

1769
Aug 5th } Whereas I Samuel Edwards of New Garden in Province of North Carolina, being far advanced in Years & well knowing the uncertainty of Life & the certainty of Death; at one Time or other: do therefore leave behind me the following Liens, as my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul and the Soul & my body to the Earth to be interred in a christian like decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching such worldly substance wherewith I am possessed of, I have bequeathed & disposed of the same in the following manner & form, I advise and it is my Will that all my just Debts & Contracts & funeral Charges be paid & satisfied by my Executors. Then I give to my eldest Son David Edwards one hundred & fifty Acres of Land on the south side of the R. River I live on to him & his Heirs forever with paying equal quantity of Charges of getting Deed. Then I give to my Son Josua Edwards one hundred & fifty Acres of Land including the place he formerly lived on & the dividing to be between him and Brother Isaac is a black oak already marked, it to him and his Heirs forever with paying equal quantity of Charges to the Quantity of Land for Deed. Then I give to my Son Isaac Edwards three hundred & forty Acres of Land including the place he now live on, it for the Use of my Wife and Family during her Life & after her Death, its for him & his Heirs forever. I then lend to my Wife Ellenor Edwards during her natural Life in Mortgage of all my Lands Cattle Sheep Horses & Hogs for her use & the maintenance also the household goods, & after her Death to be equally divided between my Son Isaac Edwards and my Daughters Elizabeth Brown Hannah Harris, Ellenor Martha & Jane Edwards to them & their Heirs. And it is my Will & desire that each & every of them take of my Daughter Martha. I also leave to my Wife my working Tools and provisions during her Life, and after her Death to my Son Isaac Edwards to him & his Heirs forever. I appoint George _____ my two Sons Josua & Isaac Edwards whole & sole Executors

of this my last Will & Testament hereby disavowing & making
void all other and former Wills Testaments & Legacies by me
made, or that may appear in my Name Confirming this &
no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof
I have unto set my hand & Seal this fourteenth day of the 11th month
called November 1768.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the
P. Manuel Ewors to be his last Will
& Testament in the presence of
Kerwick Pigoret
William Stanley &
his
Amud R. Edwards
mark

In the Name of God Amen the 10th Day of June in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty five,
John Crooks of Rowan County & Province of North Carolina
being very sick & weak in Body but of perfect Mind
& memory Thanks be to God therefore calling to mind
the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to dye Do make & ordain this my last
Will & Testament. That is to say Principally & first I give
my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body
to the Disposition of my Lord: hoping at the general Resurrection
to receive the same by the mighty Power of God And as touch-
ing such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this Life I give & Dispose of the same in the
following manner & form. First I give & bequeath to my wife
beloved son David Crooks the Sum of eight Shillings procli-
mation money to be paid out of my Estate. I give to my wife
beloved son Gabriel Crooks the Sum of eight Shillings procli-
mation money likewise to be paid out of my Estate

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likewise I give to Margaret my well beloved Wife whom I have
constituted make & ordain with Samuel Bryan my Executors &
this my last Will & Testament giving to Margaret my Wife all
my movable Estate by her to be enjoyed during her Pleasure to
give support of at her pleasure Likewise I give to my beloved son Jack
Crooks all & singular my Lands Mesuages & Tenements by him freely
to be possessed & enjoyed by him his heirs and assigns forever
But not to be enjoyed by him till he is of the Age of twenty one but
to be left in the Care of the Executors till that time & likewise give James
Bryan and Henry Givley & John Bryan son of Samuel Bryan all
and each of them the Sum of eight Shillings proclama-
tion money to be paid out of my Estate And I do hereby utterly disallow
and revoke all & every other former Testaments Wills Legacies
Executors by me in any ways before this Time made and
bequeathed ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last
Will & Testament. Likewise I leave & give my son Jack to be
under the Care of his Mother & Samuel Bryan till he comes
Age if he prove a dutiful and obedient Son to his Mother
but if to the contrary her thinking not fit to keep him and
complaining to the said Samuel Bryan that the said Margaret
Crooks and Samuel Bryan shall according to my Will and
Desire bind him if said Jack Crooks out an Apprentice to some
convenient Trade till such Times he shall come of age. In Witness
whereof I have unto set my hand & Seal the Day & Year above written
Signed sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said John Crooks
as his last Will & Testament in the
presence of us the Subscribers.

Samuel Jones
John Jones
mark
Crooks Crooks