

In the Name of God Amen

I Jeremiah Shade of the county of Martin

Being weak of Body But of sound and disposing mind and Memory do make and assign my Last will and Testament in manner and form following —

Imprimis, — It Being my will and desire that all my Last debts should be Paid for that Purpose it is my will and Desire that my Executors hereinafter mentioned shall sell all my Personal estate not hereinafter Bequeathed and in addition thereto that they sell at such Times and on such Terms as they shall think most allowable the following tracts or Parcels of Land (to wit) one tract lying on the Crane Creek which I Purchased of James Cobb, which will appear by said Cobb's deed, also all the Lands I own on the Spring Branch, Beaver dam, and Turkey Swamp, as will appear by Penelope Stewarts deed and the grant from the State to me, also two tracts of Land lying on Hunter Ponds as will appear from the Grants to William Shade and his heirs — and it is further my will & desire that they sell as aforesaid so much of my Land as shall lie Northwardly and Eastwardly of a Line Running from the Mouth of Wilchu creek to Bogmans or a Huffs upper corner — and I do give and Devise aforesaid Lands and every Part and Parcel thereof to my executor hereinafter named their heirs and assigns in Trust to sell the same as aforesaid, and appropriate the Proceeds thereof to the Payment of my Last debts, and that they or the Survivors or Survivors of them shall have full and ample Power to Perform the said trust and good and lawful deeds and other Lawfull conveyances to make and execute to the Purchasers thereof as fully as I could do the same myself.

Secondly, It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named shall have the Possession and use of my real and Personal estate not herein after devised or Bequeathed to my wife Janet Shade to my son Alfred Shade and so much of the Property Bequeathed to Thomas B. Shade in Trust for Mary Henderson as is now in the Possession of the said Mary Henderson for the Term of Three years from the first day of January next and that they appropriate the Proceeds and Profits thereof arising to the Payment of my Last debts.

Thirdly, I give and devise to my wife Janet Shade the manner Plantation whereon I now live and all the Lands thereto Belonging or adjoining together with all of the Appurtenances thereto and in anywise appertaining also the Lands in Courthouse Uplands which I Purchased of Edward Byrd together with all the Lands which I own Bounded as follows — Beginning on Courthouse creek in the mouth of the first Branch above the Bridge Running along and with the said Branch to Byrds house-way thence a straight line to a Bowden Benjamin Gainers corner, also including the Land I hold by grant from the State as well as by deed from Benjamin Shade but I will to have

and to hold the said Lands to her the said Janet Shade for and during her natural life —

Fourthly, I give and Bequeath to my wife Janet Shade during her natural life the following negroes: (to wit) Sam, Solomon, Andy, Jack, Gatten, Moss and Lude slave, Chan Big Viny, Abby, Jacob & Charles.

Fifthly, I give and Bequeath to my wife Janet Shade all my household & Kitchen furniture of every Description and all the farming utensils Belonging to the manner Plantation also the carriage & Harness thereto Belonging carriage Mares two Mules one of the of one & eat one Pair of Horses which five cows and Calves two Pigs & Lambs for Sows and Pigs to be chosen by her out of my stock, and sufficient quantity of Provision for her family and stock for one year next following my death — also eight gals hewn to her her necessities & administration.

Sixthly, I give and devise unto my son Alfred M. Shade my Courthouse Plantation with the Land and appurtenances thereto Belonging, also one Piece or Parcel of Land lying on Luttery Ponds, Beginning at a high place standing on Courthouse creek at the Beavers hole, opposite Spears corner thence a Direct course to Spears upper corner, on his Back line including all the Land that I own between said Line and Pollocks line, also the undivided Third part of an half acre of Land at the mouth of Shewashy fut, also all the Lot I own in the town of Williamson except those Mortgage to me by John Smithwick, all which Lands and every Part and Parcel thereof with their appurtenances I give and devise to my said son Alfred M. Shade his heirs and assigns forever.

Seventhly, I give and Bequeath unto my son Alfred M. Shade, his Executors and Administrators the following negroes: (to wit) Solomon, Little Stephen, yellow George, George son of Charity, Charity, Arley, Jack, Stephen, and Sam.

Eighthly, I give and Bequeath to Thomas B. Shade his Executors administrators the following negroes: (to wit) Sampson, Dick, Harry, Harriet and her child Madison, Pelt, Sophronia, and Ellen. Ninthly, in special trust and confidence that he the said Thomas B. Shade, his Executors and Administrators will Permit my Daughter Mary Ann Henderson, to Possess, hold, use and enjoy the said negroes and their increase during her natural life, and after her death will divide the same equally between the Children of the said Mary Ann, that may be living at her death and convey the same by deed of Bargain and Sale or other valid conveyance to the said Children so as to vest the absolute title to said negroes and their increase in the said Children.

Tenthly, It is my will and desire that all the Residue of my negroes not before disposed of shall at the expiration of three years from the first of January next be equally divided between my Children, Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade, Elizabeth Shade, and William Shade, and it is thus however, which I have Bequeathed to my said wife Janet for life, shall be equally divided between my Children Mary Ann Henderson, Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade, William Shade & Elizabeth Shade.

Eleventhly, It is my will and desire that the residue of my real estate not herein before devised (except the Remainder in the manner Plantation) shall be equally divided between my Children Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade, Elizabeth Shade and William Shade — and I give and devise the said Lands to my said Children their heirs and assigns forever.

102) I solemnly swear and agree to my son William Shade his heirs and assigns the remainder in the manner plantation devised to my wife Sarah Shade for life to have and to hold the same lands after the death of my wife Sarah to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly I nominate constitute and appoint my son Alfred M. Shade, Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade and my worthy friend Henry B. Hunter executors of this my last will and Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth of August 1824.

Signed Published and Declared by

Leveniah Shade to be his last will and Testament

in Presence of

Henry Shade

J. R. Lloyd

I Shade & seal

I Leveniah Shade in addition to the above last will and Testament by me executed do annex thereto the following Codicil which I wish and desire shall be taken as a part thereof and which is intended not to alter, modify or change any part thereof except that clause which is intended to be altered hereby.

It is my will and desire that the Lands which are devised in the tenth clause of the will above to be Equally divided Between my Children, Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade, Elizabeth Shade and William Shade, that the said Lands be Equally divided Between my sons Thomas B. Shade, James B. Shade, and William Shade and they in consideration thereof pay to my Daughter Elizabeth Shade one Thousand Dollars each, by two annual Installments from the first day of January one Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty Eight with interest from the said first day of January 1828 - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th August 1824.

Signed Published and declared

in Presence of

Henry Shade

J. R. Lloyd

I Shade & seal

State of N. Carolina

Marion County

Jan Term 1824 the above Paper writing Purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Leveniah Shade was brought into court by the executors Alfred M. Shade & James B. Shade and the same will was proven by the oath of Henry Shade one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be Registered Recorded

J. B. Hunter Clerk

by Geo. Briggs &c

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Seal of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same calling to mind that it is appointed for all Men to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in form following to wit -

Item I Give unto my loving wife Sarah Seal fifty acres of Land including the House and plantation where I now live during her natural life also one Bid and furniture also one Horse

Item I Give unto my son Andrew Seal five dollars Current money to be paid out of my Estate

Item I Give unto my son James Seal twenty shillings and one shilling

Item I Give unto my son Miles Seal twenty shillings and one shilling (Bid)

Item I Give unto my son John Seal manner of plantation after the death of his Mother including the whole tract supposed to be one hundred and twenty acres

Item I Give unto my son Abigail Seal the plantation that I bought of Edward Griffin called the warrens Place supposed to be fifty acres

Item I Give unto my son David Seal one hundred and forty six acres of Land lying on the River Currituck

Item I Give unto my son George Seal ten dollars Current money to be paid out of my Estate

Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary Seal fifty dollars Current money to be paid out of my Estate

Item I Give unto my Daughter Rachel Seal fifty dollars Current money to be paid out of my Estate

Item I Give unto my Daughter Mary Seal fifty dollars to be paid out of my Estate

Item I Give unto my Daughter Rachel Seal and Mary Seal one Bid and furniture each

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Abigail Seal Executor of this my last will and Testament disannulling and making void every other former will & Testament by me at any time made Ratifying this and no other to be my last this the 25th of December 1822

Signed Sealed & Declared by the said Seal to be his last will and Testament in the presence of David Latham with Reddick

Thos Seal
his mark Seal