

owner and proprietor of the plaintiffs, that the said Carter Edmunds on the 27th day of October 1828 made his last Will and Testament which was admitted to record in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Southampton in the State of North Carolina and that the same was also recorded in the County Court of Southampton in the State of Virginia and that the said Carter Edmunds died on or about the day of 1829 which last Will and Testament is in the following words and figures to wit.

"In the name of God Amen. I Carter Edmunds being weak in body but in my sound and disposing mind and knowing that all men are to die, do make and ordain to be my last Will and Testament - First I recommend my soul into the hands of a merciful Creator and my body to be decently interred - as to my worldly estate I do will and bequeath it in the manner following to wit. Item 1st From the maintenance which my woman Hannah has rendered me, it is my will and desire that she and three children be set free. Item 2nd I do will and bequeath to the said Hannah fifty acres of land the line commencing at the lower corner of my yard next to the running directly to a branch, thence up the branch a sufficient distance that the line shall be parallel to the first line run. It is my desire a good framed house by station feet be built upon said land having two good floors a brick chimney - three eight light windows, on such site as Hannah shall designate. I do desire that she have a Garden cleared and fenced and a good well sunk in the yard at expense of my estate. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to the above mentioned woman Hannah a negro woman Vincy and her increase to her and her heirs forever, she cows, two sows and one year's provision of corn and pork in addition to the she bequeaths I give and bequeath to the said Hannah fifty dollars annually to be paid to her estate. Lastly I desire that Hannah and her three children Richard, Mary, Margaret and remain where they are upon my plantation and there exposed to be sold if my estate until my executor makes the provision I have provided for her. Item 4th I do give and bequeath to my brother Henry B. Edmunds three children Rebecca and Edgar Edmunds four thousand dollars to be equally divided between them provided that he who does not interfere with the settlement of this last bequest should either me or so I exclude him or her from any interest in my estate and in the her portion to the other brother or sister or his or her sisters as the case may be. Item 5th The residue of my estate of every kind and description whatever I do will and give to my brother Nicholas Edmunds to dispose of in such manner as may seem good to my estate which I give to my nephew Carter Edmunds. Item 6th To my children Miles and Henry the sons of negro woman Lucy with the said Nicholas Edmunds out to some trade and to reap the profits of them until they become twenty years of age then to be set free should they be found tractable and well behaved otherwise to sell my will and desire should the laws of Va^{ca} and North Carolina be found that the woman Hannah cannot remain in the jurisdiction of either Commonwealth then to sell the land sold her, pay over to her the proceeds of the sale of the land and pay the remaining to such free state as she may choose to go out of my estate. Item 7th I do bequeath to my brother Nicholas Edmunds my late executor to this my last will and Testament. I W. Thos. S. Harper, H. B. Edmunds - Executors and witnesses before Signers. Witness Daniel D. Drantley - October 27th 1828 - Goddard, a full and my personal