

1st my wife a negro woman named Dinah & her son for the
 during the natural life of said wife. & after the death
 of my wife the two negroes above named to be equally
 divided between my two daughters Mary & Ann.
 10th I Will & bequeath to my two Sons James & Thomas the
 Southern all the land I own the Southern division to
 James & the Northern division to Thomas as now laid off.
 11th I Will & bequeath to my daughter Catherine wife of
 Hugh Spratt my negro man named Desanna to be de-
 livered the first day of December after my death.
 12th I Give & bequeath to my daughter Susannah wife of
 Thomas Green five dollars to be raised out of my Estate.
 13th I Will & bequeath to my son James five dollars.
 14th I Will & bequeath to my wife my large Bible & Psalm
 book, to Thomas, Mary & Agnes each a Bible, to James
 one Volume of Havel's works, to Thomas one Volume of
 Harveys discharges. 15th I Will & bequeath to John Spratt
 Green the Revd. Blackwells writings & to my daughter Mary
 the collection of Confessions. 16th I Will & appoint my wife
 Catherine Executrix & James Christy son Executor of
 this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of January 1802
 done in presence of
 Aaron Wilson
 Joseph Wilson
 Martha Green

James Spratt 

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Smith of the State
 of N^o Carolina & County of Chatham being in very
 declining circumstances of health but of sound mind
 & memory! Thanks be to God for his mercies! Do publish
 this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as
 follows. First I commend my soul to the Lord to be
 buried in a decent manner at the direction of my

Executors & my Soul to God who gave it in hopes of
mercy through the Precious blood of Christ -
And Touching my worldly estate I dispose of it in
the following manner Viz I desire that all my just
debts be honestly discharged - Item I desire that my dear
& well beloved wife have her legal share in my lands &
property - Item I desire that all my landed property
viz that tract on which I now live also a tract of one
hundred acres lying my father before descended to
my two sons Samuel Harris & William Jefferson
as a joint & equal property in fee simple. I desire to
confer to my wife in fee simple Item I desire to my dear
& well beloved wife all my household furniture in order
that she may be in a capacity to raise my children -
also a young boy fifty Item I desire that my Negro
Charles be left under the power & direction of my wife
either to be continued on the plantation to assist in
supporting & educating my children to be hired out
from year to year & the proceeds proportioned to the best
advantage for my children, or should they judge it
best that he be sold & the monies appropriated equally
to my three children - Item I desire that the sum of
one hundred dollars be made out of my property
that can be best spared & be kept at interest for the
use of my infant daughter - Item I desire to my dear
wife my Negro Girl Doll, who has Coats & Calves -
sincerely I desire that all my goods & Chattels not
more enumerated be disposed of to the best advan-
tage for my heirs. And I do hereby constitute my dear
wife Patsy, & my Trusty Father in Law & Brother in Law
Samuel Harris Senior & Samuel Harris Junior the
Executors & Executors of this my last will & Testament
Published this 31st Decr. 1802 In presence of
John Cochran we trust my hand & seal
Isaac Fox
John Wilson Joseph Smith Sealed

whereon on the day & year above I do add the following clause by way of Codicil that the issue of the above devised Dole be the common & joint property of my three Children & should any of my children not live to come to the possession of the above devised that their portions Devise equally to the surviving Children. Item I devise that my Room fully be reserved to work the plantation to assist in raising my Children

In presence of
John Cochran
Isaac Orr
John Wilson

Joseph Smith *Wm. H. Wood*

In the name of God Amen. I John Steel of Mecklenburg County & State of North Carolina, being very frail in body, but Reasonable in mind & memory & willing to mind the mortality of my body, do make constitute & Ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following Amen. First I leave & commend my Soul into Almighty God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named hoping to receive the same again at the resurrection thro' the Merit of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. And as to that worldly estate that the Lord hath bestowed on me far above my desert I leave & bequeath as follows; And first I will that all my debts be legally paid by my Executors at a convenient time after my decease; And 2^d I leave unto my dear & well beloved Wife Mary her Maintenance of or from the benefits arising from the plantation as she has formerly had or enjoyed & in case her son James & her should have any disagreements she shall have the full benefit of the Shop with a convenient place built in it with Milk Cows carefully kept, & she has friends & provided & every thing that may render her comfortable as becometh an Obedient son to a