

In the name of God Amen

- I Edward Pigford of the State of North Carolina County of Amherst, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, do make publish and ordain this as my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all other ~~wills~~ by me at any time heretofore made
- First I direct that all my just debts be paid I should I leave due having any unpaid at the time of my death.
- Second - I give devise & bequeath unto my Son James B. Pigford my Slaves Dick, Kitty and Kittis three Children, Margaret, Margery, and Pleasant, and one and two Shares of Bank Stock
- Third I give devise & bequeath unto my Son Edward I Pigford my Slaves Gibbs, Tim, Yellow Mary, Supsey, the child of yellow Mary, Bill and one Bob. Cane and Old Joe and two Shares of Bank Stock
- Fourth I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Eliza Go Bryan my Slaves, Mariah, Jacob, Lavin, Margaret, and her child Mariah, and two Shares of Bank Stock.
- Fifth - I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Isabella Jane Freeman, my Slaves, Celis, James Harpud, Abby, Army, Bent, Julia (or Ade) Sally and Mopsy the child of Abby and one Side Board and two Shares of Bank Stock
- Sixth - I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Isabella Catharine Westbrook my Slaves Elsey and Dick child of Malsey.
- Seventh - I give devise and bequeath to my Grand daughter Ann Eliza Bright, my Slaves, Phadens, Easter & Clements.
- Eighth I give devise and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named in trust, as hereinafter set forth my Slaves, Monroe, and Stephen, and the first child which shall be born a live of my woman Malsey, after the date of this will & before my death, to be hired out annually, and the proceeds of their hire to be applied by my said Executors to the support and education of the children of my Grand son Edward J. Mills by his wife Kitty Mills, and after they have received such education as my said Executors deem sufficient, there to be equally divided among the children of my said Grand son Edward J. Mills as aforesaid.
- Ninth I direct that my woman Malsey by three freehold Chosen by Executors, and I give and devise and bequeath the said Woman to my Grand daughter Ann Eliza Bright upon her paying two thirds of the said Value, one third thereof to her sister Isabella Westbrook, and the other third to my Executors to be appropriated in payment of the debts of my Grand son Edward J. Mills which he may owe at the time of my death, and the remainder left after paying said debts if any to be lent out or in

vested for the benefit of children of said Edward J. Mills as directed hereinbefore in respect to the slaves, Murret & Stephen, South— I give devise and bequeath two Shares of Bank Stock to be equally divided between my Grand children, Isabella Westbrook, Ann Eliza Bright, and the other third to be appropriated by my Executors to the payment of the debts of my Grand son Edward J. Mills, and if there be any residue then to be applied by my Executors to the support of Education of the children of said Edward J. Mills as hereinbefore directed in relation to the third of the value of Malsup.

Eleventh— I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand son William D. King Pifford my slave Henry Child of Mary.

Twelfth— I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand son Thomas Haywood Pifford my slave Lushy Child of Mary.

Thirteenth— I give and bequeath and bequeath to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds equally divided between Isabella Westbrook, Ann Eliza Bright, and the other share or third is to be applied by my executors to the payment of the debts of the aforesaid Edward J. Mills and then for the benefit of his children as directed to the share of the value of Malsup.

Fourteenth— I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand son Edward Scott Pifford my slave Isabella Child of Iselin.

Fifteenth— All the rest of my furniture & my farming utensils and plantation Stock of every kind (except my large pair of timber which I give to my two sons, and my smaller pair which I give to my daughters) and also all my Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, hogs and poultry, shall be sold by my executors, and I give four fifths of the proceeds of the Sale to be equally divided between my four children: James, Edward, Sarah & Isabella and the remaining fifth to be equally divided between my Grand children Isabella Westbrook, Ann Eliza Pifford, and the other third of said one fifth my executors are to appropriate in the same way as is hereinbefore directed in regard to the value of Malsup as to the share to Edward J. Mills children.

Sixteenth— I give devise and bequeath unto my Grand son John Edward Pifford Forty six acres of land on the South side of Giddings Mill pond between the mouth of Raccoon Branch to my plantation purchased by me from John Leddions.

Seventeenth— I give devise and bequeath to my Grand son John Edward Pifford my slave Sophy and seventy five acres of land on the east side of Buckelburg purchased by me from Benjamin Van Hook.

Eighteenth - I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Isabella Freeman during her life, the following track of land  
 to wit, Beginning at a pond on the North Side of Sells Creek or  
 Tates line running thence South to Sells Creek, thence crossing  
 said Creek to the Mouth of Crooked Run, up said Run  
 to the Mouth of Long Branch thence up Long Branch to the Mouth  
 of Grunting Branch to Laurel Bay, thence down said Bay  
 to the head of Laurel Branch, thence to Daniel Alders  
 line - thence with that line to William Pigfords line, to  
 John Liddens line, thence with Liddens and beyond it  
 to the Beginning excepting nevertheless from the land included  
 in the above boundaries ten acres on which stands the house  
 and Settlement of my son Edward Thomas, and which ten  
 acres are given in the next Clause to him) and after the  
 death of my said daughter I give and devise the said  
 lands to all of her children living at her death, and  
 the issue of Children as may then be dead having issue  
 such issue to take per stirpes the share or shares which  
 their parents would have taken if living and if my daughter  
 should die without having issue living at the  
 death then I give the same to my grand son  
 William R King Pigford.

Nineteenth - I give devise and bequeath to my son Edward Thomas  
 Pigford, the following land to wit, Beginning with my daughter  
 Isabellas track above described and running with her lands  
 to the Mouth of Long Branch and Cold head Branch, thence  
 up Cold head Branch about two hundred yards to the  
 Mouth of a drain, thence a straight Course to the head of  
 Wolf Branch, thence up Wolf Branch Bay to its head, thence  
 a straight Course to the East end of Cort Pecosson, thence a straight  
 Course to the Mouth of the first Branch where it empties into Big  
 Branch, thence up Big Branch to Tates line, thence with  
 said line to Dr Freemans line, thence with Freemans line  
 to Tates other line, thence with that line to James B Pig-  
 fords line, thence with his line to I Shorn Boney line  
 and with Boney line to the Beginning. Also one undivided  
 half of two tracts patented by me one a three hundred and  
 twenty acre track on the other side of the first Branch  
 the other supposed to contain about fifty eight acres  
 adjoining the three hundred and twenty acre track on  
 the South Side of the first Branch Bay, Also ten acres  
 included in the boundaries of the track given to my daughter  
 Isabella, the said ten acres to add to the two acres  
 herein after reserved for Mount Edward Church on the  
 South, and to be laid off in the most convenient way so  
 as to include the house Settlement and improvements, above  
 erected thereon by my son Edward.

Twentieth - I give devise and bequeath unto my son James B



Pigford the following Land to wit, - Beginning at the mouth of Bald  
head Branch and running thence with my son Edwards line  
as above described to the mouth of the first Branch, thence up  
said Branch to the Bay, thence a straight course to Gokeys  
Gap Bay where it joins Laurel Bay, thence with Laurel Bay  
to the line of my daughter Isabella's tract described above, thence  
with her line to the mouth of Long Branch the Beginning  
(Excepting nevertheless from the land included in the above bound-  
aries Eighty nine acres patented by my son Edwards)  
Twenty first - I desire and direct that Out of the land  
given to my son Edwards there shall be reserved for the  
use of my descendants a half acre now used as a Grove  
yard to be used hereafter as a family burial place.  
Twenty Second - I give and bequeath unto my grand son  
Edward Scott. Pigford my slave Isabella child of Cilia.  
Twenty third - I desire and direct that out of the lands  
given to my daughter Isabella there shall be reserved two  
acres on which now stands Mount Edwards Church to be  
used for worship and religious purposes as long as a meeting  
house is kept standing there  
Twenty fourth - All the children which shall be born of my  
woman Perry and Abby after the date of this my will  
I give to my daughter Isabella Freeman  
Twenty fifth - The slaves given in the sixth Clause of my will to  
my grand daughter Isabella Catharine Westbrook to wit  
Eliza and Dick children of Malsey I now give and bequeath  
and so intend that they go to my grand son James  
Safayette Pigford to be held by him in trust for the sole  
& separate use of the said Isabella Catharine Westbrook  
not to be in any way liable for the debts or contracts of  
her present or any future husband she may hereafter  
have -  
Twenty sixth - I give devise & bequeath the three hundred and  
twenty acres of land lying over the head of first Branch  
as follows to wit One hundred and sixty acres next to  
head of Cypress Bay, I give to Edward Thomas Pigford,  
& the other one hundred and sixty acres. I give to James  
Safayette Pigford the said three hundred & twenty acres lies over  
head of first Branch & joining head of Cypress -  
Twenty seventh - I direct and desire that all of my lands which  
is not specified devised and ~~bequeathed~~ given in my will is  
to be valued by three disinterested and responsible free  
holders, and I give the said lands to my four children or as  
many of them as will take it at the said valuation, and  
if all of my children refuse to take that said valuation  
the land shall be sold by my executors and the amount of  
said sale or purchase proceeds shall be disposed of in  
following manner to wit, The sum of two thousand dollars

to the building a good brick wall five feet high about my grave yard enclosing an ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> of forty by fifty feet and next in improving plastering and putting in good Condition and Complete repair Mount Edwards Church - and all over that amount arising from the Sale of said lands to be used by Executors & applied to the Schooling the poor Orphans of Antisauon County aforesaid.

Twenty eighth = I give to my Son Edward Thomas Yellow Camp Children to wit, Lapsy, Tom, Dick & Wm. & any others said Mary may here after the date of this will

Twenty ninth - Mary Eliza the Child of a yellow Mary. I also give devise and bequeath unto, Isabella Catharine Child of my Son Edward Thomas -

Lastly = I appoint my son James B. Pigford - and Edward Pigford and my second son, James Lafayette Pigford and my son in law, Dr William E. Freeman as my Executors to this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Edward Pigford do hereunto set my hand & affixed seal this the third day of September - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Edward Pigford as his last Will & Testament in our presence & in the presence of each other, who in his presence, and at his request here subscribed the same as witnesses thus,

in the presence of each other

H. D. Smith  
Thos. C. Meiler  
S. W. West

Edward Pigford (Seal)

### Codicil

Whereas I Edward Pigford have made and published my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September A D 1862; Now I therefore the said Edward Pigford do make this present Codicil, which I ordain & direct shall be taken as and for part of my said last Will and testament which is hereto annexed and which I do hereby ratify and confirm in all respects same and except so far as any part thereof shall be revoked or altered by this Codicil

I give and bequeath to my son James B. Pigford my slaves James Harlan and Blev. and I do hereby revoke the gift and bequeath made to ~~the~~ said James B. Pigford in my will of my slave Dore.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas E. Pigford. my slave Dore who by my will was bequeathed to my son James B. Pigford

I give and bequeath my grand son William R. King Pig

John and Thomas H. Pigford Children of my son Edward P. Pigford  
 the Plantations or track of land set forth and described in the Eighth  
 item of my will, and before giving to my daughter Isabella  
 Freeman, and I do hereby revoke and alter my said will  
 so far as the same real estate to the disposition thereby made  
 of the said track of land, which I now give to my said grand  
 sons to be equally divided between them,  
 I give and devise to my daughter Isabella Freeman three  
 hundred and twenty acres of turpentine land lying on the  
 west side of Mill house Bay

I give and devise to James B. Pigford forty ~~three~~ <sup>four</sup> acres  
 of turpentine land lying on the Southern side of his plantation  
 adjoining his own lands.

I hereby revoke and alter my said will so far as the same  
 relates to the bequests therein made of my slave Isaac to my  
 son the said James B. Pigford, and I do hereby desire and  
 direct the said slave to be hired out for ten years, and the  
 proceeds of his hire to be devoted to the education of my grand  
 children, and at the expiration of that period, I give and  
 bequeath the said slave Isaac to my grandson Scott Pig-  
 ford, I give and bequeath to Isabella C. Pigford daughter  
 of my son Edward, my slave Betsey Taylor and I  
 hereby desire and direct that an acre of land where  
 the school house now stands shall be reserved always  
 for a school building thereon by my executors,  
 And whereas in my said will, dated as aforesaid, I have  
 constituted my son in law William C. Freeman one of  
 the executors of my will; now I ~~therefore~~ do by this Cod-  
 icil revoke his appointment as executor as aforesaid,  
 and I do hereby will and direct that my sons James B.  
 Pigford and Edward P. Pigford and my grandson  
 James Lafayette Pigford shall be the joint and sole  
 executors of my said will, as fully as if they alone  
 had been originally named as executors thereof  
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and seal  
 this the                      day of                      A D 1863

Edward Pigford (Seal)  
 Signed sealed published and declared by the said Edward Pigford  
 as and for a codicil to his last will & testament, and  
 to be taken as part thereof in our presence, who at his  
 request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto  
 subscribed our names as witnesses thereto  
 J. H. Horsey - ,                      John F. Wright.

Whereas I Edward P. Pigford have made my last will and  
 testament in writing bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September  
 A D 1862 and have thereby made sundry devises and  
 bequests, according to the then existing Circumstances



of my estate, But which circumstances having now changed,  
I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a  
Codicil to my said will, and direct that the following  
tracts or parcels of land, to wit: Forty acres on the South Side  
of the first Branch, that was bequeathed to E. P. Pigford  
(or all of said tract over and above three hundred & twenty  
acres) also one hundred and twenty acres between  
Henry Branch and Backoon Branch, also the Wm  
Arthur Tract of One hundred and forty acres, also  
three hundred and sixty acres known as the William  
Pigford place to be sold by my executors, as also five  
Negro Slaves to wit Holla, Made, Alex. Lott, & Priscilla  
and that my executor pay to my son Edward P. Pigford  
of the proceeds of the above sale Five Hundred dollars, the  
surplus to be disposed of by my executors as directed in  
my said will and testament of which this Codicil is  
hereby declared to be a part. In testimony whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1862

signed sealed published and declared by the  
said Edward Pigford to be a Codicil or <sup>3</sup> Edward Pigford  
part of his last will & testament in presence  
of us who at his request and in his presence  
subscribed our names as witnesses  
John D. Powers  
Ephraim Powers

State of North Carolina

And Superior County Court September Term 1863

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of  
Edward Pigford deceased, with two Codicils thereto is exhibited for  
probate in open Court by James B. Pigford and Edward P. Pigford two  
of the executors therein named, and the due execution of the will &  
the said Edward Pigford is proved by the oath and examination  
of H. D. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the due execution  
of the first Codicil by the said Edward Pigford is proved by the oath and  
examination of Thomas H. Horne, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto,  
and the due execution of the second Codicil by the said Edward Pigford  
is proved by the oath and examination of John D. Powers one of the sub-  
scribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the  
said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will & testament of  
the said Edward Pigford, and the same is ordered to be recorded and  
filed, And thereupon the said James B. Pigford and Edward P.  
Pigford two of the executors named therein duly qualified as  
such by taking the oath required by law.

Test

Amos W. Baugh Clerk