

173 Note of North Carolina, Stokes County. Sept. 9th 1854
Augustine Crews being weak in body but of strong mind
and memory, do make & publish this to be my last will
and Testament, in manner and form following
In the name of God.

1st I give and bequeath my soul unto that God who gave
it and raises my body to the dust from whence it was taken.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one
hundred acres of land to be taken of either one the two
tracts that I am now in possession of - for her to have and to
hold the same during her lifetime, or widowhood, and
all the household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils
stock and provision of every sort, or so much of all or
any of the above named household furniture and kitchen
furniture, stock, horses & farming utensils & provisions
as every true good man may in their judgment bring
their unto request shall deem a full sufficiency for
her to live on, and manage with, I should the Mary
it is my will that she have nothing more than the law
allows her to have in case there was now will left by me.

3rd I will that all my just debts be paid and that all the
lose property, or fixtures of every kind of personal property
be sold by my executors all of them should be money
existing from the sale then is required to pay the debts & pay as
then for it to be equally divided amongst children together with
the debts due me so that they all fare alike.

4th I give & bequeath to my two sons James & Thomas all of my lands
conditionally, the same be valued by some good men and
that they assign an equal portion to each of my daughters with
portion shall be paid over to them in money by the boys.

5th I do hereby name and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth &
my brother Live Crews as my executor and executor of
this my last will and Testament with full confidence that
they will carry the same into effect, as witness thereof I hereunto
affix my name, mark & seal in the presence of

Coleman Jenkins
William Marshall
mark

Augustine Crews
mark

Subscribed Term 1854.

The execution of the last will & Testament Augustine Crews
and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open
Court by Coleman Jenkins & William Marshall the subscribing
witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. W. H. Hille, cc.

174 In the name of God Amen I Edward Edwards son
of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being
weak in body but of sound and sobering mind &
memory, Thanks be given to God, calling to mind the
uncertainty of human life, being desirous to dispose of all
my worldly substance as it has been please God to bless
me with in this life.

First I will that all my household & kitchen furniture
plantation tools, horse, cattle, sheep, hoggs and all animals
description of stock together with all the corn, wheat, oats
and rye, and all the rough feed is all to be sold excepting
one bed & furniture to be left to my son David Edwards
and apply to paying all my just debt and funeral expens
the Remainder to be divided as follows, I will that my
son Joseph Edwards have one dollar.

I will that my son John Edwards have one dollar
I will that my Daughter Jane wife of Peter Flour have one
dollar, the remainder of the said money and all
the debt which are owing to me to be equally divided
between my son William, Daniel, Edward, and my
daughter Elizabeth wife of Henry Kiger, my son
Joseph Edwards has already received one hundred
and ten Dollars.

I will that my daughter Polly wife of Joseph Boles
have one piece of Land bounded as follows Beginning
at a large Oak running along Boles fence to a branch
thence down the branch a little ways then on the upper
end of Sus bottom thence down the mill pond on
the Wallers line thence on with his line, thence on the
old line to the beginning, and the said Boles has
a note against me for the sum of Twenty four dollars
or about that sum which is to be settled for the rent
of the Land which he has had.

I will that my son John Edwards his younger son John
have one tract of Land wherein he now live bounded
bounded as follows, Beginning at an ash on the bank of
the creek Lashes corner running south on the old fence to
Edwards & Edwards line thence along his line to the Redden
tract thence along the old line to the mill pond thence down
the creek to the beginning except the mill road.

I will that Henry Flour Son of daughter Jane wife of Peter
Flour have one piece of Land of fifty acres to be given
to him by my Executors and my three sons William,

175 Daniel and Edward off of the body of land which
he are to have and make him a Deed when comes to
the age of twenty one years
I will that my daughter Elizabeth wife of Henry Reger
to her dower, her natural life and after her death to her
heirs all the Land lying on the east side of the Little
creek below the Bridge but John Booe is to have
it yet for two years.

I will that Daniel Edwards have the house and the fifty
acres tract whereon I now live.

I will that my three sons William, Daniel & Edward have
all the remainder of my Land to be equally divided between
them, but if Daniel should bring Francis Lowry in it
or have her to live with him he shall forfeit all his
Right claim or demand of said Land and premises and
shall be divided between the other two and the said
Edward Edwards Jr. when his sons, comes to the age
of twenty one he shall Lot off to them in equal
proportions as it is willed to him and his heirs after
him. I hereby constitute & appoint Edward & Edwards
and Henry Reger as my lawful executors to this
my last will & Testament, Revoking all other
and former wills & Testament in writing whereof I
have herunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of
December 1844. Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
J. M. Chamberlain
John Fry

Edward + Edwards
Mark

December Term 1844

The execution of the last will & Testament of Edward
Edwards decd. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly
proved in open court by the oath of J. M. Chamberlain one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

J. M. Bell, c.

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In the name of God Amen
I John Shores Sr. of the County of Stokes and State of North
Carolina, being at present of perfect and sound mind & memory,
thanks be given to almighty God for the same, but calling
into mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and forty one make and pub-
lish this my last will & Testament. Revoking & making
Null & void all other wills that I have heretofore made
and making this my only will in manner and form
as follows to wit:
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty
God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence
it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the
direction of my executors hereinafter named and as
touching such worldly estate wherein with it hath pleased
God to bless me with in this life, I give devise & bequeath
the same in the following manner & form &c. To wit:
That after my funeral Expenses & all my just debts are paid
and what is owing to me is collected by my executors with
the remainder of my estate both real & personal shall be
divided among & between my beloved wife Elizabeth &
my ten children or their lawful heirs to wit: my
daughter Anna who intermarries with Henry Spicer
and if she should die before I do to her children; my
son John Shores, my daughter Elizabeth & her children, she
was married to John B. Miller, my daughter Mary who
intermarries with David Spicer, my son Henry Shores, my daughter
Catherine who intermarries with George Hauser, my son David
children be being dead my daughter Sarah who
married Saml. B. Hauser, my son Solomon children
and my son Isaac Shores to have them & their heirs
among my said ten children or their children that surviving
after deducting my beloved wife part which I give
& bequeath to her as follows to wit: one year pro-
vision for her & my son Isaac the allowance to be
made by them five holdens to be chosen by my executors
and further I give to my said wife for her support as long
as she lives and to dispose of the same as she thinks
proper, one good bed & furniture, one cow & calf, one
coffee mill & coffee roaster, one pot & skillet, one frying
pan, six puter spoons, six puter plates one set of knives
& forks, one ladle & fish forks, one glass wheel & canons
then above are table, one chest, one tea kettle, one