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State of South Carolina In the name of God. Amen I
Mary E Edwards of the Parish of St John's Berkley
in the District of Charleston in the State aforesaid being
advanced in age and weak in body but of sound mind and
memory and being ^{fully} sensible of the uncertainty of this life
and that is appointed so that all mankind must die do
make constitute ordain appoint and publish this instrument
of writing and declare it to be my last will and Testament
and first I desire my Executors hereafter named to pay all
my just debts as soon as they conveniently can after my decease
I have conveyed my negro woman Cloe and her two children
Hetty and Beck by a deed of Gift to my daughter Mary E
Easterling which three negroes I intend to be her full share
of my Estate and it is my desire that all the rest of my Estate
both real and personal be sold and the money arising from
the same be equally divided between my other eight children
Viz John Jell Cants Belisant J Harvey David W M Cants
Thomas W M Cants Robert J M Cants Ransom J Edwards
John C Edwards and Charles J Edwards share and share alike
and lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my two
sons John Jell Cants and Robert Jell Cants Executors to this
my last will and Testament In witness whereof I hereunto
set my hand and seal this Twenty Eighth day of August
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and
forty four

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Mary E Edwards (Seal)
Signed sealed published and declared by the Testatrix in the
presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each
other subscribed our names as witnesses

J W Thurston Jr. Geo A Hudson Samuel O Russell
Proved before Thomas Torre Esq C. J. & 30th January 1845
At the same time qualified John J McCarnts Executor