

Equally Divided between my wife and children, or
 wife and child if there should but one child arrive to
 the age of Maturity, so agreeable to the Number of Children
 and an Provision I should Leave no Heir or Heir's
 that arrives to the age of Maturity which was Lawfully
 Begotten of My. Then I Give a Bequest unto My dear
 Beloved Wife Elizabeth Stollen all that I have a Right
 to in this World, to Will or Dispose of All she
 thinks proper and During the time of Her Widowhood
 until my son Jonathan Comes to the age of Twenty one
 my Wife shall have a Right to Tannant of the Land or
 Rent it upon Any Condition she thinks proper, Also
 Liberty to sell any Timber or wood of the Land
 she see fit until the above mentioned time to help
 Raise up the Children and help support Her self.
 Signed Sealed in the
 Presence of us

this second day of April
 one Thousand Seven
 Hundred and Ninety

Matthew Varnis
 Daniel Reed

Jonathan Stollen. (Seal)

Nov^r Term 1791

There was the within will proved in Open
 Court by the oath of Dan^l Reed,
 Ordered to be Recorded

Test Jas Parrott Clerk,

In the name of god amen I Richard Sheff
 of North Carolina bartered bound, being in perfect mind and
 memory but in a bad state of health and being to mind the
 mortality of mankind that it is appointed for all men once
 to die. Make and declare this my last will and Testament
 that is to say -

I Recommend my soul to god that gave it and such
 worldly goods as he has ben pleased to bless me with as
 follows, first I will that all my Lawfull debts and funeral
 Charges be paid and the Rest as following -

Item - I give to my Loving wife Elizabeth the plantation
 and Land and my house hold furniture during her
 Natural Life and after her decease to my son Thomas Sheff.

Item, I give all the cattle to my son Richard that is
 in his mark and one half of the Rest -

Item, I give to my son Steung all the cattle that is in
 his mark and the other half of the Rest.

Item, I give to my daughter Judy one cow and her
 increase that is in her mark and one cow to be added
 to on her marriage day.

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth one shilling.

Item I give all the Remainder of my stock to my wife
 during her natural Life and then to my son Thomas.

Witness.

Joshua Sheam

George Stron

Asa Bishop

January 20th 1792.

Richard Sheff (Seal)
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Proved by A Bishop
 Aug Court 1791
 Jas Parrott Clerk.