

Francis Green dec^d was proved by the Oaths of Joseph Topley Warrum
one of the Witnesses thereto and having been proved on the 26th day of
December 1796 by the Oath of Henry Robinson also a Witness thereto
the same is ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of Henry
Cruttenden the Executor therein named he having made Oath accor-
ding to Law, and together with Benjamin Bass and Theophilus
Harrison his Securities entered into and acknowledged Bonds
in the penalty of one thousand pounds with condition as the Law
directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in
due form
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John Edmunds
1796

In the Name of God Amen I John Flood Edmunds of the County
of Brunswick & parish of St. Andrews being of sound Mind and
Memory do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament in
form and Manner following To wit) I Impresis I leave to my
belov'd wife Lucy Edmunds during her natural life the
Plantation and that part of the Tract of Land I now live on lying
to the Eastward of the reedy Branch and of a line to be run from
the head of the said Branch a North Course to the line which
was formerly Richard Bagwells. I also leave to my said wife
during her natural life the use of the following Slaves To wit
great Rob. Frank, Old Ned, Judy, Tall, Claris, & Hannah and at her decease
I give & Bequeath the said Slaves to my Sons John Flood Edmunds
James & William Sanning Edmunds to them their & Assigns forever
to be equally divided among them. Item I give & Bequeath
to my said wife Lucy my Negro Woman Fanny & her three Chil-
dren Duncan, Amos & Delsy my Cockie, Waggon, Blacksmiths
Tools, plantation, utensils my household stuff of all kinds as it
now stands all my stock of horses Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, both at the
Plantation whereon I live & at my Quarter in the Occaneekey neck
in North Carolina to be disposed of as she thinks proper Item I give
and Bequeath to my Son John Flood Edmunds my Tract of

of land on Birchs Creek in Halifax County containing
 eight Hundred acres devised to me by my Father also the
 following Slaves, great Asham, Peter & Bet^{ty} Manson (sons
 of Slaves) & Peter (son of Faithy) to him & his Heirs forever
 I then I give & Bequeath to my son James Edmunds all
 that part of the Tract of land I now live on which lies to the
 West of the reedy Branch & of a line to be run from the head of
 said Branch a north course to the line formerly Richard
 Bagwells; also three Hundred acres of my tract of land in
 the Occaneekey neck in Carolina to be laid off at the
 upper end thereof next to Webb's line & to begin at Mery
 Meadows & to run a strait line for quantity across to
 Clarke's Meadows; & also at my wifes decease all that
 part of the tract of land I now live on left to my wife during
 Life to him & his Heirs & assigns forever I also give & Bequeath
 to my son James — — — one half of my Negroes with their
 Increase on my Plantation in the Occaneekey neck afores.
 & one Negro Boy named Tom to him his Heirs & assigns forever
 I then I give and Bequeath to my son William Tanning
 Edmunds all the residue of my said Tract of land
 in the Occaneekey neck in Carolina after laying
 off Three Hundred acres to my son James as above
 Mentioned containing by estimation four Hundred & Thirty two
 acres also one other Tract lying in Carolina on the Occaneekey
 Swamp containing four Hundred & Seventeen acres pur-
 chased of by my Father of Joe Barber & devised to me) to
 him & his Heirs & assigns forever I also give and Bequeath
 to my said son William one half of my Negroes with their
 increase on my plantation in the Occaneekey neck afores.
 & one Negro Boy named Luke to him & his Heirs & assigns
 forever I then I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
 Lewis the Negroes in her possession which she has re-
 ceived from me also my Negro Men Phoderick &
 — — — to her & assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Edmunds
my Negro woman Sarah & her children and Randall & Lucy and
one Hundred & fifty pounds in Money to her & her Heirs & assigns forever
Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter
Melia Edmunds my Negroes little Isham, Eady, & her children
& Licia and one Hundred & fifty pounds in Money to her &
her Heirs & assigns forever
Item I give & bequeath to my
Daughter Susan Edmunds my Negroes Violet, Fed, Charles
son of Winney & Mason & her children and one Hundred and
fifty pounds in Money to her & her Heirs & assigns forever
Item I have my half of the Mice on the great Creek with
the land & every thing else appertaining thereto which I hold
in Partnership with Sterling Edmunds to be sold & the Money
arising from the Sale thereof to be applied towards the pay-
ments of my daughters legacies
Item should either of my sons
die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years or Marry in that
Case I give the lands hereby devised to them to my Surviving
sons and their Negroes to my Daughters to be equally divided
between them their Heirs & assigns forever
And should either
of my daughters die before they arrive to the age of Twenty one
years or Marry I then give the Negroes hereby devised to them and
their Money legacies to my Surviving daughters to be equally
divided between their Heirs & assigns forever
Item notwithstanding
the foregoing devises my Will is & I do direct that all my estate
be kept together on my several plantations for the purpose of main-
taining my wife & children & my childrens education & for the pay-
ment of the Money legacies left my Daughters & that my daughters
take out their portion of Negroes & such other part of the per-
sonal Estate as my wife shall think proper to give them whenever they
Marry and that my sons take their parts in the same Money whenever
they Marry or arrive to the age of Twenty one years respectively And if
the profits of the Estate with the monies owing to me should be
more than sufficient for the above mentioned purposes & for the

payment of my debts I leave the surplus to the disposal of my wife and in case of her death I give it to be equally divided among all my daughters. Item I desire that there be no appraisement of my Estate. Lastly I do appoint my wife & my Brother Sterling Edmunds my son in law Benjamin Lewis & my son John F Edmunds when he arrives to the age of Twenty one years Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & making Void all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 14th day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven

Signed Sealed acknow-
ledged published and
declared by the Testator as
his last Will & Testament In

John Flood Edmunds

presence of

The words "on, in page 2^d line 7th"
was underlined before signed
also the words "a girl named Lizza"
in 29 line of same Page

Thomas Edmunds

John Orgain

In^o L Wilkins

Nicholas Edmunds

Brunswick County Court April 24th 1797
This last Will & Testament
of John Flood Edmunds dec^d
was proved by the oaths of
John Orgain and Nicholas
Edmunds witnesses thereto &
ordered to be Recorded

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C B Jones & Co

Page Thomas
Will

In the Name of God Amen The fifteenth day of February
in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety
I George Hermon of Brunswick County being very sick and
weak in Body but of a perfect mind & Memory & calling to mind
the mortality of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men
once to die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that
I do say principally & first of all I recommend my Soul into
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