

42 In the name of God Amen, I Simon Van Pelt of the State of North
Carolina & County of Mecklenburg farmer being weak but of
sound mind & perfect memory, do make & declare this to be
my last will & Testament I do hereby bequeath all my just debts to be paid
First I bequeath to my daughter Ann Van Pelt ten shillings
Second I bequeath to my son John Van Pelt ten shillings
Third I bequeath & devise to my son Simon Van Pelt the tract of
Land on which I now live mentioned to contain one hundred
acres on the waters of Sugar creek joining Nicholas Gibney
& others his own bay Horse, my smallest Saddle Horse two Cows
& calves, two plows with gear & tools to them & the other
farming tools necessary to carry on his farm, under this
particular proviso that he does support & maintain his brother
James Van Pelt during his life, which support & maintenance
shall at any time on application to a neighbor my Justice of the
peace be specified by said Justice, & if said Simon does not com-
pletely comply therein then the said tract of Land shall solely
be to the use & support of the said James during his life, I also
allow Simon the present crop in the ground
Fourth I bequeath to my daughter Hannah Van Pelt my Yarn
Saddle Horse her saddle & bridle, two Cows & calves, one bed
& furniture—Fifth I bequeath to my son Thomas Van Pelt my
bay Colt 3 years old this spring—Sixth I bequeath to each of my
daughters Mary & Sarah one feather bed & furniture to be taken
particular care of for them by their sister Hannah until they come
of age, & if my two said daughters Mary & Sarah does not com-
pletely becomingly & obedient to which ever of their brothers
or sisters they may live with, I desire they or any of them may be
bound out by Court—The residue of all my property I will
is be sold & the proceeds to be equally divided among the follow-
ing children Wm, Mary, James, Sarah & William & if any of
them should die before they are of age then share shall be equally
divided whole among the survivors of the five named here only—
I do constitute my son Simon Van Pelt & Blackbeard Executors in my last
testament & I do pronounce him & no other to be my last legal Testament
in this world. I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day of May 1791
Signed & pronounced to be the last will & Testament of Simon Van Pelt
before me this 15th day of May 1791
Simon Van Pelt