

Benjamin I Shields will

State of North Carolina }
 Moore County } S. Benjamin I Shields,

being of a sound mind and a disposing
 memory, but considering the uncertainty of
 life, and the certainty of death, do make
 this my last will and testament in manner
 and form following, that is to say,

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved
 wife Mariah Shields, fifty acres of my Land
 to be set out by metes and bounds, in the
 North East side of the tract whereon I now
 live, to be laid off so as to include my
 dwelling house, all out houses, and improvements
 so far as the said fifty acres may reach, to
 have and to hold the said Mariah Shields
 for and during, her natural life

I also give and devise, to the said Mariah
 Shields all my house hold & kitchen furniture
 also my Buggy and all my stock of cattle
 which will not be disposed of in this will
 to my other heirs

Item 2^d I give and devise to my son
 Daniel I Shields fifty acres of Land which
 will be the remainder of the tracts of Land
 on which I now live, I also give to the
 said Daniel I Shields one young mare 2 years
 old, one cow & calf and four head of sheep

Item 3^d I give and devise to my son William
 I Shields, the above fifty acres of Land
 which is allotted to my wife at her death
 it is to be the sole property of my son
 William also all houses or improvements
 that may be on the Land at my wifes
 death, I also give to my son William
 one bay Buck mare eight years old
 four head of sheep and one cow & calf

Carried forward

And lastly I do constitute and appoint
 Duncan P. Shields my truly son my lawful
 Executor to all intence and purpose to execute this
 my last will and testament

I, witness whereof I the said Benjamin
 I Shields do hereunto set my hand and seal
 this 24th day of December A.D. 1867,
 B. I. Shields, (Seal)

Signed sealed published
 and declared by the said
 Benjamin I Shields to be his last
 will & testament in the presence of us
 who at his request, and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 John W Shields,
 W. I. Shields,