

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 their 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 heretofore 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 MCGILLAN  
ASA HATCH

his  
AARON & SEGLA (SEAL)  
mark

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

NATH LOOMIS C.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:  
ONSLAW 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

JOHN SHEPARD (SEAL)

ONSLAW COUNTY: In court July Term 1809, This Will of John Shepard was proved in open Court by Thomas Marshborne 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 Peppimmons 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 house and all the rest of my land that I have not given away if there should be any, my Synthae Strange, Hannah Ellis & the three heirs of James Strange (Viz) Sally, 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 long 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 same 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 be pleased then and half of all the land I have given them together with my desk.

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