

beloved Son William B. Evans Ten Shillings to be paid out of my Estate by Executors. 10th I give to my well beloved Son David Evans Ten Shillings to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors. 11th I give to my well beloved Son James Evans Ten Shillings to be paid by my Executors out of my Estate. 12th I give to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth Evans Ten Shillings to be paid by my Executors. 13th I lend to my well beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life my Negro Wench Esther which after her decease shall belong to her heirs. 14th It is my will that all the residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal be and remain in the hands of my said wife Elizabeth for and during her widowhood - for to enable her the better to raise and school my children - But in case my said wife should marry again after my decease then in that case my whole Estate shall devolve to the management of my Executors to be divided between my children aforesaid share and share alike - after dividing and giving of to my said wife Elizabeth in full her child's share. Exclusion of my Negro wench Esther. 15th It is also my will and desire that after my decease - if any of my children should marry or settle to themselves, that my Executors with the consent of my said wife if they think proper and it can be spared from the support of the family they give of in part of their share of the Estate as they may think proper. 16th And I hereby constitute and appoint my Trustee and worthy friend Charles Hooks & James Dickson Junior - my Executors to this my last will and testament - hereby revoking and disannulling all former or other Wills by me made previous to the present date hereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of December 1801. Signed, Sealed, & delivered in the presence of us.

Test x John Hunter x Hogan Hunter, James Frederick.
James Evans Seal.

State of N^c Carolina }
Duplin County } This was the within will proved in open Court in due form of Law by the oath of John Hunter & Hogan Hunter two of the subscribing witnesses thereto - And at the same time Charles Hooks and James Dickson the Executors

named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such according to Law. And that latter were accordingly
Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God amen December the twenty seventh day one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. I Michel Egell of the County of Duplin being of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following. principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the direction of my Executors and touching my worldly Estate I leave to my wife Sarah all my worldly Estate in during her life time or widowhood for the support of my child to be made my if no other way after her death or widowhood I give and bequeath all that remains after my wife Sarah Egell death or widowhood then to be equally divided between my right and Benjamin Egell and Reuben Egell and William Egell and Jacob Talley and George Egell and Nancy Egell and Henry Egell and Elizabeth Sutton and Fehick Egell all after paying my just debts due and demanded. Revoking all other Wills and testaments in witness whereof I have this unto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written signed sealed published and delivered by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us: Jacob Matthias William Mathis. And further I appoint and leave Reuben Egell and William Egell as Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Michel ^{his} Egell Seal.

State of N^c Carolina }
Duplin County } July Term 1800.
This was the within will proved in open Court by the oath of Jacob Matthias and William Mathis the subscribing witnesses thereto; and at the same time Reuben Egell and William Egell the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such.

according to law. Ordains that letters issue accordingly.
Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. 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 lend to my Beloved wife Ann Edwards the Plantation and all the lands joining on the south side of Limestone Belonging to me when we 2 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 Negro woman named Hannah and one Negro girl named Luce and a Negro man named Jiden all to be his and his family use during her natural life. and after her Death the Negro Girl Luce I give to my Daughter Luce Edwards and all the Remaining part of my Estate first lent to my wife Ann Edwards at her Death I give to my son Felix Edwards and should my Daughter die without issue then the Negro girl issue to be Equally divided between my son James Edwards and my son Felix Edwards and if Felix Edwards should die without issue for the part lent to him to be Equally divided between James Edwards Susanah Edwards Fanny Edwards and Ann Edwards. Item I give to my son James Edwards a Negro man named George and three hundred and eighty acres of land lying on upper Branch. Item I give to my son Felix Edwards a Negro man named Simon. Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Williams one shilling sterling. Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Padget one shilling sterling. And I do nominate and appoint My wife Ann Edwards Executor

and John C. Hesse Executor to this my last will and testament. and hereby Revoking and Making void all former wills and gifts by me made I declare this to be my last will and testament the 29th of May 1816. Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us: L^{ts}. Robert Southland Surveyor Edwards.

Matthew^{sr} Edwards (Seal)
next

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1817.
Duplin County } There was 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 C. Hesse the Executor named in the said will came before the Court and qualified as such according Law. Ordains that letters issue accordingly.
Test W^m Dickson C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Margaret Farnior of the County of Duplin a widow woman being very sick and weak In or in perfect health of good but over of 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 do 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 hand of almighty God that give it and my Body I recommend to the earth. to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors 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 & dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I give and Bequeath to William Farnior one bed and furniture also all my goods and chattels Equally divided between John Farnior and William Farnior fully to be enjoyed them and I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke and Disannul all and every other former testimony Wills Bequests Bequests and executory in any wise before named willed and Bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and the other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here unto set

Hand & fix my seal this 25th May 1846

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of

Attest A. Newkirk

Acknowledged to

Henry Sandlin

Elizabeth ^{his} Brown ^{mark} (seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Duplin County } Session April term 1847

The within will is duly proved in Open Court
by the oath of A. Newkirk & Henry Sandlin
Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
& filed as the last will & testament of Elizabeth Brown
Test J. B. Gandy Clerk
by B. D. Gandy

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Peter Carlton of the County of Duplin & State
of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory
(blessed be God) do this 13th day of May in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner following, (that is to say)

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth
Carlton my home plantations or houses lot of land with
all the improvements thereon, lying on both sides of
Stewart's Creek, containing six hundred and seven
acres, be the same more or less, to her & her heirs for-
ever.

2nd I give to my aforesaid wife the following negroes
namely, Rew, Willard, Julia, Silva & Susan with
all their increase to her and her heirs forever.

3rd I give to my aforesaid wife my stock of all
kinds, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs & sheep, also
my saddles & bridles to her & her heirs forever.

4th I give to my aforesaid wife all my money
except three hundred dollars with all my notes
& accounts after my debts being paid out of the
same, to her and her heirs forever.

5th I give to my aforesaid wife all my crops of every
description with all the rents and moneys with the provisions
I further give her all my books, requesting her to
give my relations Thomas Carlton some of them, to
her and her heirs forever.

6th I give and bequeath to Mary Carlton my nephew
Isaac Carlton's wife the proceeds or money arising or
accruing from the sale of the tract of land lying on
Blumway's branch near Beasley's mill pond, con-
taining one hundred and fifty acres, more or less,
the aforesaid land to be sold by my Executor and
the proceeds of the same to be paid over as above direc-
ted to Mary Carlton & her heirs forever.

7th I give and bequeath to Mary E. Carlton the
daughter of Isaac Carlton & Mary his wife three
hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs for-
ever.

8th I give and bequeath to Jelle Carlton my nephew
a negro man named Jans on the money arising
or accruing from the sale of said negro to him and
his heirs forever.

9th I give and bequeath to Sturdy Carlton my
nephew a negro boy named Sam to him and his
heirs forever.

10th I lend to Temperance Lamm, Murphy Lamm's
wife, my niece, a negro boy named Joe, during her
life, and after her decease I give the aforesaid Joe
to the lawful heirs of her body, to be equally divided
between them & their lawful heirs forever.

11th I lend to Nancy Alderman, George Alder-
man's wife, my niece, a negro girl named Nance
during the said Nancy Alderman's life and after
her decease, I give the aforesaid negro girl Nance
with all her increase to be equally divided between
the lawful heirs of her the said Nancy Alderman's
body to them & their heirs forever.

12th I lend to Phebe Wells my niece, Shadrack
Wells's wife a negro girl named Jinney during
the said Phebe Wells's life and after her decease
I give the said negro girl Jinney with all her

increased to be equally divided between the lawful heirs of him the said Peter Wells; body to them & their heirs forever.

13th. All my lawful and distributive share in the tract of land which formerly belong to my father in law Thomas Carlton and Martha his wife I give to be equally divided between John Carlton, Thomas Carlton, Nathaniel Rogers, Ann Gillstrop & Lydia Mather to them & their heirs forever, they being the sons and daughters of the aforesaid Thomas & Martha his wife.

14th. My tracts of land designated as follows, one tract on the waters of the Persimmon called the Mallard tract containing 300 acres, more or less, one called the John Sellers tract containing 50 acres, more or less, one called the Jacob Mather tract containing 363 acres, more or less, the aforesaid tracts of land I leave to be sold by my Executor & the money or proceeds arising or accruing from the same to be equally divided between my brothers, namely David Carlton, Isaac Carlton, Lewis Carlton and Hardy Carlton to them & their heirs forever.

15th. I give and bequeath to my aforesaid wife Elizabeth Carlton all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, farming utensils and tools of all kinds, my wagon & carts, gear of all kinds, my gravestone also all the rest and residue of my estate that is not divided or given in this my last will & testament.

16th. With regard to my Red Horse tract of land containing seven hundred and fifty acres, more or less I leave with my Executor to sell and the proceeds or money arising or accruing from the same to be disposed of and appropriated as follows, one fourth part I leave with James Pearsall, Jeremiah Pearsall, James Maddaleno, John Harlow & James Carkins trustees in trust to erect and build a meeting house or place of worship for the use of the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church on a lot of ground given by me for that purpose the aforesaid lot to contain thirty two & a half acres, or their successors in office.

17th. One fourth part I give to the Treasurer for

the time being of the Prisonary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen.

18th. One fourth part I desire should be sent on to the North Carolina Annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the support of the superannuated preachers and the poor widows of the said North Carolina Conference.

19th. The remaining fourth part I request & desire my Executor to have trustees appointed & the said fourth part by them & their successors in office to be put out at interest forever, and the interest to be appropriated and applied annually for the purpose of educating the poor children that appears to have no other way or means of being educated within a circle of at least six miles every way around the meeting house lot of ground given by me to build the said house upon, as the amount will be small I hope it will be attended to gratis by my friends, and I hope there will be good and charitable citizens that will increase the education fund.

Interlined before assigned on the second page in the 3rd line of the 12th item, the word (her) also in the first line of the 13th item, the word (share), also on the fourth page in the 6th line of the 19th item, the word (to have) also in the 8th line the word (house).

I request my friends James Pearsall Esq. and Jeremiah Pearsall Esq. to be Executors of this my last will & testament and I hereby nominate and appoint them for that purpose. In witness whereof I the said Peter Carlton have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal the day & year first above written.

Signed, published, sealed & delivered by the said Peter Carlton the Testator as his last will & testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof. Teste, Edward C. Gavin
Amos A. Boyell

Peter Carlton Seal

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Codicil. - I, Peter Carlton in the foregoing last will & testament, having considered the same do think proper to make and publish the following Codicil or addition thereto.

In the 14th article of the aforesaid will I designated a certain tract of land to be sold by my Executors, one of the aforesaid tracts named in the 3rd & 4th lines of the aforesaid article called the John Sellers tract containing fifty acres more or less, I have sold, therefore I wish my Executors not to meddle or interfere with the aforesaid land.

In witness whereof I the said Peter Carlton have to this Codicil set my hand & seal this 28th of July 1841

Peter Carlton Seal

Witness - Edward C. Jarvis

Ancram St. Boyett

Codicil. - I, Peter Carlton in the foregoing last will & testament having considered the same do think proper to make & publish the following Second Codicil or addition thereto.

In the 6th article of the aforesaid will I designated a certain tract of land called the tract on Murray's branch, near Beasley's mill pond, containing one hundred and fifty acres I have sold, also one other tract in the 14th article called the Mallard tract on the waters of Persimmon containing two hundred acres, in the second & third lines of said article, therefore I wish my Executors not to meddle with that, only look to my wife Elizabeth Carlton for the principal of the money I sold it for which is nine hundred dollars and to appropriate it as my foregoing will directs. In witness whereof I the said Peter Carlton have to this Codicil set my hand & seal this 14th of May 1845.

Test Edward C. Jarvis

Ancram St. Boyett

Peter Carlton Seal

State of North Carolina }
Duplin County } In the name of God, Amen.

I, Herman Millard being in a low state of health, but of sound & perfect mind & memory, do make publish & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following, to wit: Knowing that it is appointed for all men to die. First I commit my body to the earth, and my soul to God that gave it.

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my brother Isaac Millard my home plantation whereon I now live, to him & his heirs forever, and my two negro women Phillis and Fanny to him & his heirs forever.

Item 2nd I loan to my Brother in law Joseph Williams and his wife Nancy my Charles Bennett land for the term of ten years, and after then ten years shall expire, from that time I give & bequeath the aforesaid land to my nephew Herman Williams to him & his heirs forever, also one leather trunk to him & his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give & bequeath unto my nephew Jesse Millard my George Reasons tract of land lying in Wayne County & State aforesaid to him & his heirs forever.

Item 4th. My will and desire is that my Nancy Reasons lend the Calvin Simmons land which he holds a bond against me for a little two years hence, if he fails to pay for the same at the end of two years, and the Lydia Smith land, the Nancy Reasons & Lydia Smith to be sold by my Executor which I shall hereafter appoint and the money arising from the sale of said land to be equally divided between my three sisters & Charles Millard to wit: Nancy Williams, Mary Gleason & Sarah Porter, to them & their heirs forever, the Calvin Simmons land to be sold by the same if not paid for within the two years as before mentioned and the money arising from the same to go to Sarah Porter's two sons that she had by George Craddock, names not recollected. My will and desire is further that my crop as it is now pitched to remain as it is until it is made, and Polly Simmons is to have the crop that is raised on the Nancy Reasons land.