

In the name of God amen. I David Shopp
of the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina
being weak in body, but of perfect sound mind
and memory, thanks be given unto God; Calling
unto 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 &
testament, that is to say, I principally & first of all
I give & recommend my soul into the hands of
Almighty God that gave it, and my body I
recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
christian burial & manner at the discretion of
my Executors, nothing doubting but that at the
General Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God. And as
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise
& dispose of the same in the following manner
viz. First of all I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Elizabeth the possession of my dwelling house
wherein I now live, & likewise to have her
maintenance out of the plantation or tract of land
as will be mentioned hereafter, and all the Negro
and other personal property, which will not be
disposed of hereafter, she is to have & to hold said
willed property during the term of her natural
life. But she is to pay all my honest & just debts
out of said property. She is hereby author-
ised to sell ~~what~~ such property as she
thinks proper either at private or public
sale until all the debts are paid. And after

underneath the remainder of the property that will
be left shall be sold at public sale & equally
divided among my four daughters viz. Sally that
is married to John White, Anna that is married to
David Robinson, Clara that is married to John
Sart & Elizabeth.

And as for my son John I will and bequeath unto him
seven hundred & fifty dollars in lieu of his share in the
land which John he has received already & also
he has received one horse valued one hundred
dollars, a new saddle & bridle, one cow & milk, one
bed and furniture. Therefore I consider him to have
his share in full both of the real and personal
property.

I will I give & bequeath unto my son George the
one half of the whole tract of land where I now
live, the east end of the land next to the River
including the dwelling house & all other buildings.
The land to be equally divided in number of acres
and the said George my son is to maintain his mother
my beloved wife Elizabeth out of said plantation
in a decent christian like manner, during the
term of her natural life. And also the one half of
another tract of three hundred & twenty acres, situated
lying and being on both sides of Peters Creek
joining lands of Daniel Shupham, Lewis Marlick
and Baker, the west end of the tract up the
Creek, to be equal divided in number of acres
and of the creek. The said ceded land my son George
is to have him and his heirs forever. But in case

my son George should die without any issue in
children, then I give and bequeath said willow land
to my son Maxwells & his heirs forever, & also one new
bed & the value of one hundred dollars, a new
saddle & bridle, one cow and calf, one bed &
furniture forever.

Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my son Maxwells
the one half of the whole tract of land which I
now live the west end of the land, said land to be
equal divided in number of acres, and also another
tract, the one half of it, or a three hundred and
twenty acre tract, ~~situate~~ lying & being on both
sides of Pollers Creek joining lands of David Shupin
Lewis, Harlick & Parker, the east end of the land,
down the creek to be equal divided in number of acres along
the creek. The said willow land my son Maxwells is to have
him and his heirs forever. But in case my son Max
wells should die without any issue in children, then
I give & bequeath said willow land to my son Max
and his heirs forever, & also one horse least the value
of one hundred dollars, a new saddle and bridle, one
cow & calf, one bed & furniture forever.

Fifth. I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally, that is
married to John Rhine, one horse least value sixty
dollars, a new saddle & bridle, two beds & furniture, two
cows, one heifer, & other household & kitchen furni-
ture to the value of thirty five dollars. The said willow
proceeds my daughter Sally having read already.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann
that is married to David Robinson, one horse least
value sixty dollars, a new saddle & bridle, two beds &

promotions, two cows, one heifer & other household & kitchen furniture to the value of thirty five dollars. The said willed, property my daughter Anna has received already.

And I give & bequeath to my daughter Clarissa that is married to John Smith, one horse least value sixty dollars, a new bridle & saddle, two beds & furniture two cows, one heifer & other household and kitchen furniture to the value of thirty five dollars. The said willed property my daughter Clarissa has received already excepting the horse, the value being

Eight. I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one horse least value sixty dollars, a new saddle & bridle, two beds & furniture, two cows one heifer & thirty five dollars in money in place of household and kitchen furniture. Lastly I do appoint & constitute my trusty & beloved wife Elizabeth & my trusty & dear George & also my trusty friend David Ramsour Merchant, to be the sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, ratifying this and no other as such. Calling aside and disannulling all other will & wills by me made heretofore. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & written this fifth day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight. — J. B. The with a horse, saddle & bridle, my son George has received already.

Signed sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said David Shuford as his last will and Testament in presence of us, John Roden Jyzt, } J. B. Shuford & D. Ramsour
Ephraim Shuford } Executors
Widow relinquished