

John Edwards Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Edwards of Northampton County in North Carolina being very Sick & weak in body but in perfect mind & memory Thanks be to Almighty God and as for such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life I give & bequeath in the manner & form as follows, that is to say, first & principally I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me & my body to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends, and as for the rest of my Estate I do give & bequeath in manner & form as follows.

- Item I give & bequeath to my living Brother Josiah Edwards all my lands which by will of my Father was left to me adjoining to his manour plantations to him & his heirs.
 - Item I give & bequeath unto my loving Brother Thomas Edwards my negro girl named Hannah only my 20 brother Thomas is to pay the Doctors Charge &c.
 - and as that Cow is growing my own plantation I give to my said brother Thomas Edwards as what is growing there this present year.
 - Item I give unto my living Brother Thomas Edwards a small bay horse branded with a figure 9 and is to pay to Simon Hufsey two pounds proclamation money of North Carolina.
 - Item I give & bequeath unto my living Sister Elizabeth Hufsey one Cow & half & one Sow & four sheeps.
 - Item I give & bequeath unto my Cousin Elizabeth Phillips one mifer with a crop in the left Ear.
 - Item I give & bequeath unto my living Mother all the remainder part of my hogs only one Sow to John Edwards son John Edwards.
- I do hereby Constitute & Ordain this my last will & Testament as aforesaid my hand this 30 day of Augt 1760 signed sealed in presence of John Edwards & John Guthrie by me & Samuel Sumrell.

and I do hereby Constitute & Ordain my living Brother John Edwards sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. Northampton County of North Carolina Court 1760.

The preceding will of John Edwards and was read in Court and proven to the satisfaction of both Subscribing witnesses & that at the same time Thomas Edwards also made & signed his will which was ordered to be certified & recorded.

John Edwards clerk

John Bailys Will

In the name of God Amen. in the year of our Lord 1760 I John Bailey of the County of Northampton North Carolina being Sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will & Testament Principally & first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it. For my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall be raised again by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis, I will that all my debts & funeral expences be forthwith discharged.

- I give to my daughter Elizabeth one Shilling Sterling.
- I give to my daughter Mary one Shilling Sterling.
- I give to my sons John & Charles one Shilling Sterling & that my Executors shall bind them out at their own discretion.
- I give to Catherine my wife all my lands during her life or widowhood.
- I give to my daughter Sarah one hundred Shillings Eight pence of said land lying on the South side of Spring Run.

I give to my son Henry a hundred acres of land more or less in the north side of Somersham & if he die he shall die before they arrive at age shall next unto the power unto his poster of my Executors be they a man at age the land be given to my son Henry & my manor plantation to them & their heirs forever. I do like upon condition appointing my beloved friends William & Ellen & Thomas Oaks to be my sole Executors of this my last will & Testament & I utterly revoke all & every other will & Testament Legacies bequests legacies at any other time made or intended to be made ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed delivered & pronounced John Bailey & seal by the said John Bailey in presence of us
 Mr. Allen, Thos. Kuke, Benj. Mop.

Northampton County fe. February Court 1766.
 The preceding will of John Bailey was exhibited into Court & proved in the oath of Mr. Allen one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. at the same time Mr. Allen was qualified Executor thereof which on motion was ordered to be Certified & recorded.

Isaac Edwards clerk

Jacob Lassiter's Will

In the name of God Amen this 12 day of September in the year of our Lord Christ 1766. I Jacob Lassiter of the County of Northampton being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God. therefore do make this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say. first & principally I give my soul into the hands of God that gave it me & my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors

hereof be named, 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 which with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise & bequeath in manner & form following.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Lassiter & my loving wife Pleasant Lassiter my land that came by my wife's ^{to be} to be Equally divided between them.

I likewise give & bequeath to my son William Lassiter my Negro woman called Peggy to him & his heirs to take it for ever. and at the age of twenty one years & my loving wife to have the use of all until he comes of age & the rest of my estate I give unto my wife to help to raise my sons and of this my last will and Testament I make constitute & appoint my truly & beloved wife Pleasant Lassiter & my well beloved brother Samuel Lassiter my whole & sole Executors revoking & annulling all other former wills by me heretofore made ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal my seal the day & year first aforesaid written
 Signed sealed published & pronounced Jacob Lassiter (seal) & delivered by the said testator to be his last will & Testament in presence of us

John Turner, Samuel Lassiter, David Rogers.

Northampton County fe. February Court 1766.

The preceding will & Testament of Jacob Lassiter was exhibited into Court & proved by the oath of John Turner & David Rogers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. at the same time was said Lassiter & Samuel Lassiter was qualified Executors which on motion was ordered to be Certified & recorded.

Isaac Edwards clerk