

all the open land & plantations up to the Brown dam creek  
to the eighth place I would make such my wife & all my land lying  
on the south side of the Brown dam creek and of the south side  
of Duckhous creek during her widowhood & the said quantity  
of land to be divided equally between my son Jonathan & William Brown at her death &  
I likewise send all my stock goods & chattels to be equally divided  
during her widowhood to my son 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. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 22<sup>d</sup> day of July 1794  
Test

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 to wit  
It is my will & desire that all my just & lawful debts be paid by me  
I give & bequeath to my loving wife Leath Shelby the whole of my  
household & household furniture of every kind & all my wearing  
apparel of every description also my bay mare light foot saddle  
saddle, and all my stock of Cattle & Hogs, I also will bequeath to  
to my said wife Leath Shelby & her heirs & assigns all the land  
houses & outbuildings & as much of the farm as she and  
cannon to occupy, all which she and her heirs & assigns shall enjoy  
during her natural life

I will & bequeath to my son children by name - Mary Shelby  
Doris & Henrietta, Polly Shergren wife to Henry Shergren, Ruth  
Davis wife to Elijah Davis, John Shelby son of William Shergren  
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 distribution share of my estate

I give & bequeath to my son & daughter John & Mary  
Shelby the sum of one dollar each & I will that the said John & Mary

I now live containing forty seven one quarter of an acre, and also all my household & kitchen furniture & farming utensils & stock of horses, mules, cattle & hogs, all which he is fully & freely to possess and enjoy at the pleasure of his mother Leah Beatty his heirs & assigns, and I do hereby constitute & appoint my loving wife Leah Beatty & my son Isaac Beatty Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former wills, Legacies or Bequests 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 8th 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 form & manner 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 direction of my Executors. As to my worldly Estate I dispose of in the following manner: I do give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Beatty I will & bequeath unto her & her heirs, clearing 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 of age, a pair of black 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 by & the price

to be equally divided between my son Isaac Beatty & my daughter Mary Beatty.

It is my will that my Negro Girl Jude be hired by & the price