

Robert Shearer's Will

In the name of God amen I Robert Shearer of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of a sound & disposing mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do hereby make publish and declare this my last will and Testament as follows.

First. I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Shearer, as much of my household & kitchen furniture and stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep & poultry & farming tools as she may see cause to keep also my home plantation containing One hundred & forty one acres together with the dwelling house Kitchen and all out houses & buildings of every kind, also two negroes her choice of all the negroes I have freely & absolutely to possess & enjoy for her natural life, hereby allowing if my said wife Sarah so chooses that the land & premises hereby devised to her for her natural life be sold & the interest of the monies arising from such sales to go to my said wife Sarah yearly during her natural life

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my seven Daughters Three Hundred Dollars each the amount of all the receipts I hold for money or monies worth, had by any one of them from me to be deducted from their respective portion of the aforesaid Three Hundred Dollars, (to wit) Nancy Green, wife of Daniel Green, Polly Green wife of Richard Green Sally Wodge wife of Gilbert Wodge, Nancy Rees wife of Joel Rees Lucy Norris wife of John Norris, Ann Cook wife of Henry Cook, & Robert Green & Sarah Hayes

~~Robert~~ Shearers Will Continued
Children of my daughter Elizabeth Green deceased
my daughter Elizabeth Green being dead Robert
Green & Sarah Hayes to receive her portion
their portions jointly to be equal with that
of my six living daughters.

Faithfully If any any thing left to be equally
divided amongst all my children share
and share alike also what ever may be
left at the decease of my wife to be equally
divided amongst all my children, and
lastly, I hereby appoint my son John Shears
& my son in Law Daniel Green Executors to
this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking
all others. In Testimony whereof I hereunto
set my hand & seal this 25 day of October
AD 1845,

in presence of
Wm. A. Gentry
John Cook, Sarah.

Robert Shears. (Seal)