

IMPRIMUS: I give unto my three daughters, each of them, Soloma Smith, Rhoda Smith, & Esther Parsons one feather bed steeds & furniture latter Wm Parson meaning the one already delivered to them their heirs and assigns forever.

SECONDS: I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Job Smith one feather bed and furniture & stead him his heirs and assigns forever.

SIGNED SEALED ACKNOWLEDGE THE DATE
WITHIN WRITTEN AND IN THE PRESENCE OF
THE AFORESAID WITNESSES IN THE PRESENCE OF
THE SUBSCRIBERS.

R.O. DICKERSON.

MOSES FIELDS.

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LUK I HUGGINS
mark.

Onslow County; In Court, April term, 1811. The within will of Caleb Smith, was proved in open court by the oath of Luke Huggins and Daniel Smith one of the Executors therein named qualified thereto ordered they have letters testamentary.

CALEB SMITH. (SEAL)

NATH LOOMIS, C.C.

BY HARRISS LOOMIS.

In the name of God Amen: This third day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred, I George Shackelford in the County of Onslow and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but being in perfect mind and memory thank God for it calling to mind the mortality of my mind knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that id to say principally and fear of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that give it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mity power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I lend to my beloved wife Mary Shackelford during her natural life three negroes by the name Jo, Jack and Petty also the house plantation where I now live, plantation tools as many as is necessary one mare and horse five cows & calves three sows & pigs one bed and furniture to have and to hold during her life after her life for the above mentioned property to be equally divided between the two boys, Jackey, Shackelford & Daniel Shackelford.

I give unto my beloved son Jackey Shackelford, two negroes Jo, and Bob, one horse bridle and saddle, three cows and calves two sows and pigs one bed and furniture one half of my lands with the house when given up by my wife.

I give unto my son Daniel Shackelford, three negroes Jack & Peter, Petty, & half of all my land with the plantation on steeping branch also a piece of land in dispute lying on Buck Branch and Meadow Branch three cows & calves one horse two sows and pigs one bed and furniture, Jack and Petty to have at my wife discretion.

I give unto my beloved daughter Nancy Shackelford three negroes Donas Nelsece and Simon one horse bridle and saddle one bed & furniture.

I give unto my daughter Socky Shackelford four negroes Anthony, Grace, March, and Hagar, one mare or horse bridle and saddle one bed and furniture.

I give unto my son Jackey Shackelford one more negro by the name of Gin.

I give unto my friend James C. Bryan Fifty pounds one bed and furniture after all my just debts is paid.

I leave all my lands lying on Back Swamp to be sold and all the property that is unwilling to be sold to pay all just debts if anything remaining over paying my debts to be equally divided amongst all my children.

I leave my loving friend James C. Bryan and my son Jackey Shackelford Executors to all my state to act as I have willed.

GEORGE SHACKELFORD (SEAL)

SIGNED AND SEALED WITH MY OWN HAND
IN THE PRESENCE OF US.

JAMES PHILYAW

WYLOUGHBY SHACKELFORD

JAMES BRYAN.

The within Will of George Shackelford was proved in open court by James Philyaw and James Bryan, and Jackey Shackelford the executors therein named qualified thereto. January Term 1802.

NATH LOOMIS, C.C.

In the name of God Amen: I George Shepard Senr. Planter of the County of Onslow & State of North Carolina being weak of body & in a low state of health but of perfect & sound mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind the

mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following & as to what wordly estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner & form following.

IMPRIMIS: First of all my will & desire is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied.

ITEM: I lend unto my beloved wife Mary Shepard two negro women named Violet & Milcy one horse named Tobe one riding Chair harness two feather beds & furniture three cows & calves one bofat & furniture thereunto belonging during her natural life or widowhood & a sufficiency of corn & pork for her part one year at the discretion of my executors.

ITEM: I leave one negro man named Ned to be hired out yearly during my wife Mary Shepard life time or widowhood & the hire of said negro Ned to be applied the use of my wife Mary Shepard at the discretion of my executors & at the decease of my wife Mary Shepard or enter marriage my will and desire is that the said negro Ned property lent to my wife I leave to be sold at her deceased or enter marriage at the discretion of my executor.

ITEM: I give unto my beloved wife Mary Shepard Forty Dollars in money to her and her heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give unto my beloved wife Mary Shepard two chests to her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM: I give unto my beloved son Aford Shepard fifty dollars in money to him and his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give unto my beloved son Hosey Shepard one set of Black Smith tools which he has now in possession to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: My will & desire is that all my property of every description not mentioned in this will nor other wise disposed of be sold at my deceased at the discretion of my executors.

ITEM: My will & desire is that all money that the property lent to my wife Mary Shepard shall sell for at her deceased or enter marriage & a man of the within mentioned negroes Ned, Violet, and Milcy, amount of the above mentioned property not named in this Will which I leave to be sold at my deceased to be equally divided between my beloved son Hosey Shepard, & Thomas Shepard, Henry Shepard, Hardy Shepard, George Shepard & my beloved daughter Sarah James, Areth Farr, Anny Parker & Allisabeth Farr to them & their heirs forever.

And I do here nominate & appoint my good & trusty friend John S. Johnston to be my whole and Sole executor of this my Last Will & Testament & I do hereby revoke & disannul all other former Wills heretofore by me made or named ratifying & confirming this & noo other to be my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of August 1822.

GEORGE SHEPARD. (SEAL)

TEST:

JOHN KING.

TEST: JOHN WHITLEDGE

JOHN JOHNSTON QUALIFIED:

ONslow COUNTY: In Court May Term 1823, This Will proved in open court by the oath of John Whitledge & John Johnston qualified thereto.

B. LESTER CLK.
BY R.C. LESTER ASST C.

In the name of God Amen: I Aaron Segla of Onslow County, and State of North Carolina, being sick, and low in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be unto Almighty God, for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First and principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me hoping through the merits of a dear Redeemer to inherit everlasting happiness and my body to be decently buried by the hands of my executor hereafter named.

SECONDLY: My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be punctually paid.

THIRDLY: I give and bequeath unto my friend Jeremiah Spicer two negroes namely one fellow by the name of James and one wench by the name of Sarah to him and his heirs forever.

FOURTHLY: My will and desire is that the land and plantation whereon I now live and all the rest of my property both real and personal be sold and the monies arising from said sale be equally divided in three parts after all my debts and other legacies is paid out. One third to George Curtice one third between Kinsey Red and Segla Red and the third to the children of my cousin Mary Segla now the wife of Hobday.

FIFTHLY: I give and bequeath unto all of ther rest of my heirs that of any blood kin or heir of any nature or kind to each one one shilling sterling or the value thereof in States currency.

SIXTHLY and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two friends George Curtice and William Red my whole and sole executors of this my Last Will and Testament revoking disannulling and setting void all other will or wills by me herebefore made but ratifying and confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament in as full a manner as the law can devise as witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF US.
GEORGE MCGILLIAN
ASA HATCH

AARON SEGLA (SEAL)
mark

ONslow COUNTY: In court October Term, 1802. This Will was proved in open court by Asa Hatch & George Curtis, & William Redd qualified as executors thereto ordered they have letters testamentary.

NATH LOOMIS C.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:
ONslow COUNTY:

In the name of God Amen: I John Shepard, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my Last Will and Testament that is to say first of all I recommend my Soul to God that made it and as touching my worldly estate, I give and dispose of In following manner and form.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son John one negro boy named Ned which he hath now in his possession and one other negro boy named Samson.

ITEM: I give unto my son in law John Hicks one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Green one negro boy name Will, which she hath in possession.

ITEM: I give unto my son in law Charles Burton one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Abigail Cornto one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give unto my son Jacob one shilling sterling.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Martha Barfield one negro girl named Rose which she hath in possession.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Rachel James one negro boy named Charles which she hath in possession.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Susannah Wood one negro boy named Dick now in her possession.

ITEM: I give unto my daughter Esther one negro girl named Rhoda now in her possession.

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Elijah all the remainder part of my property of what nature or kind soever not before mentioned to him forever. I likewise do hereby order that my son Elijah do support my wife in a decent and good like manner both in food and raiment at the direction of my son John during her natural life.

Lastly I nominate my sons John and Elijah Shepard my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament in testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal. The 14th day of June 1806.

ASSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE IN THE
PRESENCE OF US.
ZEPHARIAH WARD
THOMAS MARSHBORNE

ONslow COUNTY: In court July Term 1809, This Will of John Shepard was proved in open Court by Thomas Marshborn a subscribing witness and Elijah Shepard one of the Executors therein named qualified thereto ordered he have letters testamentary.

ATTEST: NATH LOOMIS C.C.

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ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son Elijah my land and plantation whereon I now live with all the land adjoining thereto my two negro, namely Lucy, and Esther with all their increase that is not before mentioned in my will.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I Ruth Strange being weak in body but of sound mind & memory blessed be God for the same do make this my last will & Testament in manner and form following (Viz.)

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my son Seth Strange one hundred acres of land that Elmore Anderson bought of John Johnston lying on Peppimons Branch & also one bay Mare called Nance which I give to him his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my son John Strange one hundred acres of land also one colt called Nick which I give to him his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my son Edward Strange the whole of the plantation whereon I now live which I give to him his heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Synthae Strange fifty acres of land lying on both sides of the road where John Berryman now lives which I give to her her heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Ellis fifty acres of land adjoining the land I gave to Synthae Strange which I give to her her heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM: I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Berryman one shilling to be paid by my Executor in a reasonable term after my decease.

My will and desire is that my four hundred acres of land on Mill Creek & Bear Creek also my whole stock of cattle & hogs be sold at six months credit & for my just debts to be paid out of the money's arising from the sale & the residue to be equally divided among my children John, Edward, & Synthae Strange & Hannah Ellis; and also for my plantation tools to be divided between John Strange & Edward Strange & my household furniture to be divided between my two daughters Synthae Strange & Hannah Ellis and all the rest of my land that I have not given away if there should be any, my will & desire is that they be equally divided between John Strange Edward Strange, Synthae Strange, Hannah Ellis & the three heirs of James Strange (Viz) Bailey, Seth & James Strange.

I do hereby ordain and appoint John Strange & Lewis Ellis my Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby utterly revoking all other Wills or Testaments by me made declaring and pronouncing this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 7th day of April 1798.

RUTH STRANGE (SEAL)

SIGNED SEALED & DELIVERED BY THE SAID STRANGE
AS HER LAST WILL & TESTAMENT IN PRESENCE OF US:

NATH'L LOOMIS

REUBEN AMBROSE

SHADRACK AMBROSE

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I Richard Stevens of Onslow County State North Carolina being at this present time weak and for a lo state of health but blessed be God of a perfect sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life knowing that it is appointed for all men to die I make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament and first of all I give my name to God from which it came and my body to the dust to be interred in a Christian like manner to the discretion of my Executor whom I have appointed to pay my well beloved sons Asa Stevens and Zadock Mumfort whom I leave the management of what worldly goods, God has been pleased to bless me with which I give and bequeath as follows after all my just debts are paid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Ester one third of all my lands and all my moveable effects during her life. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Asa one third of all my lands after his Mother's death the one half of all the land I have given then to be taken of the Homestead together with the plantation tools one chest and case of bottles.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Richard one third of my land after his Mother's death whom God do possess then and half of all the land I have given them together with my deake.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Elizabeth, Sarah, and Susannah, after the death of their mother all the moveable effects to be divided equally between