

Sons James & Newton & Justly I nominate & constitute & appoint William R. M. Leland & my son S. P. Crawford Executors of this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have herunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 16th Day of February 1814.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

in the presence of us

David Crawford

(Seal)

John Ellis

James

Richard

Ranchen Wall

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Sharpe of the County of Iredell & State of N. Carolina being weak in body, out of sound & disposing mind (blessed be God) do this 10th day of August 1814 make & publish this my last will & Testament First that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid To my beloved wife Aneth I give & bequeath to occupy & possess my dwelling house & out houses & plantation with all such stock & plantation tools as Saml King & my brother Adlar (if he is near) shall direct to enjoy the same during her widowhood. Likewise Maria I shall be her own for ever excepting her children which may be hereafter born. I do hereby witness my beloved wife Aneth & so at being Examined

I recite that I, the undersigned, do hereby give and bequeath with full power to sell & alienate my mill & its tract of land in order to discharge my debts likewise sell & dispose of the leather in my tannery hire the negroes by private sale to such persons only who will not abuse them. Support my family educate my children & save all they can for my six daughters or the survivors of them. To my son Abner I give & bequeath the tract of land whereon I now live my two negro boys from Africa, Prince & Stephen with a good horse saddle & bridle when he is of age. That any children which Mariah may have hereafter shall be equally divided between my six daughters or the survivors of them. In case Mariah ^{should} ~~may~~ die during the widowhood of my wife she shall be replaced by the purchase of one out of my estate, & she shall be allowed a reasonable reward for raising the little negroes for our child or children. And whereas my buildings are fast decaying & plantation going to waste my negroes, Ike Sam & Rachel very ungovernable therefore I empower my Executors with the advice of Abner (if he is near) if they find & judge best to sell the plantation & negroes & put the money to interest, after buying & selling my family on

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 a good spot of land where my children can be better educated
 observing it is my greatest wish first to render my beloved
 wife comfortable & my children educated. Then that my
 six female children should be provided with a negro girl
 as they come of age if my estate will afford it otherwise they
 will be paid in equal shares so far as the residue of my est-
 ate will reach & Abner must have only a sixth lot of ground
 as his mother maybe settled on allowing her to enjoy her
 living thereon during her widowhood. In witness whereof I
 the said Thomas Sharpe do publish & declare, this my last
 will & Testament the day & year above written

Signed Seal published & declared in the presence of us who in
 the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
 Wm. Sharpe, Jacob D. Sharpe, Thos. Sharpe, & Thos. Sharpe