

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 Frances 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. Hill, 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 D. 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

Candle stick & candle mols, one washing tub & a ripper and I further give to my said wife Elizabeth in addition to the above article, the interest of six hundred dollars to be paid to her annually by my executors if she should need it for her support during her natural life or while she remains a widow, and if there shall be any money remaining of the interest of six hundred dollars that is not needed for the support of my wife Elizabeth aforesaid the said remainder of any to be to the use & benefit of all my children & their heirs aforesaid in equal portions, and further more I will that my said wife live in the mansion house where we now live if she chooses to do so during her natural life or widowhood.

3^d I give and bequeath unto my son John Shores this heirs & assigns forever a tract of land on which he now lives on the South west side of the Gauley River in Surry County containing two hundred & three acres but the my son John must account for said land at the rate of six hundred & fifty dollars without interest in the final division of my Estate among my heirs.

4th I give & bequeath to my son Henry Shores & his heirs & assigns forever the tract of land on which he now lives containing one hundred & seventy five acres adjoining the above mentioned tract of John Shores, both which Survey was made & plotted by Charles Bancroft Survey. my said son Henry must be charged six hundred & fifty dollars in the final division of my estate without interest.

5th I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Shores children & their lawful heirs or assigns forever all that tract of land on which my said son lived next before his death containing one hundred & twelve acres more or less lying in Stokes County on both sides of Mill creek & Spies creek it being the tract of land I purchased of George Mispick and the said children or their Guardian must account for said tract of land at the rate of four hundred & fifty dollars in the final division of my Estate without any interest to be charge thereon.

6th I give & bequeath to my son Isaac Shores his heirs & assigns forever all my homestead plantation on which I now live & the tract which I purchased of W^m Ellridge & his wife mill creek & waters there of containing four hundred and twenty six acres more or less at the price of five hundred & forty dollars without interest

on it in the final division of my Estate, but the reservation of my wife & Mother of said Isaac as mentioned to her as above is particularly reserved to her, also I make one other reserve out of this tract of land that is to say it is my will and desire that Rebecca Shores the widow of my son Solomon De^d shall live in the mansion house where she now resides & that she shall have the privilege of a garden & truck patch for cotton & potatoes &c during the time she may remain the widow of my son Solomon.

6th I will and bequeath unto my three grand children the children of my son Solomon De^d & Rebecca his wife that the said children to wit, Hyman, Alex^r Shores, John H^r Shores & W^m Turner Shores one share equal to the dividend that be coming to one of my other children which share must equally divided among the said three grand children as they may arrive at lawful age the interest of their money I will that it shall be applied towards educating said children. And after all the aforesaid bequests being done and satisfied, It is my will & desire that the residue of my Estate consisting of Slaves & other property shall be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months as soon as possible after my death by my executors and the proceeds of the said sale together with the Valuation of the aforesaid lands which I have made to my sons & grand children shall be added together & money due to me & money on hand at my death & all costs being paid, then the net amount of my Estate being ascertained then let an Equal division be made between my children & grand children to wit, my son who intermarried to Henry Spence, John Shores, my daughter Elizabeth Children the intermarried John R. Miller but is now dead, her children must have one share divided among them my daughter Mary one share the married Daniel Spence, my daughter Catharine one share who intermarried Geo. Hauer, my son Henry one share, Jacob Shores children one share, Sarah Hauer one share, Solomon Shores children one share, and Isaac Shores one share and be it further known that the interest only six hundred dollars is set apart for my wife Elizabeth if she may need it as the full share of my beloved wife Elizabeth and after her death if any of the interest remains let it be equally divided among all my ten heirs as aforesaid. Lastly I do hereby make & ordain my son John Shores

177 And John B Miller Executors of this my last will
& Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal to this my last will and testament
the day and year first mentioned we the undersigned
witnesses being personally present & saw the testator
John Shores Sr. sign seal and acknowledge the
foregoing to be his last will & testament before us
C. Banner
Thomas Madenup
Lewis Lumbach

In the name of God Amen
I John Shores Sr. of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being
in perfect mind & memory thanks be to God do this sixth day of
October one thousand eight hundred & forty four. Add this as a codicil
to my former will executed the 31st day of May 1841. In the case of
the death of my son Henry Shores, Jacob Shores, & Solomon Shores,
as follows, I declare it to be my will and desire
1st that ^{if both the sons & grandsons she now lives in so long as she} Susannah Shores the widow of Henry Shores ^{now} remains
a widow after her widowhood to descend to the children of my
son Henry Shores
2nd It is my will that Susannah Shores the widow of Jacob Shores
live & possess the land & house she now lives in so long as she
remains a widow after her widowhood to descend to the chil-
dren of my son Jacob Shores
3rd It is my will to make an addition provision for Rebecca Shores
the widow of Solomon Shores in place of land that she draw
the interest of six hundred dollars per year in place where the others
have the use of land so long as she remains a widow, after ^{which} to be
added to my estate for equal division among my heirs, and also
firewood off the land whereon she now lives which wood she is
to cut at her expense & also lay by her finding a hand to make the
hay. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
seal the year and date first above written in the presence of
My Deut
Charles Sturpe
John & Shores
mark

December Term 1844
The Execution of the last will & Testament of John
Shores Sr. with the codicil annexed (of which the foregoing
is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by Charles
Banner as to the execution of said will & by Saml. Sturpe
as to said codicil & ordered to be recorded.
Wm. H. Hill, ckr

180 In the name of God Amen
I Phillip Sides of the County of Stokes & State of N. Carolina
being weak in body but of sound mind & memory do this day
the 13th January 1841 make & ordain this to be my last
will & testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore
by me made & declaring this to be my only will in
manner and form following:
I will have that my daughter Elizabeth widow of
Henry Shack Deed which in now living with me shall
have my whole plantation whereon I now live so long
as she lives or remains a widow & shall have uninterruptible
possession thereof so long as she remains a widow or her
life time & after her decease the plantation shall be sold
& the proceeds thereof be divided in equal shares between
all my children & grand children & if my said daughter
Elizabeth should marry again then the land shall be
disposessed of in the manner above stated in case of her
death - Further I will that she shall have such
of my house hold & kitchen furniture as may be useful
for her & which my executor shall decide & the balance
if any there be shall be sold at public sale & I
further give her a good bed & furniture with bed stand
I make this provision for my daughter Elizabeth on the
sole grounds because ~~she~~ had kept house for me &
taken care of my household affairs without any remuneration
The balance of my estate shall be sold at public sale &
the proceeds thereof be divided equal among all my children
& grand children share & share alike & when I speak of the balance
of my estate I mean all my stock of horses, hogs, cows & other articles
I will further have that my executor shall select two or three good
& impartial men who shall lay off, one year provision for my
daughter Elizabeth & over that year provision she may take
choice of one milk cow which shall be her property forever
And I do hereby appoint my friend & brother John Sides
my executor In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand
& seal, signed sealed & declared in the presence of
John C. Blum
Philip Sides Deed

December Term 1844
The Execution of the last will & Testament of Phillip
Sides Sr. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved
in open Court by the oath of Philip Langenau one of the subscribers
being witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded
Wm. H. Hill, ckr