

The foregoing will be proved by open Court of the Court of
Saint Wilson per and admitted to review & proper Wilson &
Shir. per. being appointed Executors (their qualifications agree-
ing to Law —

Be it known to all whom it may concern that
I Samuel Adams of the State of North Carolina County
of Lincoln, being in a weak state of health but of sound
mind & memory do on this 8th day of February 1836
make, ordain constitute, this to be my last will and
testament and of the good things of this life which God
by his providence, has bestowed on me I bequeath in the
following manner. first I recommend my soul to God
who gave it and my body to be laid in a decent Chris-
tian manner and knowing that I have a large family
I bequeath this tract or parcel of land that I
know lies on, also a tract or parcel of land of one
hundred & twenty acres, which joins this tract also
all my stock of horses & cows & hogs & sheep & stock of
every kind also my household & kitchen furniture &
negro slaves Willis & Jack & Piloy, also my mill & ves-
sels & farming tools, to my beloved wife Margaret to live
& support on & to school my children as long as she
remains a widow. but if my beloved wife Margaret
doth change her way of life by marrying to any other
man I then bequeath or appoint all my lands or parcels
of ground to be divided into three equal shares and then
I do bequeath of my lands to my beloved wife Margaret one
third part and the other two parts I bequeath to my chil-
dren to be equally divided between them also all the negro
slaves they may have at that time and all the stock of
horses & cows & sheep & stock of every kind to be equally
divided between my beloved wife and all my children
or to be sold at public sale and the & then equally divided
between my beloved wife Margaret & all my children

and I do hereby appoint my wife Margaret and John Oates
Executors of this my last will & Testament & I hereby revoke
all former wills & Testaments, & I do declare this & this only
to be my last will & Testament in presence thereof I have
set my hand & seal this day & date above mentioned
Executed in presence of
Samuel Thomas
John Blackwood Jurat
James Adams
Mark

The above will was proven in open Court by the oath
of John Blackwood one of the subscribing witnesses to said
will & John Oates one of the Executors appointed in said
will qualified according to Law

In the name of God amen I John Oates of the State of
North Carolina Lincoln County, being weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory thank be given to God
calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing
it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & constitute
and ordain this my last will & Testament that is to say
First of all I give my soul into the hands of all mighty
God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth
to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion
of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrec-
tion I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God, and as touching such worldly estate as I have with it
his pleasure give to bless me with in this life I give & devise
(and dispose of in the following manner) and form
First - I allow all my lawful debts to be paid out of my
Estate - 2^d I give & bequeath to Mary Oates my loving
wife one third part of the profits of the Mill, and to pay
one third of the expense of said Mill, also one half of the
plantation as long as she lives & pay one half of the expense
of the same, & to live in the house that she now lives in
during her widowhood, & to have the hearthhold & kitchen
furniture at her disposal I give & bequeath to Joseph
Brown Man & my stock of sheep and to have one