

In the Name of God Amen I John Edwards ^{of Edisto} of Boldates Island in Colleton County being sick and weak but of Perfect and sound Memory blessed be God for the same calling to mind the Mortality of this Life do make this my Last will & Testament in Manner and form following vizt.

I Give and Bequeath my Immortal soul into the hands of God who save it and my body to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my hereafter named Executors nothing doubting but by the Power of God at the Resurrection they shall be joyfully reunited in and thro' the Meritorious Death and Sufferings of my ever blessed Saviour Jesus Christ

Item it is the full intent of this my Last will & Testament that after my Decease my whole Estate both real & Personall be sold at Publick Vendue by my hereafter named Executors within one Twelve months and a Day and all my Funeral Charges and Just Debts fully Discharged and paid and the rest to be disposed of by my Executors as aforesaid in Manner and form following.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my dear and well beloved wife Martha Edwards one half of all my remaining estate real and Personall During her Natural life and at her Decease to Descend unto her Daughter Elizabeth Tripp wife of John Tripp of St. Hellena to her and her heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved friend David McKee Son to be bought by my hereafter named Executors out of the remaining part of my Estate not Exceeding two Hundred Pounds nor under one Hundred and Ninety Pounds and to be by my Executors delivered unto the said David McKee and his wife ^{Martha} during their life and upon their Decease to Descend unto their second Son David McKee Jun^r he the said David McKee paying unto his Brother Alex^r McKee Forty Pounds, and Forty Pounds unto his Sister Sarah McKee and Forty Pounds unto his Sister ~~Sarah~~ McKee to them and their heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto John Tripp and his wife Elizabeth Tripp unto Mary Tripp unto William Tripp and unto Elizabeth Tripp and unto Paul Tripp and unto Martha Wright wife of Isaac Wright unto each of them one Gold Mourning ring in Memory of me to them and their heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto Martha Crease ~~Widow~~ Widow and the Relick of Matthew Crease Thirty Pounds to her and her heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto John Beckett son of Mary Crease Ten Pounds to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto Benjamin ~~son~~ Pamerton of St. Hellena Ten Pounds to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved friend William Adams Sen^r of Edisto one Mourning Ring in Memory of me to him and to his heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto Tho^s Adams son of W^m Adams Sen^r of Edisto one Negro man Child named Ismael youngest Child of my Negro man and his wife to him and to his heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto the Poor Inhabitants of St. Hellena Island the Annual Interest of one half of my Remaining estate to be paid by my Executors for seven years unto the Relief of the greatest Object of Charity as shall be so deemed and Refered to my Executors by the most judicious and eminent Persons of the Island and the other Remaining half to be put out to Interest by my said Executors for seven years and at the end of the said Seven years both the Interest and Principal to be joined to the Principle of the first Remaining half and the whole sum to be laid out in Negroes which Negroes shall always be employed for the maintenance of a Minister of the Liturgy of the Church of England and in case no such Minister be present for any Term of time the Produce of their Labour shall be During the whole Vacancy reserved and the sum shall be Employed in the Purchase of a Glebe Land for the said Minister who shall always reside on the said Island of St. Hellena for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof

I do hereby nominate and Appoint my well Beloved son in Law John Tripp my well Beloved wife Martha Edwards my well Beloved friend David McKee Sen^r my well Beloved friend W^m Adams Sen^r my Lawfull Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby nulling and making void all other wills be me herebefore made ratifying and Confirming this my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty third day of November Seventeen Hundred and forty ~~seven~~ ^{seven}

Signed Sealed Declared
& Delivered in Presence of

John Hill
David McKee
William Cook
Sarah McKee

John Edwards (L)

This Will was Proved before his Excellency ye 5 day January 1749 At the same Time Qualified John Tripp & W^m Adams Sen^r ^{sworn} thereunto