

signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said John, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

James M. Lewis (Witness)
O. J. Lawrence

121 I John Edwards of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and give declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First that my Executors Executors names shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, interest and themselves owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part & parcel of my estate, I do give and devise to my beloved wife Mary During her natural life, the first purchase of my land viz hundred and five acres of including all the improvements on the same also Forty five acres of land lying the above named lands on the west side Cherry wood land, also my Negro woman named Pex and Negro boy called one Will Cow, one grey Horse, one Carriage wagon and goats six head of sheep her choice, one sow and her pigs and five hogs Pigs her choice, my large Bible, two Bibles and furniture all the kitchen furniture, Cutlery and Blue Pots & all of one chest, six Chairs one Wheel & Cards one Loom goats & Hocks, also Iron & Whisk sufficient to do her and her family twice a month, also Sugar and Coffee Sifts, pepper & spice & ginger, two ploughs, two hoes, hay fork, Shovel, two Saws, one Sichel, wash tubs two water pails, White Duckett one Iron tooth Havers, fifty pounds of Indian Cotton, also a reasonable portion of Sweet & Fresh potatoes, and I will and devise to my children as follows, I will to my daughter Sally behard, and her bodily heirs one Negro girl named Jane, I will to my son Harbert Edwards one Negro boy named Tim, I will to my son Lewis Edwards one Negro boy named Sam, I will to my son Miles Edwards one Negro boy named Bradford I will to my son Jacob Edwards one Negro girl named Abigail I will to my daughter Emory Edwards one Negro girl named Pexelia I will to my son Gray Edwards one Negro boy named Thomas I also will to my two sons Lewis Edwards & Perry Edwards at the Decease of my wife Mary the two Negroes will to her during her life Lewis to get Increase for Increase if any from this Date and I will to have the Negro boy named Albert and also Negroes Pauline

+ Albert to be equally by these Disinterested Persons, and the valuation, to be Equally
Divided between my five sons that is to say Harbert, Jacob, Lewis, Miles, and Emory
Edwards. 1st I will to my son John Edwards I bequeath his bodily Wors Two Hundred
Dollars, 10th I will to my Ephraim Edwards Two Hundred Dollars,
11th I will to my son Lewis Edwards I bequeath to his bodily Wors one Hundred
Dollars also one Hundred Dollars which I agreed to pay for expenses in bringing
the widow & children to N Carolina, the last named Hundred Dollars to go to the
Wife and to make the above named Two Hundred Dollars, I wish my
Executors to sell the following Described Land at public and Sale, all
the Land lying on the East Side of the Old Church Road, joining Wilsons Grounds
Each of my sons I have give a horse (beast heretofore, I also will to each of my
sons, Jacob, Lewis, Miles, and Emory, one Bed and Furniture also to my Daughter
Emory one (Bed & Furniture) I also will to my sons Harbert Edwards &
Ephraim Edwards Lewis Edwards Ephraim Edwards Miles Edwards, and my
also My Daughter Emory Edwards, all my Lands & Town to not otherwise
disposed of to be Equally Divided among my last named five sons and my Daughter
Emory, and after the death of my wife Nancy the land I leave for hire to be equally
Divided among the seven heirs as the other Lands shall & share alike and
the property not disposed of I wish sold at public Sale, and the proceeds to
pay my debts and what I will, further it is my wish and desire that my
Executors see to my wives business, Willing getting wood laying in
and especially take care of their mother and lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my two sons, Lewis Edwards, Emory Edwards, my lawful Executors, to
all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and Testament according
to the true intent & meaning of the same & my part thereof, Revoking & declaring
all other wills void in witness whereof I the said John Edwards do
do hereby set my hand & seal this 20th Day of June 1860. Signed sealed
published & Declared by the said John Edwards to be his last will &
Testament in presence of us by his request do subscribe our Names as
witnesses thereto, John Edwards

L. J. Shuford
David R. Whitman

John Edwards (seal)