

IN the name of God amen, I, Edmond Gedwin of Chuskatuck, being very sick & weak, but in perfect sense & memory do make this my last will & Testament. First, I give my soul to God & my body to the earth to be decently buried and as for my worldly estate I give as followeth:

First, I give unto my loving wife that plantation whereon I now live and all priviledges thereunto Belonging, during her life & after her death to my youngest son William Gedwin & the heirs of his Body lawfully begetten forever in case he dieth without such heirs then to return to his Brother Samuel Gedwin and his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my loving wife the choice of all my negrees and a good feather bed & furniture. Item, I give to my son Samuel Gedwin that plantation whereon John Vickers lives on & all priviledges thereunto belonging to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begetten forever, for want of such heirs, then to return to his brother, William Gedwin & his heirs forever. Now, I give unto my son Edmond Gedwin half that tract of land whereon John Knowls lives on to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begetten forever, for want of such heirs then to return to his Brother Joseph Gedwin & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my daughter Sarah Gedwin and Elizabeth Gedwin, the remaining part of that land whereon John Knowls lives on to be equally divided between them & their heirs forever. Item, I give unto my son Joseph Gedwin the plantation I bought of Joseph Carbell to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begetten forever & for want of such heirs then to return to his brother Edmond Gedwin & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my daughter Martha Gedwin one negre girl called Jane to her forever, to be delivered after ye death of her mother. Item, I give unto my daughter Sarah Gedwin one negre girl, called Cate to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my daughter Patience Gedwin one negre boy, called Will, to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my two daughters Margett Gedwin and Mary Gedwin that plantation at the Beaver Dam to be equally divided between them & their heirs forever. Item, I give unto my son Thomas Gedwin Twenty Shillings & for the rest of my estate in what nature soever, negrees & other goods I give unto my loving wife & children Sarah Gedwin, Eliza Gedwin, Patience Gedwin, Joseph Gedwin, Margett Gedwin, Edmd. Gedwin, Saml. Gedwin, Wm. Gedwin to be equally divided between them share & share alike. I do also appoint my loving wife to be my whole & sole Executrix to see this my will performed. In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 21st: day of Feby: 1712.

Signed, Sealed & delivered  
in the presents of us

Edmond Gedwin

(SEAL)

Witnesses

Thos Gedwin

Elizabeth Gedwin

death of her mother. Item, I give unto my daughter Sarah Godwin one negro  
Cate to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my daughter Patience Godwin one negro  
boy, called Will, to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my two daughters Margett  
Godwin and Mary Godwin that plantation at the Beaver Dams to be equally divided between  
them & their heirs forever. Item, I give unto my son Thomas Godwin Twenty Shillings  
& for the rest of my estate in what nature soever, negroes & other goods I give unto my  
loving wife & children Sarah Godwin, Eliza Godwin, Patience Godwin, Joseph Godwin,  
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Witnesses —

Thos Godwin

Elizabeth Godwin

William Corbell

Wm. Wilkinson, Junr.

Edmond Godwin

(SEAL)

At a Court held for Nansmond County June the 24th 1713. The last will & testament of  
Edmd. Godwin dec'd was presented in Court by Sarah Godwin, his Ex'x. who made oath there-  
-to & being proved by the oaths of Thos. Godwin, Wm. Corbell & Wm. Wilkinson Junr. is  
admitted to record, on the motion of the sd. Sarah Godwin & her performing what is  
usual in such cases, certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due  
form.

Test— W. Ragdale, Dy. Cler.

Truly recorded Test: Mch<sup>l</sup>. Archer Cl. Cur.  
A copy

Teste, Peter B. Prentiss Clerk.

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of Nansmond County Circuit Court, the 13th day of April  
1913.

The foregoing Copy of Will with certificates thereon was produced by Miss Mildred M.  
Holladay to the Clerk of said Court and on her application is recorded anew, the Will  
Book from which the same was copied having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's  
Office and the records on the 7th day of February, 1866.

Teste:

G. E. Bunting, Clerk  
By, Ruby V. Benton  
D C.