

**Loudoun County, Virginia**

**Will of Rebecca Edwards**

(1773 – 1845)

Transcribed September 2003 by R Stoy

Names listed with relationship or function as indicated in the document  
(surnames in parentheses are married names of females):

Elizabeth Moran, niece  
Fanny, slave  
Judah, slave  
Catherine Lewis, niece  
Addison, slave  
Emly, slave  
Frank, slave  
Henry, slave  
Rebecca Lyon, daughter of Alexander  
Alexander Lyon  
Catherine Lyon, daughter of Alexander  
Jane, wife of Alexander  
Benn, slave  
Ellen, slave  
Sarah (McNealy) Moran, niece  
John M Moran, nephew  
Jonathan Lewis, nephew  
Amos Fouch, witness  
Charles Lewis, witness  
Catherine Darne, witness  
Jordan B Luck, security  
Burgess D Bartlett, security

The following was transcribed from a photocopy of a transcription of the will recorded in the Loudoun County Court House, Will Book 2C, pages 49-50, Loudoun County, Virginia. This transcription is rendered as accurately as possible, including any misspellings.

In the name of God Amen,  
I Rebecca Edwards of the County of Loudoun the state of Virginia being sick and knowing that I was born to die, and thinking that the time of my death is near at hand, I make this my last will and Testament as follows ---

First, it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate – Secondly I give to my niece Elizabeth Moran two slaves named Fanny & Judah to her, her Heirs and assigns forever also her present & future increase – Secondly – I give to my niece Catherine Lewis the following named slaves, Addison, Emly, Frank and Henry to her and her heirs and assigns forever Thirdly I give to Rebecca Lyon daughter of Alexander Lyon one feather bed and bedding -- Fourthly – I give to Catherine Lyon daughter of Alexander Lyon one feather bed and bedding – Fifthly – I give unto the three present youngest children daughters of Alexander Lyon and Jane his wife all my stock of cattle and hogs, to them and their heirs and assigns forever also the balance of my household furniture not already given to be equally divided amongst the daughters of Alexander Lyon and Jane his wife – Sixthly, It is my will and desire that Benn & Ellen the two old servants shall remain with such of my family as they may choose to live with on condition that one half of a moderate hire shall be paid yearly unto the said Benn & Ellen Lastly, I lend to my niece Sarah Moran now Sarah McNealy During her life two slaves named Bill & Mary and after the death of Sarah McNealy to the use and benefit of her present and future children and further it is my will that my executor hereafter named shall hire out s<sup>d</sup> slaves & shall apply their hire towards the support and schooling of s<sup>d</sup> Sarah McNealys Children – I do appoint and constitute my nephew John Moran and my nephew Jonathan Lewis my Executors – In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and fixed by seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1839.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of  
Amos Fouch  
Charles Lewis, Catherine Darne

[signed] Rebecca Edwards (seal)

At a Court held for Loudoun County 10<sup>th</sup> November 1845

A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Rebecca Edwards decd was presented to the Court and proved by the oath of Amos Fouch & Catherine Darne two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, on the motion of John M Moran one of the executors therein named who made oath as such & together with Jordan B Luck Burgess D. Bartlett Jonathan Lewis & Elizabeth Moran his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Nine thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form & Liberty is reserved the other Ex<sup>r</sup> to qualify when ever he shall think fit

[signed] [?] clk