

In the name of God Amen, I Edward Ward of Onslow County and State of North Carolina being of Sound & perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this the 13th day of August One Thousand Eight Hundred thirty Four, 1834, make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say, first it is my Will and desire that my body may be buried in the manner that I may verbally direct my friend, and in case I leave no direction then at their ~~discretion~~ discretion.

2nd: I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Ann Maria Ward all the negroes with their increase that I now own that I got by her in marriage, also yellow George, Cisar & wife Gate, Fortin, Douan and wife Cealy and her children, Peggy and children, Ross an children, Pompey, Cook Lucy and her children, Marcus Charles, Hannah and her children, Cambridge, Reuben and his wife Winney, Peter Peter Levi's husband, Ned Lotty's husband, and yellow Ned that I bought from Hatch, Michel one of the house servants, her choice of carriages and the best pair of Carriages horses, all the stock of every description that is on the Wayne plantation with all the tools of every description, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils of every description & all my right and title to the Wayne lands that came by her, with the crop of corn, fodder, peas and small grain cotton not excepted with all the bacon & pork & corn that may be housed at my death or fodder or peas, and I do further give unto her my carpenter Jim, his wife Verry and her children, (negro I bought at Wm Dunnis's Sale) also Dinah's child Mary and \$3000, three thousand dollars in cash or good notes in consideration of her thirds of my Onslow lands, to her and her assigns forever.

3rd: I lend unto my sister Fanny Montfort my Town Point and Holme's Point plantation during her life I also lend her the following negroes her life time, Jacob & his wife Huldy and children, Sam, Zetty, William, Jerom, Tom, Peter & Ivy, (these last seven negroes are children of Bill and Grease) Napoleon, a child of Vilets, Allen, Sellers and her children, Nicy Ginn, and her children, Ann, Martin, Billy Hamlet, and Edward, these last negroes from Helen are Vilets, children, and if Vilet has any more children they are to go in the same way of these, also big Alfred and big Elias.

4th: I further give and bequeath unto my wife upon the following conditions, the following negroes, Isaac, Darcas and her child Annah, Wright, Frank and Jones, negroes formerly the property of Richard B. Hatch, the conditions are, that if my estate ever comes to any damages for the lands I sold of hers in Johnson County to John Sanders of that County, that she has all damages out of her part of my estate, and I do by these presents bind her part of the estate to pay all such damages, and further to make Stephen Smith of Wayne a deed to some party land I sold him which I got by her, and a deed has never been give, I believe the part I sold him amounts to seventy five or an hundred acres of piney land.

5th: I give and bequeath unto Edward Smith, son of Stephen and Sally S Smith of Wayn, a negro boy George, being one of the negroes boys I bought at Richard B. Hatches' trust sale, a son of Talithy and Fortin, also I leave him twelve hundred dollars to give him a collegiate education, to be put upon interest soon after my death and kept upon interest until he is ready to go to College then advanced as necessary.

6th: I give and bequeath unto Edward W. Montfort, son of Fanny and Wm Montfort my Town Point plantation including the lands of James Gray Executor to, I believe Fredrick Thompson. the lands I bought of Alfred Thompson and Axom Morris of Duplin County, the lands I bought of Gurganus, & his wife and Woodward, Call'd this Hambleton land, also the Holmes Point plantation that I bought of Wm. S. Hill, together with all the lands not otherwise disposed of in this Will, that I own in the Lower South West district to be his his heirs and assigns, at the death of his mother, also, the negroes I lent her to his, his heirs and assigns after her decease.

7th: I give and bequeath unto Edward Ward, son of Benjamin Ward the land I bought of Joseph D. Ward, lying on Stones Bay in the Lower South West district, and negroes, Tom, Anthoney, Gloc and her three children, (Henry, Alfred & Luke,) I leave his father Benjamin Ward his guardian to receive his property at my death.

8th: I give and bequeath unto Edward Ward Fonville, son of Brice and Hellen Fonville all the lands I own on the East side of "w River, (except such as are will'd away by this Will) I give him the lands I now live on with all its improvements, the lands formerly belonging to his father on the Sound which I purchased at exception Sale, and the following negroes Ran, Sanders, Maria, Isaac & Macey, and all their children, that are not given away to other persons; I reserve out of the land I now live on, One acre where the grave yard is, to be kept for a family burying ground, and my Executor are particularly requested, to have as much of the groundas enclosed with a brick wall as will enclose all the graves now there, and as much more as they think will be necessary for the future use.

9th: I give and bequeath unto Margaret Fonville, Yamer & her child Mary.

10th: I give and bequeath unto Fannie Montfort, Robert Montfort's wife, Lucy Jack and her child.

10th: I lend Athelia Morton her life time a negro girl Chelsey(Nices' child) then at her death to her daughter Ann Maria.

12th: I give and bequeath unto Ruth Fields, Negro Woman Sally and her child, that I bought of her husband Jacob Fields, and also Esther and her child Jim.

13th: I give and bequeath unto Amanda Flowers, negro woman Cely, Amy, child of Esther, and Margaret, child of Louisa deo'd.

14th: I give and bequeath unto Estey Ann Sanders, daughter of Shepard and Louisa Sanders) negro girl Viner.

15th: I give and bequeath unto Harriett Fonville, daughter of Edward W. Fonville, negro man Ephraim and Ned, a child of Tamers.

16th: I give and bequeath unto Edward Ward Sanders, (son of Shepard & Sousa Sanders) a negro boy Charles a son of Tamer.

17th: I give and bequeath unto Edward Ward Sanders, (son of Isaac & Ruth Sanders) a negro boy Jack, son of Isaac & Nacey.

18th: I give and bequeath unto Edward P. Hall a negro man black George.

19th: I give and bequeath unto Edward W. Hawkins(son of John Hawkins) the land his father now lives on, contained I believe about seventy five acres, reference being hand to a patent granted to myself will show.

20th I give and bequeath unto the boy children of Edw'd W. Fonville dees'D Price, James, and William Fonville the land I bought belonging to their father to be equally divided between them with all the stock I bought at their father sale, Horses, Cattle and Hogs.

21st: I give and bequeath unto Alice Fonville all the household furniture I bought at the sale or her husband except on bed I now give to her daughter Harriett.

22nd: I lend to Hellen Fonville the plantation she now lives on during her

widowhood, with all the household & kitchen furniture and I also lend her the following negroes for the maintenance of her children, the land and negroes are lent to maintain herself and children, she is to have the use of the negroes untill the children comes to age or marries then they are each one to ~~take~~ take their own, I lend her Abram, Rachel and her two children, and Edq.

23rd: I give and bequeath unto Mary E. Fonville (daughter of Brice, negro man Abram.

24th: I give and bequeath unto Lewis Fonville (son of Brice, negro boy Caesar.

25th: I give and bequeath unto William Fonville, Son of Brice, negro boy George.

26th: I give and bequeath unto Amanda Carolina Fonville, daughter of Brice, negro girl Edy.

27th: I give and bequeath unto James Rhodes Fonville (son of Brice) negro woman Rachel, The negroes left to the above five Children of Brice Fonville, is to receive them as they come to age or marry, if Allen their mother marries then my Executor are directed to take the negroes from her.

28th: I give and bequeath unto Edward W. Wilkinhs (Son of Samuel Wilkins) One Hundred Acres of land lying in Jumping Run Dick, patened by my father, reference to the patent Will Show.

29th : If I have forgot any of the children of Tamer and Nicy Son, I give those that are not will'd away to Edward W. Fonville(Son of Brice)

30th: I give and bequeath unto Edward W. Fonville twelve hundred dollars to enable my Executor s to give him a Collegiate education, to be added to the rent of his land and hire of his negroes for the purpose, and its my will and desire that they should attend strictly to her education & ~~maintain~~ prepare him for the university and send him there as soon as they can, I add three hundred dollars more to the twelve making at fifteen hundred, which I give him for that purpose.

31st: I give and bequeath unto Edward D. Hall (son of Edward P. Hall) One thousand dollars to be paid to his father to give him a Collegiate education.

32nd: I leave fifteen hundred dollars to be paid out of my Executors for the education of Edward Ward, son of Eli W. Ward Dees'd to be paid out by them proportions as will keep him in College at the University of the State four years, they are to let his Guardian know that as soon as he will have him prepared for College that they will furnish the money to complete his Collegiate

education. The money to be put at interest untill he is prepared for College if any is ~~left~~ left after his education is completed then let him have it, if necessary they can advance one or Two Hundred dollars to prepare him for College, and if necessary they are required to do so.

33rd: I leave my negro man Bill free, and his daughter Dinah I also leave free to cook, wash, wait on him and give him every necessary attendance during his life, I leave them the House that Dinah and ~~Wm~~ Cloc now lives in their life time, and also the Crag field and as much land as they wish to take in for their use during their lives, with the ~~privilege~~ privilege of fire wood and timber to build them a house and make fency - I leave them all the crage old ~~XXXXXX~~ Field, cleared and uncleared and as much of the Cray Nick for their own use, - If Dinah has children her increase I give to Edward Ward Fonville and his assigne - My man Cape and negro woman Violet free they are man and wife, and leave them the Cumberland field on the land I bought of Wm S. Hill with the privilege of fire wood and timber to fence it and as much land adjoining as will be necessary for their own use, and timber to build a house, - If Bill and Dinah, Cape and Violet or either of them are willing to go any of the free colonies or States my Executors are required to let them go and furnish them with fifty dollars a price in cash to pay necessary expenses, but should Dinah not leave before her father's death nor within two years afterwards I do give her to Edward W. Fonville his heirs and assigns -

34th: I leave my friend Isiah Ward his choise of my horses except the Carriage horses, and my bridle & Saddle-..

35th: I leave Doctor David G. W. Ward my watch and establishment & Silver mounted single barrel gun.

36th: I leave Edward W. Montfort my silver mounted double barrel gun.-

37th: It's my will and desire that my Execut^{ors}, a vault built in my grave yard and put at least eight feet below the surface of the ground and five feet above besides the roof which will make it much higher, and have it at least fifteen or twenty feet square, built of good brick and the grave yard is to be bricked in as before directed - The Vault I want for myself to be put in, it must therefore be done therefore be done very soon- I want it large enough for my self, wife, Sister Fanny and her Husband and son and Son's wife if they wish, & it may also be for his Children and for Edward, the son of Brice, that's all I wish put in it,- I have no objection if it will hold more that it should be filled with the near relations after provision is made for what I have mentioned.-

38th: I hereby appropriate five hundred Dollars , two hundred and fifty of which is to build a meeting house for the purpose of preaching in, & keeping school in, free any denomination of preachers that choose to preach in it, to be built near the head of Spring Branch, One acre of ground is also given to build it, as the other two hundred and fifty dollars is to be put at ^{interest} ~~interest~~ interest annually paid to the preachers, that preach in it.-

39th: I lend to Clarissa Hatch, Tilethy and her child Mary, Tenor and at her death to be equally divided among her children.

40th: I give and bequeath unto Mary, Caroline, Lewis, Williams and James Rhodes Fonville, (children of Brice Fonville dec'd) the land I bought, that formerly belonged to Irving Yopp lying on the South West side of New River near Wilkins and Seneads Ferry, reference to a deed made by Sheriff Fonville will fully disoribe the land, to be equally divided among them.-

41st: I give and bequeath unto Edward Ward (son of my cousin John Ward, a negro man Toney.-

42nd: I leave betsey, Gornto (daughter of John Gornto) One Hundred dollars to be paid soon after my death.-

43rd: I leave Edawrd Ward Scott, (son of Benjamin Scott) two hundred dollars to be kept upon interest until he comes of age then paid him.-

44th: I^N the second section of this will I say I give my wife all the negroes with their increase, that I have own that I got by her in marriage - I dont know that any difficulty can arise in the manner of expression, but to give more explanation, I want it understood, nothing more is meant than to give her all the negroes I got by her in marriage with their increase that I now own. I have sold some one or two of them or more-

45th: I give and bequeath unto Doctor Benjamin W. Sanders a negro boy little
Fling.

46th: I leave my negro man Dave, Sam Gammons & Old Sally to be wold with all my crops of corn, fodder and every other part of the crop at Town Point and Holmes Point and at the place where I live. Also all my stock of horses, cattle hogs, sheep and every stock at Town Point, Holmes Point where I now live and at the sound with the exception of two creatures which Hellen Fonville is to have the use of and two cows and calves the old gig and harness I give her with

the tools, carts, waggons and implements of farming to be sold at these places also the crop of every disorption that may be had housed or unhoused on the stones Pay Plantation and the Sound Plantation, is to be sold upon such term as my Executors may think proper, and the proceeds of the sales with the notes and the money on hand are to pay just debts if any and my funeral expenses and the legacies which I make in this Will to be paid in money, and the bricking and vaulting the grave yard it is my request that Gen. Edward S. Dudley take the guardianship of Edward W. Fonville and that he have the management of his person and property and my executor are required to deliver over to him as guardian, the property left by him by this will, if he will receive it and give a receipt as guardian.

47th: I want negro man Dave to be sold to some person that will take him to the Mississippi certain, bond given to that effect.

48th: I give Mellen Ponville and her daughter, Mary and Caroline all the household, kitchen furniture I bought at Bruce Ponville's sale to be equally divided between them but Mellen to have the use of it as long as she lives a widow and two horses and two cows and calves before mentioned she is to have the use of as long as she lives a widow I also want her to have corn^{me} and meat enough to last her and children untill the next crop, or as long as my Execution thinks she ought to be provided for, untill she can make a crop, in case she is not provided for at my death.-

49th: If I have left any negroes, unwilling' I have forgot them and in that case I give them to Edw'd W. Fonville --.

50th; Its my will and desire that my Executors buy white marble tomb stones for the graves of my father, mother, sister Fonville and her husband Brice Fonville, and my ~~wife~~ first wife Elizabeth, and have the time of their births and deaths engraved upon them.

51th: Its my will and desire my negroes should all be kept together untill the crop is made housed and sold, and the brks made for the grave yard, but if they Can't be made in time for the vault that many must be bought, and if any thing should happen there should not be funds enough to meet all the legacies I have made, the negroes and land be hired out untill a sufficient fund be raised except the negroes I got by my wife, she is to take them as soon as the crop is housed and sold, but I have no doubt their will be mxy an overplus after paying all my legacies within without hiring the negroes or land-. I enjoin it upon my Executors and its a part of my Will, that they use no part of the money or notes to their own use, but put it to the use which my will requires, unless its their lawfull comission, if they violate these instructions they must not look upon themselves as honest men- They must excuse me for making this observation, for generally speaking we see Executors appear to use the estate they have to manage as if they were their own-

52nd: It will be seen that the Wayne Cotton Crop was in the second Section of this Will excepted therefore the word "note" is interlined and in the 4th Section the words "with the cotton crop at the Wayne Plantation" are marked out this is where it was left to be sold I have been thus particular that should be no difficulty in my wife's getting of it, as I do hereby give and bequeath it to her with every discription of crop and stock on the said aforesaid plantation and I do further give and bequeath unto her the sum of \$10000 to sell to her in three yearly payments, the first \$3000 to sell to her the first year, the second \$3000 to sell to her the second year, the third \$4000 to sell to her the third year, the former bequeath bequest in this Will of three thousand dollars, and the latter bequest bequest in this Will of three thousand dollars to her, her heirs and assigns.

53rd: It will be seen in the 46th section of this Will the residue of my estate disposed of in the following words: the balance, or half of which is to be paid to my sister Fanny Montfort and the other half to Edward W. Fonville* which words are marked out. I do now make on other legate- It is my will and desire, and I o want to now give and bequeath unto my wife Ann Marie, my sister Fanny Montfort and Edward W. Fonville, to be equally divided between them, all surplus funds that may be found to arise from my estate after former bequest shall I have been complied with to their heirs and assigna-

54th: It will been seen in the second Section of ~~this~~ this will that I have with other negroes given to my wife, negro man Charles, but it is my will and desire that she do not object to his being free after five years service, believing she will not, I do hereby leave him after faithfully serving his mistress the term of five years, and do give unto him in any part of my Piney woods on the East side of New River, that he may choose, fifty acres of land with every privilege thereon, during his life, to take possession of said land at the expiration of term of service.-

55th: It is my will and desire that all such favorite negroes as I have left free, and left to remain on lands given to Edward W. Montfort (Say Cape and Villaz) shall be, in case of inability to support themselves, taken care of by them him. -

56th: I do hereby appoint worthy friends, Benjamine Ward, Doctor Benjamine W.

Sanders, William Montfort, Edward W. Montfort, Gen. Edw B. Dudley, Doctor David G.W. Ward, James Rhodes and Stephen Smith, my Executors to this my Last Will and ~~testament~~ testament--.

All interlinations or erasures that may be seen in this Will were made before the signing of it, and should not be objected to, and it is my wish no difficulty arise on account of any.

This Last Will and Testament of Edward Ward was signed and acknowledge before us this 13th day of August 1834.

Edw. 'd Ward (SEAL)

Daniel Ambrose

John A. Sanders
JO D. Ward.

State of North Carolina, Court of Plea, Quarter Session May Term 1836,
Onslow County :

() The foregoing Will of Edw^d Ward is proved by the Oath of the subscribing witnesses refers to minutes of this Term whereupon William Montfort & James Rhodes two of the Executors therein named qualified as such is due form of Law, Whereupon it is Ordered that letters testamentary be granted them.

D. W. Sanders Clk.

In The Name Of God Amen, I Liston Russell of teh County of Onslow being of sound and Perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) Calling to mind the mortality of mind kind that it is appointed for all men once to die , do this second day of eember in the Year of our Lord One Thousand & Ninetynine make and Publish this my Last Will and testament in manner following ~~that~~ that is to say.

ITEM: First of all my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid .

ITEM: I Gave ad bequaths to my beloved wife Sary Russell one horse bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture one loom and gear one Christ one table one pater dish and Six Earthen plates two sitting Cheese one pair of Silver shear buckles three cows and calves, four hed of sheep ten hed of hogs with their increase to her and ~~maxx~~ her and her heirs forever.

Item: I Give and bequeath to my son Genelia Russell a certain tract or peace of land adjoining of Tho's Pitts and Genelia Russell land, beginning a follows in the form of a branch is at or near the Crossing of the Cartrade that goes over by Tho's Pitts thence ~~xxxxxx~~ runs up Ritcherson branch the various Courses to the head thence ~~xxxxxx~~ runs a straight line to the patten line thence turn with the patten line Eastwardly to the corner a pine near the head of a branch thence turns down near the branch to a poplar in the Branch it being the corner of a peace of land that I Bought of Jacob Lee thence down the various courses of the branch to the first station and my shot gan to him and his heirs Lawfully begotten of his body forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son John Russell a certain tract or peace of land lying on the South side of the River dam branch beginning on the North side of the River dam branch beginning as follows at a pine near the side of 94th branch thence runs up the various corces of the said branch to a White Oak near the run , It being the upper corner of a peace of land that I bought of David Gornto thence runs out to a center of sum pines in a meadow thence Eastwardly along a line of marked trees agreed on between Enos Ellis & Linton Russell to the huckleberry Slash thence with various Corces of the Slash to a marked pine on the side of said Slash thence a stake line running towards the beaver dam branch to a pine it being the beginning tree of the land that I bought of David Gornto and near the meeting house path thence along the said path to the main road thence down the road to the patten line of the land that I now live on thence with the sd line to the first station to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Elijah Russell my lower plantation and the adjoining land belonging to me between the dam & the big branch to-ward Tho's Pitts up to a marked pine on ~~THE~~ Ritchoerson branch thence along a line of marked trees to the beaver dam run and all my lands lying over the the main road on the ~~Westerly~~ West side that I ~~have~~ have not given to my son John Russell lying between his line and Rachel Lees line it being part of the land that I bought of Enoch Ellis to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherin Russell one feather bed & Furniture one large Green Chist one fallen leaf table one puter dish & six plates two sitting chairs too Cows and calves to her and her heirs Lawfully beotten of her body forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son James Russell My plantation next to the main Road including the house wherein I now live with all the out housing and all all the adjoining lands that I have not all ready disposed of to my three above~~xxxxxx~~ mention same belonginge me lying between their lines to him and his heirs lawfully be gotten of his body forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my above mentioned children to which ~~Wm~~ ^{Wm} Micajah, John, Elijah, Catharine, & James Russella certain peace of land to the amount of fifty acres lying on the marshes between Topsis Inlet & Stump Inlet wherein John Fullwood and myself was patten to them and their heirs lawfully begotten of their body for ever.

ITEM: I lend to my beloved wife Sary Russell all my Stook, of cattle horses
hogs, and Sheep during her widowhood and all my plantation tools and all my
other property that have not been heretofore given to support her and my
children, and at her marriage or death for all my stook with the in crease
of them and all the other property that I have lent her to be sold and the
money given to my daughter Cathern Russell and my will and desire is that
my son Sary Russell who she is my husband's son shall have above
given to my son James Russell with the privilage of the land for the
support of the plantation .

ITEM: My will and desire is that my family be kept all together and that my children have a reasonable portion of Schooling which shall leave in the hands of Executors all but my son Elijah Russell my will and desire is that he should have sum what Extrony by ~~reasonable~~ reason of his weeklies and all the expenses of the Schooling will althoer expenses that shall hereafter arise in any wise to be raised out of the ungiven part of my property at the discretion of my worthy Executors that I shall hereafter mention.

ITEM: My will and desire is that if my two sons Micijagand John Russell Ither of them should die without ~~marry~~ an heir Lawfully begotton of their body that their land Should fall to the Surviving brother of them too.

ITEM: My will and desire is that my other too sons to wit Elijah & James Russell Ither of them should dy without Surviving an heir Lawfully begotton of their body that their land shall fall to the Surviving brother of themtoo.

ITEM: My will and desire is that the money be raised to pay my debts out of the ungiven part of my property that my Executors shall think can be the best shared.

ITEM: Last of all I hereby ordain my worthy friends Nathan Murry, ~~Thomas~~
Thomas Pitts, & James Floyd Executors of this my Last Will and Testament
in witness whereof I the Sd' Linton Russell have to this my Last Will and ~~Test~~
Testament Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

SIGNED SEALED PUBLISHED AND DELIVERED BY THE SAID
LINTON RUSSELL THE TESTATOR AS HIS LAST L
WILL AND TESTAMENT IN PRESENCE OF US WHO
WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF SIGNING AND
SEALING THEREOF.

L. RUSSELL (SEAL)

D. SHEPARD
THO'S SHEPARD
T. HOUSTAN

ON SLOW EMBURY. APRIL TERM 1800 The will of Denton Russell was proved by the oath of T. Houston & the Executors qualified thereto.

Nath's Loomis Clk.
