

Item I give and devise to my said beloved wife Mary four beds and furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will household and kitchen furniture twenty head of sheep eight head of cattle twenty head of hogs all the domestic fowls and poultry one stand of drawers all the crops of every description that may be upon the plantation where I now live and all the provisions the farm and the farming tools to be hers and at her disposal

Item I give and devise to two of my sons Thomas and George the east end of my dwelling house on the new apartment to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever

Item My will and desire is that one hundred of the Ten Landly tract the part next to my son Joseph shall be sold to pay debts

In witness whereof I the said Joshua Lindly do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of the 5th month 1849 signed sealed published and declared by the said Joshua Lindly to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Probst Andrew
Jos G. Norman

Joshua Lindly

State of North Carolina August Term 1857
Chatham County } This will certify that the foregoing my last will & testament was proved in open court by the oath of Jos G. Norman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste

M. Taylor Clerk

I Joel Edwards of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and ordain publish and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say that my Executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give ~~to my~~ to my beloved wife Mariah Edwards one hundred & fifty acres of land the plantation where I now live for her and my family to live on as long as they stay with her and to home of my family that she may think proper to take care of her in her old age it to include my house and all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Mariah Edwards for and during the term of her natural life and after her death to home the pleasure of my children Item I give and devise to my son Stokes Edwards one horse saddle & bridle and all other property that he has bought and is known by the family to be his Item I give & bequeath to my said beloved

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wife Mariah Edwards all my house hold
and kitchen furniture horses hogs and cattle
& sheep and all the domestick fowls all the
provisions on hand all the farming tools of
every description with the crop on hand and
growing crops I further require my beloved
Mariah Edwards to make my children all
Equal to them that has left me, out of the
property that I have left in her hands and of
that is done and after her death my Executor shall
the remaining part of my property and pay her bur-
ial & funeral expences and then divide the balance
equal amongst my children then I further
more leave Stokes Edwards my son Executor to the
my last will and Testament according to the true
intents of and meaning of the same and every part &
clause thereof

In witness whereof I the said Joel Edwards
have unto my hand and seal this the 18th day of
June A.D. 1857

I then further if my beloved wife should die now I
wish my Executor to keep all things just as I have
willed home for my children as long as they see
cause to stay together for a home Enter hand before
signed

signed and sealed published and declared by the
said Edwards To be his last will and Testament in
the presence of us who at his request in his presence
and in the presence of each other do subscribe our
names as witnesses Thereto

Joel Edwards

Wm M Boston
Nathan B Bray

State of North Carolina³⁰¹ } August Term 1857
Chatham County } This will certify that
the foregoing last will and Testament of John
Edwards was duly proved in open court by
the oath of Mr. Wm. Rossan one of the subscri-
bing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
whereupon Stokes Edwards the Executor therein
named appeared in open court and was duly
qualified as such
Test J. H. Taylor C. C. C.

Be it Remembred That I John Culbertson
son of the County of Chatham and State
of North Carolina being weak in body and
knowing that it is appointed unto all men
once to die do make and ordain this
my last will and Testament in manner
• following that is to say
First that my Executors hereafter na-
med pay all of my just debts hereover
and to whomsoever owing I then Ist give
and devise to my son James W. Culbertson
all of my land lying on the North
side of the ^{Creek} ~~becker~~ with the exception
of what may be contained between said
Creek and a line commencing at the corner
near Carters Mills or Machine house
and running a direct course to said creek
at an old ford a little below my New
macdow, to him his heirs and assigns for
ever nevertheless he shall pay to his Brother
Samuel T. Culbertson the sum of Two hundred
and Dollars within Two years after my
decease I also give him my said ~~new macdow~~

lying on the south side of said creek & also a strip of land lying on the south side of Rocky River to ~~include~~ Rocky River to bear this line

Item 2nd I give and devise to my son John I Culberson This Plantation on which I have to him and his heirs assigns forever

Item 3rd It is my will and I do hereby declare that my daughter Manerva be made equal with, that is to say piece off as her older sister was when they were married

Item 4th I give & bequeath to my daughter Malinda Ward and to her heirs four hundred & fifty dollars

Item 5th I give & bequeath to my daughter Matilda Turner and to her heirs four hundred & forty dollars

Item 6th I give & bequeath to my daughter Manah Mary and to her heirs four hundred & Twenty five dollars

Item 7th I give & bequeath to my daughter Minerva Culberson and to her heirs seven hundred dollars

Item 8th I give & bequeath my Negroes to all of my children jointly that is to each one an equal interest the division to be made by my Executors hereafter named by sale of said Negroes or otherwise as they see fit

Item 9th It is my will and I do hereby declare that all of my property not otherwise

disposed of be sold by my Executors and the proceeds thereof together with my cash bonds & accounts after paying off debts and Legacies be equally divided among all of my children share & share alike namely Samuel I James W, John I Manah Matilda Malinda and Minerva

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Samuel I Culberson and James W Culberson sole Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the said John Culberson do hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August A.D. 1849

signed sealed & pronounced by the said John Culberson to be his last will and Testament in presence of

James Moody
Samuel Carter

John Culberson

State of North Carolina August Term 1857
to be had in County of } This will certify that the foregoing last will Testament of John Culberson was duly proven in open court by the subscription of James Moody one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded whereupon Samuel I Culberson and James W Culberson the Executors thereunto named appeared in open court and was duly qualified

Test W. P. Taylor Clerk