

In the name of God Amen I James Hells of the County of
Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of
perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my
Last will and Testament and hereby revoking all other
wills by me heretofore made. First I bequeath ^{to} my beloved
wife during life the following property Viz one hun-
dred and fifty acres of Land including the plantation
and dwelling where I now live also two Cows and Calves
One Beef, two Beds and furniture and a balance of my
household and kitchen furniture my plantation tools
One Young Mare called Lenny, six head sheep, two
sows and pigs, four Barrows and what gear belonging
to the plantation, my still and hogheads, twelve barrels
Corn, the stock not designated to be of her own choosing
2nd I Give to my son Levi One hundred and seventy
five acres of Land more or less including where he
now lives. 3rd I Give unto my son Henry one hundred
and seventy five acres of Land more or less including
where he now lives - 4th I Give to my two sons John
and William all that Tract of Land I bought of
Richard Thomas estimated at three hundred acres to
be equally divided in Quantity by a North and South
line then to be ~~divided~~ Valued by two disinterested free
holders of their own choosing improvements excepted
and the Valuablest pay to the deficient half each
Amount as will make them equal each to retain
his own improvement -

5th I Give to my daughter Levina one bed and fur-
niture one cow of her own choosing, six pewter plates
which has never been used also three Cows also Colt
6th I give to my son Stephen the balance of the Land
whereon I now live after my wife and one hundred
and fifty acres is taken off also one Mare called

Ith I give to my Grand daughter Rebecca Willit one Red
 and ^{Two} ~~Green~~ ^{shuck} ~~one~~ Cow of her own choosing six pewter
 plates and one baron which have never been put to use
 James Willit who married my daughter Rebecca who is
 since dead have had what I intended to give him
 Ith it is my will and devise after my wifes death ~~that~~
 that my daughter Levina shall immediately possess the
 one hundred and fifty acres of Land which I left my wife
 as a life estate. Lastly I appoint my son Henry Fields
 my Executor. My will is that the said executor shall
 sell all the balance of my estate unwill'd and pay
 my last debts and the residue to be equally divided
 among all my surviving Children namely Levi, Henry
 John, William, Levina, and Stephen the property that my
 wife may die possess off except the Land my will is
 may be equally divided among the above named
 Children. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of June 1831

Witness

Edwards River



his
 James X Fields
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The foregoing last will and Testament of James Fields dec'd
 was duly proven in ^{at Augt Term 1832} Open Court by the oath of Edwards
 River the subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be
 Recorded whereupon Henry Fields the Executor therein
 named appeared in Open Court and was duly qualified