

Bryan Randolph and Benjamin Ward senties and was qualified  
 great to say: ordered that same be recorded.

Attest John Williamson C. C.

Dempsey Edwards's will. — In the name of  
 God amen I <sup>of</sup> Dempsey Edwards of the County of Northampton  
 State of North Carolina being weak in body in sound mind and mem-  
 ory thanks be to God for the same, knowing that it is appointed for all  
 mortals once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testa-  
 ment; And as touching what worldly estate which I have been blessed  
 with I give devise and dispose of in the following manner. — Item  
 I give bequeath unto my son William Edwards one negro boy called  
 Shack one cow and calf with the increase of the sho kind, the <sup>best</sup> best to  
 be reserved to the use of my wife and family also my amate desk  
 and all my lands on the North side of the Road to him and his heirs for-  
 ever. Item. — I give unto my son John M. Edwards the balance of my  
 land and plantation that I have not given away reserving the same  
 to the use and benefit of my wife Sally Edwards during her natural life  
 then the said lands to my aforesaid son John M. Edwards also one feather  
 bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. The said he is to  
 have immediately. I give unto my Daughter <sup>Sally Edwards</sup> one bed and furniture to  
 her and her heirs forever. Item. — I give unto my three eldest children  
 Littleberry, Allen Dawsey and Martha fifty Dollars each to them and  
 their heirs forever. Item. I give unto my wife Sally Edwards three crown  
 colors, one bed and furniture, one Table one chest and side Saddle one  
 half dozen chairs and braided and large desk, one flax wheel from my  
 working wheel to her and her heirs forever. — Item. — The balance of my  
 estate after paying my just debts at the discretion of my Executor I shall  
 I may hereafter appoint I lend the use thereof unto my wife Sally Ed-  
 wards during her natural life or marriage or so long as she may be  
 willing to keep my children free from charge and then at either of the pe-  
 riods that may just arise to be equally divided between my three  
 eldest children Littleberry, Allen Dawsey and Martha Edwards  
 to them and their heirs forever. — And further I nominate and appoint  
 my friend William Made my whole and sole Executor to this my last  
 will and Testament making void all other wills may be made by me  
 prior to this time. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &  
 seal this 10th day of November 1833. — Signed Sealed in the pres-  
 ence of Attorney J. Barkley and Micajah Eodward.

Dempsey Edwards Seal  
 (mark)

Northampton County for December Court 1833 this last will and tes-  
 tament of Dempsey Edwards dec. was exhibited in open Court and proved  
 in due form by the oaths of Henry C. Wardlaw and Micajah Edwards the  
 subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that the same be certified and re-  
 corded. (Certified March 1834) Attest John Williamson C. C.

Jesse R. Foss's will. — In the name of God amen I Jesse  
 R. Foss of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being in a  
 body well of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks to Almighty  
 God for those blessings; but as it is appointed for all men to die I think  
 proper to make publish constitute and ordain this writing my last  
 will and Testament in manner and form hereinafter written. First  
 I recommend my soul into the hands of him that gave it and my  
 worldly Estate as follows. Item the 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son  
 Samuel <sup>of</sup> my grey horse Saddle and bridle Saddle and bridle ready  
 in his possession. — Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac  
 horse my bay colt called Isaac's and bridle and Saddle also in his  
 possession. Item 3rd. — I wish my son Cyrian to have four years  
 schooling out of my estate and bond. — Item 4th I wish my four young-  
 est children (viz) Isaac, Minstons, William and Agdelimony to be schoo-  
 led out of my will at the discretion of my wife or Executor until my son Cy-  
 rion comes to lawful age at which time I expect to say more hereafter  
 Item 5th I hereby vest my executor with full power and authority to sell  
 at public or private sale as they may think most advisable such part of  
 my negroes or other Estate as can be most conveniently spared out  
 of my family at the discretion of my Executor for the purpose of paying  
 my just debts schooling my children and other necessary expenses I  
 also empower and authorize my executor to pass a deed and convey a full  
 and firm Title to that part of my land Estate belonging to the big  
 mill purchased by Thomas Deane and myself of William B. Chatham agree-  
 able to article of agreement of a late date made and entered into between said  
 Deane and myself for the disposition of a partnership of said premises the  
 proceeds of which when sold as directed I wish applied towards the payment  
 of debts and to school and raise my children as before directed with any  
 other Estate so devised. All the rest of my Estate real and personal I wish  
 to remain in my plantation in possession of my wife and family until  
 my son Cyrian becomes of lawful age and if in case my wife should  
 die before my said son Cyrian comes to lawful age or before my wife  
 in that case I wish my sons Samuel and Isaac with the advice of their  
 friends to stay together in my plantation and keep my family together.