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In the name of God Amen. I James Carruth of St. Charles &
electing county, (Shirley) being thro' the abundant mercy &
goodness of God, tho' weak in body yet of a sound & perfect under-
standing & memory, do constitute this my last will & Testament
& declare it to be receiving by all as such. In witness I most humbly
bequeath my soul to God my Maker by seeking his most grac-
ious acceptance of it. I likewise give my body to the earth from
whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from
thence at the last day. As for my laical Estate it may be decent
to be sold & sold or State at the discretion of my dear wife &
my Executors hereafter named who I do not will manage
it with all requisite prudence; As to my worldly estate I will
& positively order That all my debts be paid -

Item I give to my dear & loving wife Elizabeth Carruth for term of life
the house built upon side Sadells & Kridle & also her bed & bed clothing,
also her to my dear & loving wife during her widowhood or
Disease the land & Tenements that by about it whereon I now
live and after her death to my only son John Carruth -
I give & bequeath to my son Adam a tract of Land containing two
hundred acres, situate in his own name lying & being in Tryon
County & situate on Indian Creek & also desire that my father
make a title of the land I now live on to my son John Carruth
the small remainder of my Estate do constitute ~~James~~ Thomas
my Executors of this my last will & Testament & I desire
for my wife & children to make present sale of at their
discretion and after my laical debts are paid the remainder
of my Estate to be put to the relieving & relief of my poor children
in testaments whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 30th
day of August in the year of our Lord 1775

Witness Thomas Knighton
David Hays
Adam Carruth

James Carruth (Seal)
here I take off my seal & do declare
this to be my last will & Testament

And do also constitute & appoint Robert Carruth

John Carruth, John Carruth as Executors