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Bridle & saddle two feather beds and furniture &  
being the bed he makes use of & the box I make  
of to him his horse and signs for ever. —  
I am I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter -  
Sarah Richards my negro man called Jack my neg  
woman called Mollie my feather bed & furniture the  
bed which she now occupies my white horse called  
Moss the sixe saddle & Bridle to her her horse and signs for ever  
And for what money I have in hand or what coming  
to me to be equally divided between my four children  
as to know Clement Richards Caleb Richards Bazzie  
Richards Sarah Richards after my just debts is  
satisfied paid and further it is my will that all  
the residue or Remainder part of my estate not ~~expressly~~  
made mention of but what kind or sort whatsoever  
should be equally divided between my four children  
above mentioned by the Judgment of Robert White and  
William Siler without any sale being made to any part  
or parcel thereof in case the said Robert White and William  
Siler should refuse to be present and give their Judgment  
to such equal Division then and in that case they my  
each of them chuse a person whom they can trust to -  
divide for them and they each of them shall be content  
ed with such divisions made - And furthermore it  
is my will & desire that my wife Mary should stay  
and abide with my son Caleb Richards during  
his natural life or widowhood and that he should  
not alien her from such reasonable necessaries of life as  
she his Estate can afford —

And furthermore I do constitute and ~~appoint~~ appoint  
my son Clement Richards Executor of this my last will  
and Testament Redifying and confirming this and no  
other to be my last will and Testament In Witness where  
of I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day and year  
above written —

Signed Sealed Published and Declared  
by the said Jeremiah Richards as his last  
will and Testament in the presence of  
us the Subscribers —

James S. Standley. Job does  
Elihu Atkinson.

Jeremiah Richards

State of N. Carolina Jones County Court Sept term 1781  
Then was the within last will & Testament of Jerem.  
Richards duly proved in open Court by the oath of James  
Standley one of the Subscribers who swore that he  
saw the said Jerem. Richards sign seal Publish and declare  
this instrument of Writing to be his last will & Testament  
& that he was of sound mind at the signing the same &  
that he saw Elihu Atkinson & Job does sign it with  
him as witnesses — Test

And Clement Richards the Executor therein named  
qualified as such agreeable to law ordered that letters  
issue accordingly

Law Bryan C.C.

Lewis Bryan C.C.

In the name of God amen I Simon Edwards being sick  
in body but of good & perfect memory thank be to Almighty  
God & willing to recommend the uncertain state of  
this transitory life do make & declare this my last

Will & Testament in manner and form as following  
I do commend my soul unto Almighty God my body I commit to the Earth to be buried at the  
discretion of my Executors & for settling of all my Temporal  
estate & much goods & chattels and debt as it hath pleased  
God to bestow upon me after my lawful debts are paid  
I do order give & dispose the same in manner and form  
as following, that is say first I lend to my beloved wife  
Sarah Edwards during her natural life two negroes na-  
med Ceeser & Bet ten cows & calves one yoke of Oxen one  
mare & two horses six ewes & lambs six sows & pigs  
as many big hogs as will make her meat the first  
year after my death & two feather beds & furniture  
and the use of my home Plantation Mill Cap & Wind  
mill and my water grist mill with all my plow horses  
 Axes and all the powder one pair Cart wheels one wool  
ling & spinning wheel one big Chest one Table & the house  
furniture and as much Tan leather as will shoe the families  
the first year I sell the pig that is now in the Grounce  
and one weaving Loom Slays & Skebbles and two hives  
Bee and <sup>the</sup> use of one negroe named Sam till my son  
Abel is ten years old then for Sam to be hired out  
yearly to the highest bidder and the money so arising  
shall be put out upon interest for my son Abel Edwards  
till he is twenty one years old, if my wife Sarah should  
marry & move out of the County of Somerset or barbarously  
use the aforesaid negroes or their increase I desire my  
Executors to take them out of her possession.  
Now I give unto my son Abel Edwards all my Lands

and negroes by name Sam and one Abel, (Cypress and woman)  
and at the death of his mother I give to my son Abel all  
the goods & chattels that I have lent to my wife Sarah ex-  
cept the negroes if my son Abel should die before he has  
a lawful heir I desire for all my Lands this side of the  
mountains to be sold and the money equally divided among  
my children and the Land I hold by Introy over the mountains  
I give to my Brother John Edwards if he never bring no  
charge against my Estate for the <sup>life</sup> of his negroes with  
me and if he does for the Land to be sold for the use of my  
children. Now I give to my Daughters Liphath Edwards  
Vinafence Edwards and Truzyan Edwards two negroes  
named Secor and Bet and the increase of Bet at the  
death of their mother to be equally divided amongst  
them if my wife should die before Truzyan is fifteen years  
old I desire for the negroes not to be divided till my  
Daughter Truzyan Edwards is fifteen old I desire for  
all the remainder part of my Estate to be sold that  
have not been heretofore given nor lent & the money  
so arising to be equally divided amongst my three  
Daughters heretofore named, My wife Sarah shall  
give all my children good Learning an especially my  
son Abel at her own expence or I desire for my Executors  
to hire out Secor and Bet and to give them good Learning  
and my son Abel bound to a merchant or some other good  
trade thereby make and appoint my loving friends John  
Abel & Nathaniel Hoone full & sole Executors to this my  
last will and Testament & do hereby revoking disannul-  
ling and making void all former wills & bequests by

made and I declare this only to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I do put my hand & affix my seal this 7th day of June 1780.

Signed and sealed and acknowledged } Simon Edwards  
in the presence of

Michael Groover  
Simon Spight  
Richard Reynolds

State of North Carolina. Jones County Court Dec<sup>r</sup> Term 1781

When was the within being the last Will & Testament of Simon Edwards dec<sup>d</sup>. duly proved in open Court by the oath of Simon Spight one of the subscribing witnesses and John Allen esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Executors therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law.

Order that Letters issue accordingly

Test L<sup>th</sup> Fuller C.C.

In the name of God Amen I John Stephens of Jones County being in a weak and low state of health but of sound mind and memory hath called to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die & make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first of all I resign my soul to God who gave and commit my body to the Earth of which it was made at first to be buried in a Christian like manner and as for those worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I leave in form and manner following.

Item I leave to my wife Elizabeth Stephens the use of all my Estate during her natural life in a peaceable and quiet Possession and when ever it shall Please God to take her out of this Transitory life it is my Will and desire that my son Joseph Stephens and

George Stephens do divide my Land equally between them and as for the rest of my Estate it is my Will it should be equally divided between them and the rest of my heirs and Viz<sup>t</sup> Joseph, George, Bessie, Mary, Rachel, Nancy, Sarah except one Silver candle Stand & one feather Bed & Furniture which I give unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Harris and lastly I do nominate and appoint Joseph Stephens, George Stephens and my wife Elizabeth Executors & Executrix of this my last Will & Testament revoking all other former Wills and acknowledge this my last Will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of March One thousand seven hundred and eighty two in presence of

George Hendry Sen<sup>r</sup>

Joshua Dennis

George Hendry Jun<sup>r</sup>

John Stephens

Jones County Court March Term 1782

When was the within Will duly proved by the oath of Joshua Dennis one of the subscribing witnesses and Joseph & George Stephens the Ex<sup>rs</sup> therein named qualified as such agreeable to Law

Test L<sup>th</sup> Fuller C.C.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1782  
In the name of God Amen I George Clark of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and following Viz<sup>t</sup> First I recommend my soul to God my Creator & my Jesus Christ our Great Redeemer and humbly pray that with grateful sense & acknowledgments of all the mercies