

Note.

Richard Darden.

Richard J. Darden.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 17th day of October 1836.

This last Will and Testament of Richard Pope deceased, was proved by the oath of Richard J. Darden, a Will & Testament was fully proved by the oath of Richard Darden, as Witness thereto, and evidence to be received. Richard Pope and Henry Little his servants, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs, but forsores is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

Teste L. D. Edwards Sec.

In the name of God amen: I Elias Edwards of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, do think proper to make this writing my last Will and Testament as follows, to wit.

Item. I lend to my beloved wife, Margaret Edwards, one negro girl Esther for and during her natural life. I also give her fifty dollars in money. I lend her (my wife Margaret Edwards) one third part of my land and plantations and one fifth part of the balance of my estate after paying my just debts for and during her natural life, and at her death, my desire is that all the property that I have lent to my Wife except the same be equally divided between my four children (Wife) William Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Sarah R. Edwards and Marion Edwards.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Edwards two thirds of my land and plantations at my death and at the death of his mother the other one third, which includes all my lands, on the condition that he pay to my son Marion Edwards, the sum of four hundred dollars, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Edwards, one negro girl, Hannah, and one hundred dollars in money, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah R. Edwards, one negro girl, Annas, and one hundred dollars in money, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Marion Edwards two hundred dollars in money, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Eliza J. Vaughan one negro girl Lucy to her and her heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that all the balance of my Estate not heretofore mentioned be equally divided between my four children (namely) William Edwards, Eliza Edwards, Sarah R. Edwards and Marion Edwards to them and their heirs forever. My wish is that my friends James D. Moskenburg William A. Sparks and John Moore divide my negroes between my Wife (Margaret Edwards) and my four children as within named.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my son-in-law Allen Edwards and my son William Edwards the Executors to this my last will and Testament, making all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of October 1836

Elias Edwards (Teste)
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in presence of the following Witnesses:
John Moore Jr.
James Williams.
George H. Baranov.
Owen Vaughan.