

In the Name of God Amen. I Andrew Sherwood of Halifax County North
Carolina, being sick of Body but of sound and perfect mind & memory (blessed be God)
do this 24th Day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred
& fifteen make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following, that
is to say - Item First - I bequeath to my beloved wife Gemma Sherwood for & during
her natural life the following property Viz Four Negroes - Wm. Charles, Estlin &
Ann and all the Land & Plantations whereon I now live, with as much of the
Plantation Utensils, Household & Kitchen Furniture, and of the Stock of all kinds
and of the Crop and provisions that may be on hand in my possession at the time
of my death as she may think proper to choose or select for her use,
Item - I bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Daughtry four Negroes, Mary, Hannah
Charlotte & Penny - which I suppose her Husband Joseph Daughtry has now
in his possession, for and during her natural life, and at her death to be
equally divided among her then surviving children, May the said Negroes with
their increase to them and their Heirs for ever, and with the provision should
the Negroes be sold, offered for sale, or in any manner transferred or exposed, that
my Executors hereinafter named do take them in possession at their own

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discreption for the sole use of her the said Nancy & then for her children -
Item - I lend to my daughter Rachael Pullen five Negroes, Celahs, Willis, Guilford
Mary, Isaac & Patience for and during her natural life and at her death for them &
their Increase to be equally divided among her then surviving children they the
said Negroes with their increase to them and their heirs for ever and with the
proviso as in the next above Legacy - Item - I give to my son Joel Sherwood
three Negroes, Lenny, Isaac & then them & their increase to him and his heirs for
ever the said Negroes which he has already in possession

Item - I give to my son Williamson Sherwood two Negroes which he has already
in ^{his} possession Viz Tom & Jacob to him and his heirs for ever -

Item - It is my well wish that each of my other sons Viz John and William
Wheless & Leise have such negroes of my Estate as will make each of them in value
equal to those given to my sons Joel & Williamson at the time they rec^d them
the value to be ascertained by the Neighbours who are or may be acquainted with
the value of them from the best information uninterested and to receive them
when at such times as they may be circumstanced to take them in possession to
them & their heirs for ever - I wish there be a number, sufficient if not to be
made up out of those lent to my wife with that incumbrance -

Item - The property which I have lent to my wife Annama Sherwood I will
to be at her death Equally divided between my six sons Viz Joel, Williamson
John, William, Wheless & Leise Sherwood to them & their heirs for ever, with

John, William, & Leke & Leke Servant to them & their Heirs for ever, with
all the rest of my property ungiven after my just debts paid, My will is
that my Son John Servant, shall be paid by my Executors, the sum of
Twenty five Dollars, with Interest from the date of this my Will to be raised out
of the Sales of my perishable Estate ungiven away - Item - I will that my
two Sons, William & Leke have each of them a horse Viz: William the young Saddle
Horse white nose & Leke to receive his when he arrives to full age to be delivered
him by my Executors - My will is that my Executors, do prosecute the debt
instituted against John Servant for a Bond he holds against me, or
to bring debt if not instituted before my death to be defended out of the
whole of my Estate - Lastly - I nominate and appoint my wife Semmi
Servant, and my Son John Servant my whole & sole Executors to this
my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other will or wills by me made or
signed - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
date above -

Signed ~~At~~ presence of
John Nicholson Robert B Daniel &
Ludwick 3 Wits -

Anderson Servant 

Attest my bounty }
Novr. 2^d 1815 } Then this will was exhibited in open Court & duly proven by the
Oath of Robert B Daniel one of the subscribing Witnesses & on motion & Oath to
Beaudo. whereupon Semmi Servant & John Servant the Executors
herein named came in & was duly qualified to the same

testimony

Richard Spies Clerk