

Will of William Edwards

In the name of God Amen: the 16th day of September in the year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred & eighty five. I William Edwards of Johnston County
and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect
mind and memory thanks be unto God: therefore calling unto mind the
mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die do make and declare this my last Will and Testament that is
I say principally and first of all I give and becomend my soul
into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I becomend
to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner 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 hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner
and from
Imprimis,

I give and bequeath unto my son Sampson Edwards one hundred
and twenty-five acres of land whereon I now dwell after his mother's
death also twenty shillings in money to be raised and levied out of
the rest of my living.

I give to my beloved son Thomas Edwards one hundred and twenty-five acres
of land part of the same tract whereon I now dwell. also twenty shillings
in money to be raised and levied out of what is not herein mentioned.

I give to my beloved son Micaiah Edwards Two Hundred
acres of land lying on the north side of Moccasin Swamp
adjoining the same land whereon I now dwell it being
now entered land also twenty shillings in money

I give to my beloved son Benjamin Edwards twenty shillings
in money

I give to my beloved son William Edwards twenty shillings
in money.

I give to my beloved son Stephen Edwards twenty
shillings in money.

I give to my beloved daughter Martha Edwards
five shillings in money

I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Edwards
five shillings in money

Item

I give to my beloved son Michael Edwards two hundred and
some land lying on the north side of Moccasin Spring affording the
some land whereon I now dwell it being now set out to him
also twenty shillings in money

Item

I give to Elizabeth Edwards my beloved wife all and every part and
parcel of my estate not already above mentioned after the payment of
my just debts all to her and her heirs forever. I also constitute
and appoint my sons Wm Edwards & Stephen Edwards Executors
of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disavow
all and every other former Testaments, Wills and legacies and Executors
by the bequest ratifying and confirming this and no other to
my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed published by the s^d
William Edwards to be his last Will

William Edwards (Seal)
more

and Testament in presence of us
the subscribers

Jesse Gentry
George Gentry

Johnston County, Feb'y Term 1794

This will was proven in open Court by George Gentry
and ordered to be recorded

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