

placematons utensels, & all my House hold Chelchens furniture, not before given away, to him & his heirs for 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 estates proves insufficient for their support. Further it is my will and desire that my son John Edwards advance to ~~any~~ three daughters Elizabeth Dawson, Martha Hayward & 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 Executor 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 19th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1793.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

Martha Edwards

in the presence of us

Henry Dawson

Rebecca Barnes

S. Bullards

Halifax County 1st 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 66

In the name of God amen. I William Downs of Halifax County and State of North Carolina being of Sound and perfect Memory, Thanks be to God for the same, do constitute, Make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament Viz. First recommending my body to the Earth, My soul to almighty God the Creator & Giver of the same. And as for my Worldly Estate I leave as followeth Viz. First my will is that my just debts & funeral Charges be paid by my Executors hereafter named. I promise, I give and bequeath

Witness My