

James Shaw

In the Name of God Amen. I James Shaw of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina being in perfect Sense and memory, well knowing the Uncertainty of this Life do make and ordain This my last Will & Testament. Item I give to my Son John Shaw a young sorrel mare which he is now in Possession of. Item I give to my Son Henry Shaw a young black horse Colt which is now called his. Item I give to my Sons James Shaw Thomas Shaw & Robert Shaw the Sum of forty Dollars each as they come to the age of Twenty years. Item I give to my Two daughters Betsey Shaw & Polly Shaw the Sum of Forty dollars at the age of Twenty years old. Item I bequeath to my dear wife Polly Shaw the plantation whereon I now live with the Stock of all kinds on the said plantation during her life or widowhood. I further bequeath all the Plantation utensils during the said time above mentioned. Item I desire that should my wife Polly Shaw marry that my Estate should then be sold and an equal division be made among my wife and children. I hereunto set my hand & Seal this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven on the 17th day of January.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in the Presence of Nelson Hammett. Warwick Hockaday.

James ^{his} Shaw
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Sp. B. I do desire That my wife Polly Shaw and my Son John Shaw Executors to this my Last Will & Testament.

Halifax County
May Session 1811. Then this will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Nelson Hammett one of the subscribing Witnesses Thereto and on motion of the Whenceon John Shaw an Executor in the said will names came into open Court and was duly Qualifed Thereto

Witness H. J. Burgess Cbe

In the of God Amen. I Pzthel Sainz being in perfect health and sound memory & knowing the certainty of death do make my last Will & Testament in the following manner. Vist First