

according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.  
Test W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In The Name of God Amew. I Matthew Edwards of the County of Duplin and state of North Carolina being in a low State of Health but of sound Mind and Memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die have thought proper to Make and ordain This My Last will and Testament In manner and form following. First I Bequeath my soul to almighty God he that gave it and my Body to be Buried In a decent and Christian like manner. and as for my worldly Goods I dispose of them In manner and form following. Item I leave to my Beloved wife Ann Edwards the Plantation and all the lands joining on the south side of Limestone Belonging to me where on I now live together with all my household and Kitchen Furniture and working Tools of all kinds and my stock of all kind. Hogs, horses, cattle and sheep Except a cow and calf apiece to each of my Daughters that is now single to be paid to them at their Marriage also one Negroe woman named Jane and one Negroe girl named Lucy and a Negroe man named John all to be left to her and her Family use during her natural life. and after her decease the Negroe girl Lucy I give to my daughter Ann Edwards and all the Remaining part of my Estate first but to my wife Ann Edwards at her decease I give to my son Felix Edwards and should my daughter die without issue then the negroe girl issue to be Equally divided Between my son James Edwards and my son Felix Edwards and if Felix Edwards should die without issue the part willed to him to be Equally divided Between James Edwards Sarah Edwards Anna Edwards and Ann Edwards. Item I give to my son James Edwards a Negroe man named George and three hundred and eighty acres of land lying on Cuffe Branch. Item I give to my son Felix Edwards a Negroe man named Simon. Item I give to my daughter Sarah Williams one shilling Sterling. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Padgett one Shilling Sterling. and I do nominate and appoint my wife Ann Edwards Executor

and John E. Hesser Executor to this my last will and testament and hereby Revoking and Making void all former other will or gifts by me made I declare this to be my last will and Testament the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1816. Beings Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us: Test. Robert Southland Lucy Edwards.

Matthew <sup>his</sup> Edwards <sup>Seal</sup>

State of N<sup>th</sup> Carolina ) October Term 1817. recd  
Duplin County ) There are the within will proved in  
Court in due form of law by the oath of Robert Southland  
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time  
Ann Edwards the Executrix and John E. Hesser the Executor  
named in the said will came before the court and duly  
swore as such according Law. Ordered that letters were accordingly  
Test W<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amew I Margaret Farmer of the County of Duplin a widow woman being very sick and weak in or in perfect health of good but overof perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men and women once to die to make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say perfectly and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of almighty God that give it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the direction of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath to William Farmer one bed and furniture also all my goods and chattels Equally Divided between John Farmer and William Farmer jointly to be enjoyed them and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testimony wills Begats and executed by me in any will before named wills and bequeaths ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here unto set