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to this my last Will & Testament, reading all other
wills by me made and acknowledged this, & this only
to be my last Will & Testament in manner and
form as above stated. In witness hereunto I Thomas
Elijah Bell doth hereunto set my hand and seal
The Twenty eighth day of November in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and
forty three. The words a certain unpergiled, by
the name of Prince entered before signed

Thomas Slater
John Neal

Elizah Bell

Chatham County May Session 1849

In obedience to a writ of procedendo issuing from the Superior Court of said of Stathans County in the said of the Bell Co. vs William Clark to this which was a writ to the paper writing propounded as the last will & testament of Elizabeth Bell dec^d and an issue to try whether said paper writing was his last will & testament in this Court & carried by appeal to the said Superior Court the Court here according to the said writ of the Superior Court proceed to over the said paper writing to be entered on the minutes of this Court & recorded as the last will & testament of Elizabeth Bell dec^d. The same having been duly proven and sworn owned & declared to be & contain his last will & testament and Thosmy Bell the Executor therein named appears in open Court taking the oath of an Executor & is duly qualified as the Executor of the last will & testament of Elizabeth Bell dec^d.

Let. Newman C.C.C.

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I David Edwards of the County of Chatham
& State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and perfect memory, do make this my last will
and testament in manner as follows viz I will
and bequeath to my son John M Edwards one
tract of land containing one hundred acres
situated in the County of Guilford and
State aforesaid on which I formerly lived adjo-
=ining the lands of Samuel Westbrooks and oth-
=ers to him and his heirs in fee simple

To my son Thomas Edwards I give one hun-
dred acres off of the south part of the planta-
tion on which I now live to him and his heirs
in fee simple To my beloved wife Margaret
I give the balance or remainder of my home
plantation supposed to be about one hundred
and thirty three acres to her her lifetime or
widowhood and at her death or marriage my
wife is that the last named tract shall be sold
at public sale by my Executor and the proceeds
thereof equally divided between my three daughters
Emily Walker Margaret Edwards & Martha Edwar-
ds or their lawful heirs To my daughter I
give one bureau one bed and furniture which
it is understood by the family she now claims
and to my daughter Martha I also give one
bureau one bed and furniture of equal value
To my son John M I give one bay mare and
her two colts which it is understood he now
claims also to my son Thomas I give one sorrel
mare and her colt which it is understood
he now claims I give the balance of my whole
estate not otherwise disposed of in this my last will
together with all the possessions of my

description now on hand and all the growing crop to my beloved wife Margaret her lifetime or widowhood and then if any be remaining my wife is that it shall be sold at public sale by my executor and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my lawful heirs

And lastly I do appoint my son John Edwards my Executor of This my last will made This the 17th day of May 1849

Signed and sealed
in the presence of us
who at his request
subscribe our names

David Edwards

John C White

M F Laddings

Chatham County August Term 1849

This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of David Edwards dec^d was proven in open court by the oath of John C White one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded whereupon John M Edwards the Executor therein named appeared in open court & was duly qualified

Teste M P Doyle C C