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In the name of God, Amen! I John M Edwards, of the County of Buckingham State of Virginia, being in the Seventy second year of my age and being of sound and disposing mind but my body beginning to feel the ravages of time, do make, and declare, and publish, this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other former last wills & testaments if any

1st It is my desire, that I be buried with as little show and expense as decency will permit

2nd It is my desire that my executors hereinafter named will pay all of my funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be

3rd It is my desire that all of my just debts be paid as soon as convenient

4th
I give to my beloved son Wm L Edwards The following described property in fee simple my interest in the tract of land containing two hundred and twenty acres owned jointly with my late partner Jno J Roberts deceased said interest consisting of 1/2 of the above land known as the Old Person Tract The house and lot containing 14 acres upon which he now resides also one half of the tract of land adjoining the Old Dominion Slate Mining Co. the Est of Jno J Roberts & others containing forty three (43) acres also a tract of one hundred and eleven acres of wood land adjoining the lands of W J Hudgins & others, together with the following personal property, to wit: two horses with two horse wagon and harness one buggy and harness for same, all of my tools used in quarrying slate one set of plow harness, all of my sheep and one cow, also the Organ now in my house.

5th
I give to my daughter Virginia M Hughes in fee simple free from the debt or control of her husband as if she were a "feme sole" the following property both real & personal and mixed to wit: The house and lot on which I now reside containing six acres together with all other buildings and appurtenances on said lot, the building now occupied by us as an office

I give to my daughter Virginia M Hughes in fee simple free from the debts or control of her husband as if she were a "feme sole" the following property both real & personal and mixed to wit; The house and lot on which I now reside containing six acres together with all other buildings and appurtenances on said lot, the building now occupied by us as an office is situated upon the lot, but it is my desire that my son W^m G Edwards if he so desires may occupy the same as an Office so long as he may deem necessary or wish.

It is my desire that my daughter Virginia M and Hughes, shall have whatever stock of goods there may be on hand in my store at the time of my death; the said stock shall not be of less than three thousand and five hundred dollars in value.

I also give to my daughter Virginia M and Hughes all of my household and kitchen furniture, also one horse, one cow and all of the hogs and chickens I may have at the time of my death. The horse is named John.
6th

I give to my daughter Jane S Jones in fee simple, free from the debts or control of her husband as if she were a "feme sole" The following property both real and personal and mixed to wit; All of my interest in the tract of land known as Fontaine field containing two hundred and nineteen acres owned jointly with my late partner Jno J Roberts dec^d my said interest being an undivided one half of the said tract, also one hundred and thirty five acres of land on Rocky Creek purchased of the late Thos H Ford dec^d, also thirty acres of land lying in what is called Sycamore town in which Jno Barent (old) now resides, also four notes made and drawn by P. S. Jones being for the deferred payments on the house and lot on which the said P. S. Jones now resides, and when the said notes are paid I desire my executor W^m G Edwards here in after named as one of my executors to execute the proper conveyance to complete the title.
27th

I give to my grandson Jno W Pierce the following property to wit: the house

and let containing twenty two and one half acres in the County of Cumberland near Fannettsville in fee simple, the plat I have given the proper meter & bounds 8th

It is my desire, that all the notes, bonds, mortgages and all choses in action, and all estate I may die seized and possessed, be converted into money and the proceeds together with all monies I have in the State Bank of Richmond Va all monies I have in the Security Bank of Richmond Va and all monies I have in the First National Bank of Lynchburg, be divided as follows: one third to W^m G Edwards, one third to Virginia Mand Hughes and the remaining one third to Jani S Jones to share and share alike in the disposition of the property mentioned in the 8th clause of my will. The four notes mentioned in the 6th clause of this my will are not included in the notes disposed of above and my Executors have no control over them.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son W^m G Edwards and my son in law Phil S Jones my executors and respectfully request the Court to allow them to qualify as such without giving security.

In witness whereof, I the testator, Jno W Edwards have hereto set my hand and seal this third day of December 1898

J. W. Edwards. Seal

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the testator Jno W Edwards, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Codocil

No 1

W B Nicholas

A L Pitts

On an examination of this my last will and testament I see that I have failed to dispose of a tract of land containing fifty three and $\frac{3}{4}$ acres purchased of the late Samuel Williams decd. It is my desire that my daughter Virginia Mand

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W. B. Nicholas
A. L. Pitts

On an examination of this my last will and testament I see that I have failed to dispose of a tract of land containing fifty three and 3/4 acres purchased of the late Samuel Williams decd. It is my desire that my daughter Virginia Maud Houghes shall have this tract of land in addition to the bequest mentioned in clause 5 in the body of my will and upon the same terms and conditions mentioned in said clause 5 mentioned above

Given under my hand and seal this third day of December 1898

J. W. Edwards (seal)

Witnesses to

Codicil No 1

W. B. Nicholas

A. L. Pitts

At a County Court continued and held for Buckingham County on the 12th day of March 1901.

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J. W. Edwards deceased with a codicil annexed was this day produced in Court and formally proved as well the said will as codicil by the oath of W. B. Nicholas, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and continued for further proof as to A. L. Pitts the other subscribing witness thereto. And at another day, to wit: At a County Court continued and held for said County on the 13th day of March 1901, the said will and codicil was again produced in Court and fully proved by the oath of A. L. Pitts the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of J. W. Edwards, decd. and in the motion of W. B. Edwards, one of the executors named in said will (P. 8)

Jones the other executor named in said will refusing to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof) who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$20,000, conditioned as the law directs (without security, the testator by his will directing that none should be required) certificate is granted the said Wm. L. Edwards for obtaining a Probate of said will and Codicil in due form.

Teste: P. A. Forbes, Clerk

Omnibus Quorum Interest:

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We the undersigned, appointed by the Judge of the County Court of Buckingham, State of Virginia to appraise certain properties of the late John W. Edwards do hereby report as follows:

We find the fair value of the sundry items coming under the general merchandise account to be

Notes, whose full face value we believe can be collected -

Notes, of which we have reason to believe that about 60% can be collected

School Warrants -

Cash on hand in Richmond and Lynchburg Banks,

Slats, 293 Squares, worth f. o. b. Cas.

Good open accounts

Doubtful accounts - \$3660.00 which we believe worth fully

\$	3211	79
\$	9174	31
\$	1648	22
\$	155	00
\$	1385	16
\$	515	00
\$	1550	
\$	1800	

On some other open accounts we do not feel justified in fixing any value whatever, it being only barely possible to collect part of any of them.

It is our honest conviction that the valuations we have made are just and fair to all parties concerned. If anything has been omitted it is because we have no knowledge of its existence.

W. L. Edwards and seals the twenty first day of March Nineteen Hundred and one.