

# Shadrach Estep's Will

In the name of God Amen

Being male in body but sound in mind and memory, calling to mind that it is appointed of God once for all men to die. I constitute this my last Will & Testament, in form and manner as follows. First & foremost I bequeath my soul to God that gave it. Secondly I request that my body be decently interred, at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. Thirdly, I request that all my just debts be paid & as to my worldly estate. I bequeath in the following manner, that all my real & personal estate to be my wife and remains in her hands during her life & after her decease to be equally divided between my children John Moses, Elijah Elizabeth Mary James, Sarah & Rachel Estep and I constitute my son John Estep & my wife Ruth & Elizabeth Baird, my Executors & Executrix to this my last Will & Testament.

Signed sealed and delivered and acknowledged this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1801 before us.

<sup>him</sup>  
Wynant & Vanderpool  
Elijah <sup>mark</sup> & Curtis <sup>mark</sup> Just.

Shadrach <sup>his</sup> Estep <sup>mark</sup> @

North Carolina

Ashe County

August Term 1801.

This last Will & Testament of Shadrach Estep was duly proven by the oath of Elijah Curtis & recorded in open Court.

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Jos M. Misan clk