following that is to say. First I lend to my loving Wife Mary all my Real and personal estate during her life or widowhood — After which I give it all to my John Sherlin if he should live to arrive to the age of twenty one years. If not to be equal shares between Polly and William Barker daughter and Son of Stephen Barker — And I hereby make and ordain my Wife Mary and Stephen Barker executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament — In witness whereof I the said Michael Sherlin have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the Day & year above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Michael Sherlin the Testator as his last Will and Testament in presents of us who are present at the signing & sealing thereof

his
Michael X Sherlin (Seal)
mark

Parish Cross
William Rollings

In the name of God amen. The 6th day of March 1809 I Norcah Whitehead of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following viz. My Will and request is that all my just debts be paid. My will is

that my whole estate in Land be divided between
three Sons Arthur, Silas, Solomon and Josiah in manner
following to wit I Will and bequeath to my Son Josiah
One Tenant Acre including the buildings and improved
Land where I live to him his Heirs and assigns for ever
My Will is that the remainder of my Land be divided
between my Sons Arthur, Silas and Solomon by Gift
or assignment forever. My Will is that Land be laid out
that each Son may have the benefit of a Spring and
that my Son Arthur's Land include the buildings
and improved Land where he lives, and the Land
after it is laid off be judged to be of equal value
My Will is that my Friend Aaron Berry have the
choosing of three Men respecting the division of
the Land. Also desire that my Friend Berry lay
off the said Land. I Will and bequeath the said
Land to my said four Sons, Arthur, Silas, Solomon
and Josiah, to them their Heirs & assigns for ever
I Will and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary my
Two Mares and all my Farming implements with
my Waggon, also my Household Furniture of my
House during her, and at her decease all these are
to be equally divided among my Children, which
live at home with me: the Farming Tools to be divided
equally between my three Sons, Silas, Solomon & Josiah
and the household Furniture to be divided between my
daughters, Hannah, Mary, Rachel & Sarah — And
my Will is that my Wife live in my dwelling House

during her natural life. I Will and bequeath to my
Daughter Jane the Sum of Five Dollars, to her her Heirs and
assigns for ever. I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret
Twenty Dollars, and of a Sum of money which is due me
by a note of hand in the State of Georgia in Elbert County, then my Will is that the
be paid Twenty Dollars more — And my Will is that
as many of my Young Cattle including a Cow or two
be sold as will amount to Fifty Dollars, and the remainder
of my Stock of and my Hogs. my Will is that they be
kept on the place for the use of my Family which now
live at Home with me. My Will is that that each
of my Daughters have a Cow given them on the
day of their marriage by my executors, and also
that each of my Sons, Silas and Solomon have a
Cow given them on the day of their marriage; and
also that my two Sons Silas and Solomon have each
a Colt as soon as my Mares bring them. And my
Will is that the whole increase of the remainder of my
Stock at the decease of my Wife be equally divided
among my Children which now live at Home. My Will
is that Silas and Solomon have the privilege of working
on the improved Land which Falls to Josiah, but if
they do not agree with their Mother and each other
I leave it in the power of my executors to have them off
and place them on their own Land which may fall
to them by division. I do ain constitute and appoint
my Son Arthur and my worthy Friend Thomas
Hadley to be executors of this my last Will and

Testament

Signed Sealed and delivered } Jesiah Whitehead his mark
in the presence of }

William Peary
Stephen Johnson

proved May Term 1809
by Stephen Johnston

In the name of God Amen I Jesiah Whitehead
Williams of Chatham County and State of North
do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
in the manner and form following. In the first place
my desire is that all my Just debts be paid. Item
unto my beloved Wife Sarah Williams during her
life time ten hundred acres of land including the
and a plantation whereon I now live; Item I lend my
four Negroes during her life time to wit Jacob,
Peter, Isaak, Spicer and Chany and future increase
of any. I also lend my Wife all my Stock that I
have, also one riding Chair and all my Household and
Kitchen Furniture during her life time or widowhood
May Will further is that my Wife do have of any
which I have left her at her discretion and make
good right to the same to any of her children of the
she saith it to Spare; except the Negroes and Land
Item. I give to my Son Joseph Williams five Shillings
after my Wife's death; I also lend unto my daughter
Sarah Ellington five Shillings after my Wife's
I also lend unto my daughter Sarah Ellington
one Negro Woman name Charlotte and her increase