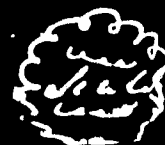


I have with it a little silver & a little gold & a little
 & a piece of in money & a piece of silver & a piece of gold
 To my beloved son Thomas Seaton Twenty five pounds
 lawful money & a little silver & a little gold
 Mulligan together with a little silver & a little gold
 cloth & a piece of silver & a piece of gold
 he is to be paid according to the valuation of the ~~currency~~ ^{currency}
 at this date & a little silver & a little gold
 friend Baptist Mulligan all my best lying debts & I request
 him with the full power to receive & collect the same with
 all cloathing book & book cloathing & to have the permission
 that I belong to me that is now in his house Lastly I
 do appoint & authorize James Mulligan as my lawful
 executor of this my last will & testament & I do revoke
 & disannul all other will & wills Legacies & bequests in
 witness hereof I have signed this as my last will & testament this 16th
 day of September in the year of our Lord 1779
 Signed, sealed, published pronounced by the said
 James Seaton as his last will & testament in presence

William Rose
Charles Calhoun
George Holligan

Jane Sutton



In the name of God Amen. I Moses Shelby of the County
of Frederick in the Province of N^o Carolina, being thro'
the abundant mercy & goodness of God through Christ in body
yet of a sound understanding & memory. Do constitute this
my last will & Testament & desire it may be received by
all as such. First I most humbly begueth my soul to
God my maker beseeching his most gracious accep-
-tance of it thro' the all sufficient merits & mediation of
my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ
as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be
buried without pomp or state at the discretion of
my Executors hereafter named; When I shall be

will manage it with all requisite prudence, such as
 to my worldly Estate I will & positively Order that all
 my debts be paid. I give to my dear & beloved
 wife during her widowhood this house together with
 some land together with all the furniture & the same
 & I command that she accept such furniture
 as here after mentioned. Also I give to my loving wife
 five black creatures & eight white cows & calves
 together with two plows & Tacklings & all my plan-
 tation tools for the benefit of my wife & my younger
 children. Item I will & bequeath to my beloved sons
William Shelby & John Shelby the plantation I now
 live upon together with two other surveys joining
 the original survey as said deeds will testify upon
 partition to be equally divided between said
 William & John Shelby at the discretion of my
 Executors & to resort to said William & John Shelby
 or ~~the survivor~~ one at the age of Twenty one years
 but if both should die under that age I Order the
 whole to be sold & equally divided amongst my son
^{my wife} Living & her heirs. Item I will & bequeath to my dearly
 beloved son Ever ^{son} Shelby that plantation on Baldwins
 creek which I bought from Patrick Gibson together
 with the wagon & Team he has now in possession
 also a negro boy named Felix. Item I will & bequeath
 to my beloved son Thomas Shelby that plantation
 known by the name of the poplar spring place to be
 separated from the plantation I now live upon in
 the following manner the line to begin near Oliver
 Wyles run & to go between two Springs near the mouth
 of Shelleys branch from thence to a poplar known by
 Oliver Wyles from thence to a large black oak well
 known by said Wyles & from the point or corner
 called in the public survey by Waggoning by said
 Thomas Shelby equally they are to be in equal cost
 of purchasing a negro lad which negro I will to
 my beloved son Thomas Shelby also I will & bequeath

to my son Thomas the waggon & Team he has a board
 at this time Except one bay horse called Dick & his
 nine or other black horses called Jack in his place
There I will & bequeath to my beloved son Charles the plan-
 tation on the wide branch on the wagon road & all the
 money that is due to me from James Rife which is a
 bout forty eight pounds & I will to my son Thomas Shelby
 one yearling stallion to John Brown Colins one two
 year old brown going fully grown of Morrisons mare &
 one negro boy named Dick; There I will to my son
William Shelby one negro girl named Phoebe & Morrisons
 mare & Colts There I will to my son John Shelby the
 first born surviving negro child that any of the
 two branches may have & one black freed man & Colts
There I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth
 one bed & furniture one best saddle & bridle & bracture
 valued to twenty pounds. There I will & bequeath to
 my beloved daughter Margaret one bed & furniture
 one best saddle & bridle & bracture valued to twenty
 pounds. There I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter
 Rachel Shelby one bed & furniture, one best saddle
 & bridle & a horse or mare valued to twenty pounds -
There I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Isabella
 Shelby one bed & furniture one best saddle & bridle
 & bracture to the value of twenty pounds, and when
 my hereafter mentioned bequests seems to be such my
 cash debts bonds & notes & paid there & less they are
 then to make an equal dividend between my wife
 & six youngest children & also the money arising from
 a vendue made, to be divided in the same manner
 except twenty five pounds I allow my loving wife
 the better to enable her to school the six youngest children.
There the two eldest negroes James & Jessie & Archie & Lizzie
 to remain on the plantation for the better support of my
 wife & six youngest children & if any issue by either of the
 two women her after death has been mentioned & Archie
 & Lizzie one to each of my six youngest daughters

The first to Catherine & so on agreeable to their birth rights
 & when my youngest surviving child comes to the age of eighteen
 years I allow of my Executors to dispose of said Pinner &
 Fiddie as they may judge. Next & greatest among my said
 youngest children are Thomas I wish to begin with to my loving
 wife & my son Thomas to have Joseph her left hand & then to
 give her to whom she will of my family Thomas I will to
 be given to my daughter Eleanor & as others the sum of
 five shillings standing together with what I have alrea-
 dy given her Thomas I will to my beloved daughter Mary
Wright the sum of five shillings standing together with
 what I have already given her & last I do hereby make
 & constitute for my Executors my dearly beloved wife
Oliver Wright my dearly beloved son John & Thomas
Shelley & James of the Parish of White to give his Coun-
 sel & Caution & a demonstration when he thinks it duty
 then about no other Executors all other wills and
 Testaments do hereby revoke & disavow & this to be
 my only last will & Testament Dated the 2^d day of
 September in the year of our Lord 1776.

Signed & Dated in the presence of

James Shaw

Moses Shelley

John Farson

Isabel Shelley

James Harris

In the name of God Amen. The 8th day of July 1778.
 I Hugh Stinson of the County of Mecklenburg in the Province
 of North Carolina being sick in body but of perfect mind and
 memory thanks be to almighty God therefore calling to mind
 the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed
 for all men once to die do make & declare this my last
 will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all
 I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that
 governs it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried
 in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my house
 not doubting but at the general resurrection