

Richard Edwards
Will

In the name of god amen I Richard Edwards of Southampton County
State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind & memory,
thanks be to the almighty god for the same and calling to mind the
mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for to die do make
and ordain this my last will and testament. First of all desire
that all my debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged.
Secondly I give to my son Lord an Edwards the land plantation
whereon I now live also the land I bought of David Beal one still and
pitcher and funnel and still Tub one Popot one flog Whittier four dogs
good steers and Crops cut saw one for Stettards and seven negroes
namely Pot young Venus Tomb Isiah Lucy Lydia and Rose with
their linens to him and his heirs forever.
Thirdly I give to my daughter Elizabeth Beal and her husband Isaac
Beal during both their lives except she has an heir lawful begotten
of her body If she does have an heir I give the property that I give
to my daughter to her heir If it is none to manhood If not I give
the property I shall hereafter name to my son Isaac Edwards and
his heirs forever after the death of my daughter Elizabeth Beal and
her husband Isaac Beal to wit Seven negroes namely Isaac
Ginny Ben Demsey Chaney Melly and old Venus.
Fourthly My will and desire is that my Executor do equally divide
the property then remaining between himself and my daughter Elizabeth
Beal. Likewise designate and appoint my son Isaac Edwards
the whole and sole Executor of this my last will & Testament
given under my hand this 15th day of October 1815
Signed sealed and delivered?

In presence of
John Fowler
Jeremiah Edwards
Joseph Edwards

Richard Edwards

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the day of February
1816 this Will was proved by the oaths of Jeremiah Edwards and
Joseph Edwards two of the witnesses hereto and ordered to be record and
then on the motion of the Executor therein named who made oath
according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat
thereof in due form giving bond and security Whereupon &c

Teste
James Rochelle &c