

David W. Shelton's Last Will.

B. W. Shelton
Ex. of
David W. Shelton
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I David W. Shelton of the County of Catterton
And State of North Carolina, being of Sound
Mind and memory, but considering the
uncertainty of earthly existence, do make &
declare this my last will and Testament—
in manner and form following: That is to say,

First, That my executor (hereinafter named),
shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of relatives and friends
and pay all funeral expenses together with my
just debts, herein come by whatsoever owing out
of the first money that may first come into
his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item first—my will and desire is that
my beloved wife Nancy Polina have my planta-
gen known as Red place containing one
hundred and fifty acres more or less, to
have and to hold during her natural life and
widowhood and at her death to equally divided
between my three sons, namely, Robert W. Shelton
Lebster S. Shelton and Thomas W. Shelton

I also I will to my beloved wife Nancy Polina
two shagreen horses or mules and one choice
milk cow and necessary farming tools for
a two horse farm and one year provisions
and my house hold and kitchen furniture

I also will Mrs. Mary R. Wilkerson wife of Gen.
M. Wilkerson, fifty dollars. I also will that all
my remaining salary both personal and real
be sold to the highest bidder by my executor
and that he pay first one of the proceeds
to my wife Nancy Polina one hundred
dollars and to my three sons, Robert W. Shelton
Lebster S. Shelton and Thomas W. Shelton
thirty one hundred dollars each, then the
remainder to be equally divided between
my four daughters, namely, Anna W. Shelton
Lebster S. Shelton, Anna J. Shelton and Sarah Emma
Shelton and to divide of their bodies to have &
and to hold forever I make and appoint my
son Robert W. Shelton my executor to this

my last will and Testament—This twenty fourth
day of April One thousand eight hundred
and eighty-two

Witness—J. I. Cochran
J. S. Sherrill

David W. Shelton, test.

North Carolina } Probate Court -
Catterton County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and
Testament—of David W. Shelton, decd. is exhib-
ited before me, the undersigned C. J. for said
County by Robert W. Shelton. The executor therein
mentioned and the free execution thereof
by the said David W. Shelton is proven by the oath
and examination of J. S. Sherrill, and J. I. Cochran
the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly
sworn, doth depose and say and each for him-
self depose and say that he is a subscribing
witness to the paper writing now shown him, pur-
porting to be the last will and Testament of David
W. Shelton, decd.; that he David W. Shelton, in the presence
of this deponent, subscribed his name at the end of this
paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which
bears date of the 24th day of Apr. 1882.

And the deponent further saith that the said David
W. Shelton the Testator aforesaid, did, at the time of sub-
scribing his name, as aforesaid, declare the said paper
writing so subscribed by him to be his last will and
Testament—and the deponent did thereupon subscribe his name
at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the
request of said Testator in the presence of the said Testator. And this deponent
further saith that at the said time when the said Testator subscribed
his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of depo-
ning to subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid,
the said Testator was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute
a will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, informa-
tion and belief of this deponent. And further these deponents do say
true.

Sincerely sworn and subscribed
this 16th day of Aug. 1884 before me
J. I. Cochran C. J.

J. I. Cochran
J. S. Sherrill