

in the year of our Lord make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say - First, I give and bequeath to my beloved son John M. Edwards one half of all my Tens, one negro man named Sam, one Bed & furniture, twenty Danish Corn five hundred pounds pork, two cows and calves, one sow and pigs to have and to hold forever. - Item I give to my son Pink Edwards one fourth part of land and one negro girl Smitha to have and to hold forever. - Item I give to my son William B. Edwards one fourth part of my Land and one negro man Sam, and one horse named Steamot, to have & to hold forever. Item, I give to my son Alexander J. Edwards one negro boy named O'Brien one negro girl named Mary to have and to hold forever. - Item I give to my son Sugar Edwards two hundred Dollars to have and to hold forever, and all my stock crop and plantation returns to be sold and all my debts to be paid. - And I hereby make and ordain my sons Pink Edwards and William B. Edwards executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Mary Ann Edwards have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published and Mary Ann Edwards *Test*
declared by the said Mary Ann Edwards as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing hereof, Ben. Harrison, Robert N. Warrington -

Northampton County Sep. December 1813. This last Will and Testament of Mary Ann Edwards decd. was proved in open Court by the oath of Benjamin Harrison a subscribing witness thereto, whereupon Pink Edwards one of the executors in said Will named was qualified agreeably to Law, Ordered to be certified & recorded.

Ben. Harrison *Clk*

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James Lawster senr's Will. In the name of God Amen, I James Lawster Senr of the County of Northampton and State of N. Carolina in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred four call to mind the mortality of the body being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain my last Will and Testament in manner following viz principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in a decent Christianlike form and as touching my worldly estate I give and demise and dispose in the following & viz: First I give and bequeath unto my living sons Shadrack Lawster, Elias Lawster, Elijah Lawster, and Green Lawster and my living daughter Penelope Mills to each of them the sum of five shillings to them and their heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my living son James Lawster such a part of my Land as I shall lay off for him hereafter, also one feather bed & furniture, also one cow and calf, also one ewe and lamb also one sow and pigs to him & his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my living son Benjamin Lawster such a part of my Land as I shall lay off for him hereafter, also one feather bed & furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my living son Jordan Lawster such a part of my Land as I shall lay off for him hereafter, also one feather bed & furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my living wife Lydia Lawster one feather bed and furniture, also my riding beast, also two cows and calves also two ewes and lambs also one sow and pigs to her & her heirs forever. Item I lend to my living wife Lydia Lawster the whole of personal estate (not yet given) within and without doors and every article of all kind until my three youngest daughters namely Ann Mitty Lawster Abigail Lawster and Keenford doth come of age and after the three last mentioned children come of age I give the whole of my estate not yet given to be equally divided between them my three youngest daughters to them and their heirs forever and likewise I constitute and appoint my truly friend Eliot Prutts the whole and sole of my executor of this my last Will & Testament, and do confirm this to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I shew unto set my hand & affix my seal the day and year first above written -

Signed and sealed in the presence of us
Ben. Lancaster Ben + (West
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108 Southampton County Sept. December Court 1813. This last Will and Testament of James Lafayette son. dec'd was proved in open Court by the oaths of Levi Lancaster and John West, and was ordered to be testified and recorded. Test. J. H. Harrison J. H.

Nathaniel Wilkinson's Will. In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Wilkinson of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia do make and constitute and ordain this my last Will & Testament in the following manner. I premise it is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors here after to be nominated.

Item. I give to my loving wife Ann C. Wilkinson my negro woman named Violet and her two children named Eddy and Eliza my pig and harness and two horses of her own choice, and the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to her out of my estate by my executors annually, during her natural life, all of which I give to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I lend to my loving wife Ann C. Wilkinson during her natural life the following property viz my negro man John cart. Lewis pr. girl Maria and Anema, also the situation where I now live including only the land which is now in an orchard near the marsh, my garden yard and also the land lying between the dwelling house and the gate at the road within the cane fence, together with all the dwelling houses and out houses belonging to the said situation, also all my household and kitchen furniture of every description.

Item. I lend to my loving wife Ann C. Wilkinson during her widowhood my negro woman Bob, and I also hereby direct my executors that at the beginning of every year say on the first day of January in each year that they allot and deliver over to my wife as much of the produce of every description made on my plantation as will in their judgment be sufficient for the support and maintenance of her my child or children and the estate now given & lent to her, but my intention is that this support or maintenance shall end with her widowhood.

Item. I give to my son John Wilkinson all my land lying and being in the County of Southampton except what I have lent.

109 to my wife which he is also to have at her death, also one half of all the negroes that may belong to my estate at the time he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and also one half of all the stock of every description that may belong to my estate when he arrives at the age of twenty one and also one half of the annual profits or income out of my whole estate until the time he arrives to the before mentioned age, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to the child with which my wife is now pregnant provided it be a boy my plantation lying in N.ampton County on which John W. Danc now lives - also the other half of my estate to be divided between him and my son John in the manner and at the same time that I have directed my son John to receive his half. I also give to my said child if a boy the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to him by my son John when he arrives at the age of twenty one years. This I enjoin on my son John to perform at that time to make their estates equal as near as possible. And provided the said child should be a girl, I give her the said plantation in N.ampton and one fourth part of all my negroes that may belong to my estate when my son John arrives at the age of twenty one and also a maintenance and education out of my estate till she may marry or arrive at the age of eighteen, and in case it be a girl, the other fourth of my negroes that I should have given was it a boy. I give to my son John Wilkinson and to his heirs forever.

Item. It is my sincere will and desire that should one of my children depart this life under the age of twenty one years or without lawful heir, that in that case the one that may be living at the time shall to all intents and purposes heir the whole estate of the one so dying, and in case all my children should die under the age of twenty one years or without lawful issue, in that case I give to my loving wife Ann C. Wilkinson all the Land and Plantation whereon I now live called West Plains, and also one half of all my negroes which my estate may be entitled to when the event may occur, also all my household and kitchen furniture and also three fourths of all my stock of every description and three fourths of all the produce that may be on hand when the event may occur, to her & her heirs forever.

Item. I give to Nathaniel Edwards son of Deed. Isaac Edwards provided all my children die under the age of twenty one years or without lawful issue the Land and plantation whereon John W. Danc now lives, also one fourth part of all my negroes that my estate may be