

Set my hand and seal this day & year first within the return.
Signed sealed & delivered Samuel Perkins & seal
in presence of 12 John Joseph Carter, Joseph Butler, Moses ^{his} Perrier
Northampton County February Court 1765

The within written will of Samuel Perkins duly read & exhibited into
Court & proved on the oath of Moses Perrier one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, at the same time Mary Perkins also duly filed
a Certificate thereof, all which on motion was ordered to be Certified &
Recorded. John J. Edwards clerk

John Edwards Will

In the name of god Amen. John Edwards Junior of Northampton County in the
Province of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, thanks be to
almighty God, do make & ordain this my last will & testament.

First I recommend my soul to almighty God in full hope of its future happy
life & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion
of my Executors my dearly beloved wife of on the following manner
I give bequeath to my son Thomas Edwards all my lands lying in Rowan
County & in this his forever, also two negroes Gay & Joe to him this his forever
I give bequeath to my daughter Mary Edwards two negroes Patience
& Phillis, and bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

I give bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Edwards two negroes Bep
& Charles and bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Edwards three negroes Jack Beek
Lutie the Plantation where I now live including the land, by a
line of trees midway between the Plantation fence & the new
Corn field fence made by my father John Edwards during
the continuance of the lease, also my land upon Bear Swamp together
with all the remainder of my estate after my just debts & funeral ex-
penses are paid. I give to her this his forever.

I give to my father John Edwards that part of my land where his
new Corn field stands divided by the line mentioned in the preced-
ing bequest, during the continuance of the original lease.

It is my will & desire that all my just debts & to pay as he first paid
by my Executors & what other money shall remain in the

hands of my Executors to be equally divided between my wife & three
Children also my desire is the Legacies bequeathed my well beloved
Mary & Elizabeth may be delivered to each of them when they arrive
at the age of eighteen years or on the day of marriage if either
of my three Children Thomas, Mary, or Elizabeth should die
before that they come to age or marry that the whole shall
be divided between the survivors or survivor of them.

I do hereby nominate & appoint Samuel Dancy & Thomas Hunter ex-
utors of this my last will & testament, ratifying & confirming the
same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred & sixty four. John Edwards, per & seal
Signed sealed & delivered by the said testator in presence of us Joseph Carter, W. Beckwith
Northampton County Feb. Court 1765

The within written will was read before me in Court & proved on the
oath of Joseph Carter one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at the
same time James Dancy & Thomas Hunter were duly qualified ex-
ecutors thereof, on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded
Northampton County. John J. Edwards clerk

The preceding wills from page 53 to this page 74 were proved
in the life time of John Edwards deceased & later Clerk of
Northampton County, and Certified by him, but left unre-
corded, therefore they are recorded by

William Jones C. C.

Charles Nodens Will

In the name of god Amen I Charles Nodens of
Northampton County & Province of North Carolina being S. C. &
of sound mind & perfect sound mind & memory, do
Constitute & appoint this my last will & testament in
Manner & form following. My

Exors I bequeath my soul to almighty God who gave it
me & my body to be buried to be decently buried at
the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned & as
for what worldly estate it hath been pleased God to