

State of North Carolina }
 Martin County } I, the name of god Amen & William
 Ellis of the provance and county above said Calling to mind the
 Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for
 Man once to die, Do make ordains Constitutes and appoint
 this to be my last will and Testament in the following manner
 first I recommend my ~~soul~~ into the hands of God who gave it
 and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner and
 as touching those worldly goods that god has blis't me with I give
 and dispose of as follows I do first leave unto my Beloved
 Wife Elizabeth Ellis my Dwelling Plantation and the all the
 Lands there unto belonging and all of my Estate of Every
 kind During of her life or Widowhood

I then I gave unto my Son Sherrord Ellis all my lands after
 the death of my wife Elizabeth Ellis, to him and to his
 heirs for ever - I then I gave unto my Daughter Mary
 Sherrord five Shillings to her and to his heirs for ever -

I then I gave unto my daughter Lydia Lightfoot five Shillings
 to her and to his heirs for ever - I then I gave unto my Daughter
 Sarah Joyce or his heirs five Shillings, to them and their heirs for ever

Thus my Will and Desire is that after the Death of my wife
 Elizabeth Ellis all the remainder of my Estate that is not
 already willed away, should be Equally Divided between
 my Daughters - Delilah Ellis and Olive Cherry and Franky
 Mypher and my Son Sherrord Ellis - I likewise Nominate
 and appoint Warren Andrews the Executor to this my
 last will and Testament Revoking and annulling all other
 Wills here before by me made Ratifying and confirming this
 and no other to be my last Will and Testament, in witness

Whereof I the Said William Ellis hath hereunto put my
 hand and Seal this fourteenth day of November in the year of our lord
 one thousand eight hundred and five - Signed Sealed Published and ^{subscribed}
 this to be my last will and Testament in the presence of

Test
 Edmund Andrews
 James Cobb

William Ellis Seal

State of North Carolina Martin County } Sept 12 1812 - the foregoing
 will of William Ellis was proved in open Court by the oaths of Edmund Andrews
 & James Cobb the subscribing witnesses on oaths ordered to be required

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James M. Hunter C. C.

State of North Carolina } In the name of god Amen I Thomas
 Martin County } Speller of the State and County above said
 Being in a declining State of health and in perfect mind & memory
 Do make, ordains and declare this my last will and Testament, and hereby
 revoke and annul all others - Thus I, I lend to my Sherrord daughter
 of Robert Sherrord dec. during her natural life, the following negroes
 to wit - Frank, Dick, Amy, Anna, Pat, Dely, Charity Lydia
 Harry and Kiny - Thus 2^d I give and bequeath to William
 Sherrord Son of Robert Sherrord eighty five Pounds, to be paid by
 my executors out of my Estate - Thus 3^d As amount of my
 particular sum and in consideration of the many friendly
 offices which he has done me, I give and bequeath to Andrew
 Joyner three Hundred Dollars to be raised and paid him out
 of my Estate by my Executors

Thus 4th I give and bequeath to my natural Son Thomas
 Mont and his lawful issue after my just debts are paid
 the negroes owned to Mary Sherrord after her Death and all my
 lands and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, of whatever
 description or wherever situated in as full and ample manner
 as if each tract was separately described in this instrument
 for ever - I further give and bequeath to the Said Thomas
 Mont and his lawful issue for ever all the remainder of my prop-
 erty of every kind description, without any limitation or restriction
 whatever - It is my will and desire that my natural Son Thomas
 Mont should have the management, (for his benefit) of the negroes
 lent to Mary Sherrord until she is either married or arrives at
 lawful age - And I have by constitute and appoint Andrew

Joyner and Thomas Mont, executors to this my last will
 and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and Sealed my Seal to be hereunto affixed the nineteenth
 day of June one thousand eight hundred and twelve Signed
 In presence of

Thomas Speller Seal

Eaton Pugh
 William Sperry
 Abigail Sherrord

State of North Carolina Martin County }
 September Term 1812 - the foregoing will
 of Thomas Speller was proved in open Court
 by the oaths of Eaton Pugh William Sperry &
 Abigail Sherrord the subscribing witnesses on oaths
 ordered to be recorded

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H. B. Hunter C. C.