

April Sessions 1866

Lewis Edwards Will.

In the Name of God Amen this the Thirde day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty three 1863.

I Lewis Edwards of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being now in the last of proper mind & memory thanks be given to God therefor. Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and it is appointed for all men to die, do make & execute this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all - I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner. And as touching such estate whereunto it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

First I do will all my just debts be paid and my funeral expenses, out of my Estate.

2^d I will I bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Edwards all my Lands and Negro property and also my Buggy & Linen Waggon and all my Stock of Horses Cattle Hogs and Sheep, and all my household & Kitchen Furniture and Farming Tools and whatever I may be worth business to be hers during her single life or her widowhood and at her decease or Marriage then I will it to my living heirs. I do hereby constitute my wife Elizabeth Edwards Executor of this my last will and Testament Witness whereof I the said Lewis Edwards have to this last will and Testament, Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal This day and

