

and affixed my seal this 16th day of March 1796
Signed sealed and acknowledged
In presence of us

J. Graham
James Bony
John D. White
Saml. Thorne

John Willard Esq Seal
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Northampton County Va
September Court 1796

Then this Will of John

Hilliard de & was proved on the Oath of Zacharias
Graham whereupon Joseph White & David Dickerson
two of the Counters therein named was duly qualified
Ordinary to be Certified & Recorded

Witness
C. Hayes Esq

Nicholas Edmunds's Will

In the name of God Amen Whereas I shew there is a time season
a later for all men to depart this life as such make this my last
will and Testament I being in perfect health sound memory

Item I shew my body to be buried in a christian like form Opposite my
deat to him who gave it

Item I give to my beloved wife Susannah our feather bed & Coverlet likewise
our Iron Cratf my several mass and Bed Standing chair I shew of
nine such sitting chairs twelve earthen plates ten little dishes some
kivins & Forks that I have at present one washing tub and one water
pail one pair of flat Iron and large chest and large paper cloth
box and two hundred pounds of Cotton in the yard likewise a
parcel of flax and flax seed that is now housed

Item Shewing my beloved wife Susannah to be at this time pregnant
my desire is if she bears of a Son his christian name may be Howell
and if twins both male one Howell and the other Nicholas but
should it is turn out that she should be delivered of a Son &
Daughter both at the same birth the son as before mentioned to
be Howell & the Daughter Lucy and if two Daughters one Lucy
and the other Sarah

Item

Item My desire is after my decease that my Negroes Anna Dick my
Negro Girl Sabby the balance of my Negroes better Dogs ten further
beds & provisions my Desk & Gun a small collection of Books of different
characters and all the remaining part of my Household Furniture &
plantation utensils should be sold to pay my just debts and the
balance if any to be conveyed to the one hereafter mentioned

Item I leave the use of my plantation whereas Anna live and my Negroes
and Allen Sarah Bunting and Kate to my beloved wife during
her widowhood or until she is dead or infirm she appears to be
pregnant with some to the receipt of maturity

Item After that time my wife and desire is if a Son or Daughter
singular to inherit the whole and sole of my property that is
not willed away only a general maintenance for their mother during
during her natural life or widowhood if it should so happen
that she should be delivered of a Male or Female twins and
they arrive to the years of maturity my desire is that my
property should be equally divided between them but if either
should decease the surviving one to have the whole but if it
should so chance to be she should be delivered of twins one
a Male the other a female my Will is that the Male Child
have all my Land and half my other property of all kinds
and the female the other half the property to be valued
by three good and lawful free holders to be chosen by my
Counters if neither of the children if more than one is if
but one do not arrive to years of maturity my Will and
desire is that my Negro Girl Sarah and her increase should
be added to my beloved wife Susannahs gift and that she
dispose of them at her pleasure and the remaining part of my
property to be valued and my Counters keep the same in their hands
until the three illegitimate children come of age that Sarah & her
son and said to my charge and to be equally divided between them
except my Land & the increase of my Negroes from this day which
desire may be disposed of as follows Write

Item

Item My Will and desire is that my Brother Thomas Edmunds and his Heirs have the plantation whereon I now live after his decease or marriage of my wife at their disposal forever.

Item I give my Land lot in Dinwiddie 1790 to be sold and the money converted to the use before mentioned.

Item My Will and desire is that the income arising from my Negroes after this date of my lawful Heirs of my own shall be equally divided between the Heirs of my Brothers and Sisters in the date 1805.

Signed in presence of } N. Edmunds Radical
Charles F. Campbell }
mark

Colley Woodard
Northampton County Va.
September Court 1796

This will proved by the Oaths of Rowell Edmunds & James Vaughan equires who proved the hand writing of the said Nicholas Edmunds etc. and Ordered to be recorded. — Whereupon in Motion administered with the will annexed was granted William Edmunds who entered into Bonds of \$500 with Rowell Edmunds and Security, and qualified agreeable to Law.

Witness
E. Baynes Sr.
Clerk

Samuel Hayes's Will. In the name of God Amen I Samuel Hayes of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being of full age and sound mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body do give and dispose of my goods and chattels in manner Here following
My desire is that my Land should be divided by a line beginning in Spring Swamp then coming to my back line the upper part shall be to my loving wife during her widowhood I also leave her my Will during her widowhood.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Hope Hayes the Land that

Item My desire is after my decease that my Negroes John Dick my Negroes Joel Sabey the balance of my Negroes better than further his Heirs my Dick John a small collection of Books of different characters and all the remaining part of my Household Furniture & plantation whereon I shall be sold to pay my just debts and the balance of any to be recorded to the use hereafter mentioned.

Item I leave the use of my plantation whereon I now live and my Negroes Joel Allen Sarah Harding and Kate to my beloved wife during her widowhood or until she is infirm or infirm she appears to be pregnant with come to the ripeness of maturity.

Item After that time my will and desire is if a Son or Daughter singular to inherit the whole and sole of my property that is not willed away only a quiet maintenance for their mother during her natural life or widowhood if it should so happen that she should be delivered of a Male or Female twins and they arrive to the years of maturity my desire is that my property should be equally divided between them but if either should decease the surviving one to have the whole but if it should so chance to be she should be delivered of twins one a Male the other a female my Will is that the Male Child have all my Land and half my other property of all kinds and the female the other half the property to be valued by three good and lawful freeholders to be chosen by my Executors if neither of the children if more than one or if but one do not arrive to years of maturity my Will and desire is that my Negroes Joel Sarah and her increase should be added to my beloved wife Susannah's gift and that she dispose of them at her pleasure and the remaining part of my property to be valued and my Executors keep the same in their hands until the three illegitimate children come of age that Sarah's share be and laid to my charge and to be equally divided between them except my Land & the increase of my Negroes from this day which I desire may be disposed of as follows Witness —

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