

Merriam S Thomas. I stand present in a very low situation but
is my great desire & knowing that's appointed over me all to die
in the first place I consider it apposite this to be my first will
& last will & Testament & no other. Therefore I recommend my
soul into the hands of the Lord God who gave it. Secondly
my body to the earth from whence it came & also appoint
John Benjamin Beathers & Josiah Harrington my executors. In
the first place I leave a list of my sundry accounts & then to be
paid my wife will show what part of property may be
due her for salary with a note of 45 dollars bearing interest
I give & bequeath to my wife all my household, furniture
two cows & calves, beds & bedding, my dressing mare & cart
I give & bequeath to my son William Sale the sum of one
hundred & twelve he being just turned of 14 years I would
wish him bound to Mr. Scott Blacksmith should the crop
pay the reck & debts I desire that wills note may be paid
first to interest for William or as the executors may see cause
not being able to settle I recommend my little family to the
care of the Lord of Heaven where I hope we may much increase
worth God bless & prosper you & thy & bring up your
children in the knowledge & fear of the Lord I acknowledge
before God & their two witnesses that this is my last will
and for the witness mentioned the Wits. I have set
my hand & seal the day & year before mentioned
John Sale 
Wm C. Cunningham 

February 14th day 1866. In the name of God whom I serve & know
I stand in a low condition & knowing that all persons must die
I being in my proper sense do hereby make this my last
will & Testament, I do hereby make a division of my
property among my dear children, I do first give my
son John a bay horse four years old on Blackfield how
there half an hundred & forty six acres of land including
the plantation where I now live & part of Simpkins Rd.

Call, & Twenty Hogs, land I do hereby give my dear wife
a brown mare 16 years old & has been full household
Year. Besides I hereby give my son Daniel one cow
black colt one year old, & hereby give my son William
one white year old fifty, I do hereby give my son Henry
five head of hogs, one hundred & fifty acres of Land
including his own improvement. I do hereby give my
son in law George Head one boar & two sows & five Hogs.
I do hereby give my son in law James Howard five
head of hogs three Pigs three, I do hereby give my Daugh-
ghter Margret ten acres of land including the house
where she now lives, last I do hereby give my grand
daughter Sophannah Shishon one Due hifce, And I
do hereby give my son Richard forty acres of land
One hundred hufce - sign'd. Sealed & delivered in the
presence of us - I do appoint William Shishon and
George Richardson for my executors

David Head & Charles Shishon Seal,
George Richardson

In the name of God Amen. I James Semison of the
County of Newbern in the State of North Carolina being in a
weak & low state of Health but of sound memory & judgment
do make & constitute this my last will & testament

Item 1st I bequeath my body to the dust to be buried in a
decent manner at the discretion of my executor

Item 2^d I allow all my just debts to be paid -

Item 3^d To my beloved sister Polly Birmingham I
leave with my bay horse Shakespeare, Item 4^d To my neice
Nancy Birmingham above I bequeath ten dollars in Cash

Item 5^d To each Semison two sons Henry & John I bequeath
ten dollars to be divided equally Item 6^d To Mrs. Harris
Harris I bequeath twenty five dollars; Item 7^d To my

brother John Semison I bequeath the balance of my
estate, also my racing Lipper if he returns to his
Country, otherwise to revert to my executor -