

Now For the love and affection which I have to my brother Howell Edmunds I give and bequeath to him the aforesaid Howell Edmunds his heirs and assigns forever the whole of my estate let it consist in what may say lands Negroes money bonds and accounts and every other species of property whatsoever to dispose in such manner as he may think proper. I leave my brother Howell Edmunds my sole executor to this my last will and Testament signed and sealed this the fourth day of July 1840 eight hundred and thirty eight.

N. Edmunds 

State of North Carolina }
Northampton County } Court of Pleas and quarter sessions June Term 1840
This paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Nicholas Edmunds dec'd was exhibited in open Court and Joseph, M. S. Rogers, Gommers Barnes, James Sherrod and Ethelred J. Peebles being duly sworn depose and say that they truly believe the said paper writing and every part thereof to be in the proper hand writing of the said Nicholas Edmunds and it appearing to the Court that the said paper writing was deposited in the hands of Howell Edmunds by the Testator for safe keeping. Thereupon it is ordered & adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Nicholas Edmunds dec'd is duly proved as the last will and Testament of the said Nicholas Edmunds as to both real and personal estate and that the same be recorded. And it appearing to the Court that the executor therein named is not a resident of this state it is ordered that he enter into bond and security, whereupon Howell Edmunds the executor therein named in said will entered into bond in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars conditioned &c. with Gommers Barnes and Ethelred J. Peebles securities and qualified as the Law directs.

Teste Wm. Bottom Clerk

State of North Carolina.



I William Bottom Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Northampton hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of Nicholas Edmunds will and of the proceedings had in the probate of that same. Given under my hand and seal of office at office the 6th day of June 1840.

Wm. Bottom Clerk

I Samuel Bulward Chairman of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Northampton North Carolina do hereby certify that William Bottom whose name appears to the above certificate is and was at the time of signing the same acting Clerk of the County aforesaid duly elected and qualified that full faith and credit we give to all his official acts as such and that the same is in due form of Law. Given under my hand and seal the 5th day of June 1840.

Samuel Bulward Ch. J.

State of North Carolina



I William Bottom Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Northampton hereby certify that Samuel Bulward whose name appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Chairman of the said Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Northampton aforesaid duly elected as such and that full faith and credit we give to all his official attestations as such. Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of June 1840.

Wm. Bottom Clerk