

all the open land & plantations left to the Brown dam creek
 to the eighth place I would unto Sarah my wife all my land lying
 on the south side of the Brown dam creek and of the south side
 of Duckardons creek bearing her to the south and the said quantity
 of land to be divided to my wife to be given & equally divided
 between my son Jonathan & William Brown at her decease &
 likewise land all my stock goods & chattels unto Sarah my wife
 bearing her to the south and to my wife and then all my goods &
 stock & chattels to be equally divided between my above
 mentioned sons & Daughters, my desire is that my wife & my
 son Walter Brown be my Executors. W. McNeill whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 22nd day of July 1794

Thomas Shelby

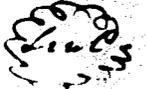
John Brown

In the Name of God Amen, I John Shelby of the County of
 Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina. Being in a weak & failing
 state of body, but of perfect sound mind & memory (Blessed be God
 for his mercies) Do by these presents make, constitute & ordain
 this my last will & Testament in the manner & form following
 It is my will & desire that all my just & lawfull debts be paid by the
 same I give & bequeath to my loving wife Leath Shelby the whole of my
 household & household furniture of every kind & all my wearing
 apparels of every description also my bay mare light foot saddle
 & bridle, and all my stock of Cattle & Hogs, I also will bequeath
 to my said wife Leath Shelby & her heirs all the land
 houses & out houses, Buildings & as much of the farm as she can
 come to occupy, all which she is to have & enjoy for the term of
 during her natural life
 I will & bequeath to my said children by name My wife
 Dora as executrix, Polly Shergren wife to Henry Shergren with
 Dora's wife to Elijah Davis, John Shelby with his wife to
 wife to Joseph Haynes & Thomas Shelby to each & every one of
 them the sum of one dollar in addition to what I have already
 given them in full of their distributive share of my estate
 I give & bequeath to my wife & to each of my children when
 they shall be become of age & shall not be put in possession when

I now live containing forty seven four quarters of an acre, and also all my household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils & Stock of Horses, Cattle & Hogs, all which he is fully & freely to possess and enjoy at the pleasure of his mother Leah Beatty his Heir & assigns, and I do lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my loving wife Leah Beatty & my son Isaac Beatty Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking & declaring null & void all former Wills, Legacies or Requests by me here before made, Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the 5th day of December A.D. 1808.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

In the presence of

John Beatty 

Isaac Beatty

John Beatty

In the name of God Amen. I John Beatty of the County of Mecklenburg State of N.C. Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound mind & memory, thank be to God for his mercies, calling to mind the uncertainty of Life; do make this my last will & Testament in full & manifest following: Revoking all Wills by me made here before, viz. My soul I commit into the hand of Almighty God that gave me, and my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors, as to my worldly Estate I dispose of in the following manner, viz. To my beloved wife Leah Beatty I will & bequeath the use & possession, during her widowhood, of the Mansion house all the kitchen & household furniture, The plantation on which I now live, the bay horse Duke then seven years old, six head of 2 year old work Hogs, one plow, one Hoe, one Ax, one Millstone, & a mule of the present Crop as well be sufficient to support my family one year & all my debts —

It is my will that my son Isaac Beatty be my Executor.

It is my will that my Negro Girl Jude be hired 4 years by the year to be equally divided between my wife & my son Isaac Beatty.