

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five being sound In memory an reasonable health taking into consideration that man is born to die, I desire that to commit my soul to god and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner and as to my earthly goods that the Lord hath blessed me with I do desire that they may be disposed in the following manner To wit I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah all my Property during her life to my son John Shackelford after the death of my wife I bequeath twenty four Shillings to my son Edward Shackelford one half To my daughter Sarah Hicks I bequeath one half To my daughter Betsey Sanders I bequeath ten pounds To my daughter Ann Weasley I bequeath ten pounds To my son James Shackelford twenty Shillings all which to be Taken out of my estate after the death of my wife the residue of the whole of my Property to be equally Divided Between my son James Shackelford, Edward Shackelford, Betsey Sanders, Sarah Hicks and Ann Weasley to them & their heirs forever and do hereby certify This to be my last Will & Testament and all Others to be Void given before this date March tenth 1795

signed & sealed

In presence of
Thomas L. Chilton

James ^{his} Shackelford (SS),
mark

At a Court held for Madison County on Tuesday the 4th day of August 1795

This Will was proved to be the last Will & Testament of James Shackelford Dec. by the Oath of Thomas John Chilton a Witness thereto & ordered to be Recorded

Teste Will. L. in d. 1795

In the name of god Amen. He being through the blessing of our merciful and good naps of God the weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do hereby state this my last Will and Testament and desire it to be received by all as such. I firmly do most humbly beg with my soul to god my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits & mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ, Secondly I give my body to the earth from whence it was Taken, as full assurance of its Resurrection at the last day, as for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or superfluous at the discretion of my dear wife & executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence as for my worldly estate, first of all I will and positively order that all my Just Debts be paid them I give to my dear beloved wife Elizabeth the bay mare & the two cows and calves and the new feather Bed and furniture The land I now live upon is to be equally Divided Between my two sons Solomon & Thomas the profits of the Plantation is to be applied to the use of raising the children and to be in the hands of my dear wife till the boys comes of age my two sons I want each of them to have a horse a pair of the worth in money and for that purpose there is two Spring Cotts which may be kept till they are saleable and then sold to the highest Bider and the money put to Interest till they are of age all the rest of my estate I want equally Divided amongst the rest of my children and if my wife should have a child after my death of mine it to have an equal share of all the estate but what is left to my wife and two sons all the children is to be schooled out of the Interest of the money put out to usury after the sale of moveable Property exclusive