

bequeath to my Grand Son Thomas & William my plantation containing
more or less & the said tract of land by him to be freely disposed
& enjoyed forever. Fifth I will & bequeath to my son David Pettie
a negro boy named Jerry & at his death I allow to go to John
William his son & he equally divided between them both & to
be freely disposed & enjoyed forever. Sixth I likewise make
& bequeath to my son David Pettie executor of this my last will &
Testament, the witness whereof I the said Matthew Gray have
written this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the day and
year above written

Signed Sealed Published & delivered by the said
Matthew Gray witness this under last will and
Testament in presence of us who were present at
the time of signing & sealing the same

Thomas Oliver
James & Dunn

Matthew Gray 

In the Name of God Amen On the 31st of
March 1836 I William Sharps of the County of Charlotte &
State of N^o Carolina being sound in mind & proper Judgment
do voluntarily make this my last will & Testament, I bequeath
my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to
be decently buried. I will that all my just debts be paid
I will to my loving wife Martha Gray & to her heirs
clearing her several life & at the death of wife her & her
issue to be equally divided amongst all my children
I will that my loving wife have her living on the plantation
whereon I now live while she remains my widow & also
with that negro girl Peggy, my horse, cows, dogs & flock of all
kinds with personal books & all things appertaining thereunto
with household & kitchen furniture remain as they now are
together with the proceeds thereof for the use of the family
until my oldest child becomes of age, then & when that he
appears to my mind to divide the above mentioned property
equally amongst the children, with such to be added as
may be & divide the proceeds thereof which are they may think
proper.

I also will that if my family do fail to pay my Debts that
 there be a sufficiency of my Stock sold to ensure that purpose
 I also will that my negro boy Edmund be exposed to public sale &
 the money arising from said sale to be put to interest until
 the Children become of legal age each of them become of age
 they are then to draw their equal proportion of said money
 arising from said sale ~~but that~~ if my wife & family should
 wish to remove to the West that my executor make sale of
 my land to the best advantage & place the money arising
 from said sale in the hands of any two or three able
 persons who may give bond with sufficient sure-
 -rity to the County Court of said County that the
 said money shall be ~~applied~~ applied to the use of purchasing land
 in the Western Country for the benefit of my Children.
 I also will that none of the before mentioned property be
 subject to any debts that the family may contract
 I also constitute Samuel Berryhill my executor to this
 my last will & testament, In witness whereof I have here-
 unto my hand & seal the day & year above written

Witness my hand & seal the day & year above written

James C. Marshall
 Benjamin Brown

William Sharpley



In the name of God Amen, I David Alexander of the State of North
 Carolina & County of Wake County in a very sick & weakly
 condition & having my disposition in view of a perfect
 second disposing of my mind & money. Doth make, constitute & ordain
 this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows
 I do hereby declare I wish my funeral to be decent & good
 order & also all my funeral expenses & debts to be
 paid out of my estate; And first I order that
 my plan to live that I now am living on in devoted love
 with my daughter Mary & her husband James
 & them to be her right & property to have & to hold. I want
 my negro family viz. Tom, George, Mary & Susan to be
 my heirs & family viz. Tom, George, Mary & Susan to be