

Martha Edwards Will  
In the name of God amen. I Martha Edwards of Halifax County  
State of North Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of a sound mind and Memory, do  
Make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament, in form and Manner following, that is to say,  
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Rebecca Edwards one feather bed & furniture, &  
one blue chest to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my daughter Coratha Edwards one good  
fine cloth cloak, & one fine hall to her, her heirs &c. Item I give to Elizabeth Slater one feather  
bed & furniture to her, her heirs &c. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Edwards three Negro  
es viz, Ned Treasa, & Anthony with their increase. All my stock horses, Cattle Hogs & Sheep, all my  
plantation utensils, & all my House hold & kitchen furniture, not before given away, to him & his heirs fo-  
ever. Tho its my will & desire that my two daughters Coratha and Ann enjoy the profits of the  
above mentioned Negroes until said Ann marries, that is, if their estate proves insufficient for  
their support. Further, it is my will and desire, that my son John Edwards advance to my three da-  
ughters Elizabeth Dawson, Martha Rogers & Mary Wynne, each of them a work horse of Middle Value  
or the Value thereof in other property they may choose out of the Legacy given to said John at some  
Convenient season. I do hereby constitute appoint & Ordain my son John Edwards, the whole & sole Ex-  
ecutor to this my last Will and Testament, revoking & disannulling all other Wills by me made I  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & put my seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of  
Our Lord 1793.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged  
in the presence of us

Henry Dawson  
Rebecca Barnes  
S. Bullande

Martha Edwards

Halifax County 1<sup>st</sup> November Sessions 1793, Then this  
Will was exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the Oath of Henry Dawson one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, Whereupon John Edwards the  
Executor in the said Will named, Came in & was duly qualified thereto. Witnesses Long CC