

duly proved by the oaths of William C Hill & William Scoles two of the Subscribing witnesses
there and On Motion ordered to be Recorded, Whereupon, Thomas Smith & Benjamin Doler
two of the Executors thereon named Cammin & was duly qualified to the same

Witness

Longfellow

Jesse Edwards dec. will

In The Name of God Amen Jesse Edwards of Halifax County
& State of North Carolina being sick & weak of Body, yet of sound Sense & memory than
be unto God for it, on Consideration, that life & sinew is uncertain, do make & ordain this to be
my last Will & Testament, viz: I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it
and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors and as to my worldly
Estate I give & bequeath as in the following manner viz: —

Imprimis, It is my desire that a tract of Land lying in the Edge of the penny wood
between John Moors Land & Tho^s Davis, one old negro woman named Betty & the Bullen
House for to be sold to pay my debts. . . Item I lend unto my loving wife Mary Edwards
all my Land & premises lying on the south side of lock 9. Glap Swamp during her natural life
Item I give & bequeath unto my son Henry Edwards a tract of Land that I bought of John
Edwards lying on the n^o side of lock 9. Glap Swamp containing one hundred & twenty one acre
& one young Buckskin horse, and the afo^d tract of Land I have lent unto my wife after her
decease. It is my desire after he comes to the age of twenty to take his property in possession
to him & his heirs & assigns forever

Now It is my desire that the remainder of my property should be kept together until my Daughter Martha Comes to the age of twenty one or married then to be Equally divided between my wife Mary Edward, & My three Daughters, Martha Sally & Penny to them & their heirs & assigns forever. Lastly I Nominate & appoint my friend William Whitehead Junr to be my whole sole Executor & Trustee & I do Ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament, In witness I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th Day of June 1797

John Edwards Jordan ^{lik} Baker Francis ^{lik} Baker
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John Edwards 

Halifax County

August 1st Sep 1797 then this will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved by the oaths of John Edwards & Jordan Baker two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and On Motion Ordered to be Recorded; Whereupon William Whitehead Junr, the Executor therein named Came in & was duly Qualified to the same

Wm Long Esq

In The name of God amen I William Cotton of Halifax County & State of N^o Carolina being at this time, in a low State of Health, but of a Sound & Disposing mind & memory Calling to mind the mortality of the body do make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following vizt. I'mprimer It is my will & desire, that my Executors hereafter mentioned shall sell as much of my personal Estate as will pay off & discharge all of my Just debts ~~then~~ I give & bequeath to my brother Law Nelson Pak one negro boy named Tom to him & his heirs

the will