

April Sessions 1863.

Lewis Edwards Will.

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In the Name of God Amen this the Thirteenth day of August in the Year  
our Lord one thousand eighteen & Sixty Three 1863.

I Lewis Edwards of the County of Lancaster and State of North Carolina  
being now in the world but of poor mind & memory thanks be  
given to God therefore 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 testaments 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 worth estate wherewithal 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.

I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Edwards all my Lands  
and other property and also my Buggy & Little Waggon and all my  
stock of horses cattle dogs and sheep and all my household & Kitchen  
Furniture and Farming Tools and whatsoever I may be worth business  
to be hers during her single life or her widowhood and as 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 Testaments  
of a witness whereof I the said Lewis Edwards have to this last will and  
Testament, witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and

it is appointed for all men to die, do make & ordain this my last Will  
and Testaments, 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 worth estate wherewithal 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 to paid and my funeral expenses out  
of my Estate.

2d. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Edwards all my Lands  
and negro property and also my Dray, & Little Waggon and all my  
Stock of Horses cattle Dogs and Sheep, and all my Household & Kitchen  
Furniture and Farming Tools and whatever I may be worth besides  
to be her 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  
of & witness whereof I the said Lewis Edwards have to this last will and  
Testament, witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and  
year above written signed sealed published and delivered by the  
said Lewis Edwards the Testator as his last will and Testament  
to be in the presence of us who were present at the signing & sealing thereof

Adam D. Robinson Seal  
Adam Maxey E. Howell  
John Alley Lewis

Lewis Edwards Seal

Ex't. Snow

Daniel Summers Will