray Edwards

Brunswick County Court October 24th 1800

This last Will & Testament of Gray Edwards dec^d was proved by the oath of
 the witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded & ~~the~~ being no Executor
 therein appointed on the motion of Elizabeth Edwards widow of the said
 decedent who made oath thereto according to law together with

