

I Edward Montfort of Halifax County State of North Carolina knowing the uncertainty of Human life make this my last will & Testament viz^t That infinitely Beneficent being that gave will best dispose of my soul my body I bequeath to its kindred dust to be decently buried not doubting its resurrection through the merits of my Gracious redeemer Jesus Christ, after my last debts paid I give my worldly Goods in manner following viz^t I give to my son James Hall Montfort all my property in Virginia to ~~him~~ ^{his heirs} both real & personally of every kind whatsoever to him & his heirs forever, Item I give to my Grand son Thomas Vincennes Montfort all the lower end of the tract of Land on Roanoke River known by the name of Curly from a marked corner below the mouth of Paddy Creek a due south Course to the back line containing by Estimation 200 acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever all the rest & residue of my said tract above I give to my son James Hall Montfort to him & his heirs forever including his sister sister Susanna Montfort the use of one hundred acres of the said tract from year to year during her natural life, I also desire my son James Hall Montfort to purchase three Negroes two males & one female as near the age of my Grandson Thomas Vincennes Montfort as he shall ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~which~~ ^{which} Negroes together with a girl named Mary that now serves him I give my said Grandson ^{Thomas} Vincennes Montfort to him & his heirs forever and further my desire is that my said son James

binds him I give my said Grandson Vincennes Montfort to him
his heirs forever and further my desire is that my said son James
Hall Montfort whom I hereby constitute my sole Executor
Shall Give and bequath to my Grandson Edward Montfort
my dear boy by the Name of James together with half of my
Tract of Land lying on Butterwood Creek in Halifax County to him
his heirs forever the other half of said Tract I give to my son
James Hall Montfort to him his heirs forever together with all
other Lands that I have or may have a right to in the State of
North Carolina I give and bequath unto my daughter Martha
E. Montfort a negro woman named Nancy with all her future
increase together with a boy Corodou her son, the little girl
full servant Sucky live a free ~~Woman~~ and furnishing her with a House
Lands & necessary support during her natural life and I further require
all my Legals to let her live on any part of my Land or where else
she may Chuse my further will is such that the little Molatto Girl
Carolina Molida golden may be taught to read & write to sew knit
stitch and carried to Virginia & there at the age of 14 years and
that she be decently brought up and further I demand of any one of my
Legals refuse to conform to this my will they shall forfeit their
Legacy to the conformable Legals and the Civil Court then in
practice Currency I also give my Daughter Martha Eliz. Montfort all
my black household furniture in North Carolina of every kind & name

I also want my said Ex^r to purchase two Good Sower Hogs one Cow &
Cow calf a small brood mare which stock I give in Trust to my said
Ex^r for the use of my daughter Susanna Montfort also all my
furniture now in her possession of every kind whatever I give in Trust
to my said Ex^r for her use. Item I give to my son James Hall Mont-
fort the following negroes now in North Carolina a Blacksmith
plater Jordan Tom & Moses. Item also I give to my said son James
Hall Montfort and Island in the river joining the land before given
him known by the name of the Cotton Island to him this his forever
and further my will & desire is that no appraisement or Inventory
of my Estate be taken nor my said Ex^r held to security and further
my will & desire is that my said son James Hall Montfort do Educate
my two Grandsons Edward Montfort & Thomas Loxenatus Montfort
and bring them up to some liberal Calling that their Generous will
best suit — 3rd day Nov. 1805 —

Signed & acknowledged
in presence of

Edward Montfort *(Signature)*

Philemon Morris, Susanna Morris
James Shine Little Perry Newton
Philemon Morris —

Greene County.

August 21st 1802 When this will was Exhibited in Open Court and
duly proved by the Oaths of Littleberry Newton & Philemon Morris
two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on Motion Ordered to be

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Edward Montfort *Test*
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Philemon Morris, Susanna Morris
James Chinn Little Barry Newton

Philemon Morris — — — — — Guilford County.

August 25th 1802 Then this will was Exhibited in Open Court and
duly proved by the Oaths of Littleberry Newton & Philemon Morris
two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion Ordered to be
Recorded whereupon James Hall Montfort the Executor therein named
came in was duly qualified thereto

Witness
Long Lake

State of North Carolina. Guilford County, In the Name of God Amen I, the Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Sessions for the County of Guilford do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the within and foregoing will of James Hall Montfort as the same appears from the records of the Court of Pleas and Sessions for the County of Guilford.