

In the name of God Amen.  
 I, W. Shepherd of the County, N.C.  
 being of sound mind and deliberate  
 and knowing the certainty of death and the  
 uncertainty of life do make this my last  
 will and Testament.

I will my beloved daughter Sarah Jane  
 the six hundred and seventy three dollars  
 she has already had from my Estate and  
 two dollars left to be paid.

I will my beloved son John C. Shepherd  
 the six hundred and forty seven dollars and  
<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> which he has already had from my  
 Estate and twenty seven dollars and <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due  
 him.

I will my beloved daughter Martha M. the  
 six hundred and seventy five dollars which  
 she has already had from my Estate.

I will my beloved son J. Shepherd the tract  
 of land I now own off to him and decide contin-  
 uing about sixty five acres off of the upper end  
 of my home land.

I will my beloved daughter Leona the six  
 hundred and forty six dollars and <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> that  
 she has already had from my Estate and  
 and twenty eight dollars and <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due her  
 I will Lela Sullin the girl who has raised  
 me as Lula Shepherd my niece red young  
 cow worth 20 twenty dollars, also one chest  
 and bed well furnished.

I will My Phillips Kream as Oxen one Roan  
 Calf that he claims also one Bedstead and bed well  
 furnished, also one horse saddle and bridle, mow and  
 he stays on the place and conducts himself manly  
 as heretofore.

I also will my beloved wife Ellen three hundred  
 dollars worth of personal property also her cow and  
 goatling; the three hundred dollars worth of prop-  
 erty and supplies instead of one years allowance  
 the same to be appraised by three neighbors who  
 are disinterested. I also will my beloved wife  
 Ellen the use of all the land where we now live  
 except the land wills to J. C. Shepherd for her to have

and hold as her own during her widowhood  
 and as her death or marriage shall come that all  
 my lands be sold or divided as may be  
 discretionary with my children except four  
 square rods of land at N.E. Stumps line by  
 an oak tree where I expect to be buried and that  
 I will to no one but retain some for my  
 burial ground I also will that my debts  
 and accounts be disposed in the hands of  
 my Executor to be collected and paid over to  
 my children pro rata after all just debts and  
 burial expenses are fully satisfied. I further  
 appoint my son John C. Shepherd as sole Executor  
 to this will; Signed and acknowledged by said  
 testator in the presence of us who subscribe  
 our names in the presence of said testator and  
 each other this April first 1899.

Witness  
 John Garvey  
 R. L. Weaver

J. W. Shepherd, Testator

State of North Carolina } ss In the Superior Court  
 of the County }

A Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
 of J. W. Shepherd deceased, is exhibited before me,  
 the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court for  
 said County by John C. Shepherd the Executor ther-  
 in mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the  
 said J. W. Shepherd by the oath and examination  
 of John Garvey & R. L. Weaver the subscribing wit-  
 nesses thereto, who bring duly sworn oath depone  
 and say, and each for himself depone and  
 swear, that he is a subscribing witness to the  
 paper writing now shown him purporting to be  
 the last will and Testament of J. W. Shepherd and that  
 the said J. W. Shepherd did in the presence of this  
 deponent subscribe his name at the end of  
 said paper writing, which is now shown as afo-  
 said and which bears date of the first day of April  
 1899 and the deponent further saith, that the said  
 J. W. Shepherd the testator aforesaid, did at the time of  
 subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said